



**April 2022**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

4-4 (2:45) Building Leadership Team Meeting  
4-7 (10:00) Boys Tennis @ Oakdale Park  
4-7 (3:00) Track @ Abilene  
4-8 (12:00) PTO / Site Council Meeting  
4-11 No School / Teacher In-Service  
4-12 (3:30) Boys Tennis @ Hutchinson  
4-14 (2:00) Track @ McPherson  
4-14 (3:30) Boys Tennis @ Oakdale Park  
4-18 (3:30) Boys Tennis @ Prairie Hills  
4-19 (6:00) 5th Grade Orientation  
4-21 (3:30) Boys Tennis @ Newton  
4-25 (1:00) Boys Tennis @ Emporia  
4-26 (2:00) Track @ Great Bend  
4-26 (3:30) Boys Tennis @ Valley Center  
4-28 (10:00) Track @ Hays  
4-28 (3:30) Boys Tennis @ Andover

## **DODGEBALL**

We are excited to be able to provide dodgeball as a fun activity fundraiser for staff and students at SMS! Dodgeball will take place Wednesday April 27th from 1:00 to 2:45 pm. Each grade level will have a 12 team bracket, with 3 boys and 3 girls on each team, students choose their teams. It is a double elimination tournament and each team will pay \$30.00 (\$5.00 per student). We will choose team names and students can have t-shirts made if they would like. All entries are due by Wednesday, April 20th to Mrs. Norton for 6th grade and Mrs. Dohm for 7th and 8th grade. Parents, guardians and family members are welcome to attend, the admission charge is \$2.00 and concessions will be available for all!

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

As the weather is starting to warm up, the PE department is excited to start taking our classes outside. The students will participate in many different units this last quarter including soccer, football, disc golf, and many other outdoor activities. Please make sure to check the weather and have your student dress accordingly. We are going to try and be outside as much as possible this Spring!

## SPRING ASSESSMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
March 11	Staff Training
March 28 – March 31	KSA Grade 8 Science
April 4 – April 8	KSA Grades 6-8 Reading (During English Class)
April 18 – April 22	KSA Grades 6-8 Math
April 27	ACT Aspire Grades 6-8 Math (Delayed Start Schedule)
May 2 – May 6	BAS Grades 6-8 Reading (Identified Students)
May 11	iReady Grades 6-8 Math (Delayed Start Schedule)

## SPRING ACTIVITY MEETINGS

As we approach the spring, coaches from South Middle and South High School will be meeting with prospective students in various sports. Our activity meetings will be held during advisory on Wednesday's and Thursday's. If your student is interested in participating in any activities next year, either at SMS or at South High, please remind them to pay attention to the morning announcements so they don't miss their meeting.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of South Middle School is to ensure a high quality education for all students in a safe and equitable learning environment. This mission is best accomplished through a partnership including students, family, community, teachers and staff, preparing students to become life-long learners in an ever-changing world.

## MATH RELAYS

South Middle School's math relays team competed March 1st at Hutchinson Middle School against McPherson, Lakewood, and Hutchinson Middle Schools. The competition consisted of two 45 minute written math tests of varying question difficulty. Our teams did fantastic at this year's competition. 7th grade brought home a second place medal and the 8th grade brought home a gold medal. Congratulations to the SMS Math Relays team!

7th Grade Math Relays Team: Braelyn Diggs, Rylan Ellis, Grant McMullen, Ledger Michel, Angela On, Logan Shirey

8th Grade Math Relays Team: Summer Fauci-Wills, Cale Hammond, Kate Hull, Julie Lai, Joshua Lee Perez, Addelyn Brunsting



### TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to SMS Tech Ed teacher, Brian Duncan for earning April teacher of the month. Below are some comments from his students.

- Mr. Duncan is the best teacher at keeping students engaged in a fun way. Mr. Duncan is also a very fun teacher and enjoys having fun with students.
- He helped me learn the most I could the last half of last school year. He makes Tech Ed fun and intriguing.
- He is a nice and helpful teacher. He is always kind and helpful in the hallways.
- I am nominating him because he makes class fun and gives us good life lessons.

### SPRING PHYSICALS

Salina Regional Health Center is offering \$25 sport physicals for summer sports and next school year. This includes South Middle School students entering 7th and 8th grade. No appointment is needed, cash or check only please, checks need to be made out to SRHC. KSHSAA sport physical forms must be completed and turned in during the physical. Physicals will be Wednesday, May 4th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at South High School. Please come to the lower gym and enter the weight room doors.

### DILLONS REWARDS

SMS Families can support the South Middle School PTO by using their Dillon's Plus shopper's card. A percentage of all purchases are allotted to our PTO. Here's how to enroll in the Dillon's Community Rewards program:

- visit [www.dillons.com/community-rewards](http://www.dillons.com/community-rewards)
- sign in to your existing online account or create an account
- find and select South Middle School PTO or Organization #VN011 and click save
- Shop at Dillon's and scan your existing Plus Shopper's Card

## PROJECT SALINA

Beginning April 1st and running through April 15th all schools within USD #305 will be collecting macaroni and cheese boxes for Project Salina. Macaroni and cheese boxes will be donated to the Ashby House Family Shelter, Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas, The Salvation Army, Salina Food Bank and Salina Rescue Mission. We are encouraging all South Middle School students to participate in the donation. Below are the rewards for students who donate:

10 boxes	slushy coupon
20 boxes	candy bar
30 boxes	sticker
50 boxes	tape the principal to the wall
75 boxes	pie a teacher in the face

## 5TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Students entering the 6th grade next year from our four feeder elementary schools: Schilling Elementary, Sunset Elementary, Stewart Elementary and Coronado Elementary will have orientation on Tuesday, April 19th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Families will meet in gym #1, using the entrances in the back of the building. Administration will discuss procedures, processes and expectations for students and families. After that portion of the event concludes, families and students are welcome to tour the school and visit different classrooms. Teachers will not be on duty, but classrooms will be unlocked for viewing purposes. Orientation will be held in gym #1, our large gym, at South Middle School.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Are you interested in serving on the SMS Student Council next year? Elections are coming up soon! There was an informational meeting on March 31st and applications are due by 2:45 pm on April 14th. Please see Mrs. Garnett for more information. Student Council sponsored a March Madness Challenge. All students were encouraged to fill out a NCAA Basketball bracket for a chance to participate in mini games to win prizes. The final mini game will be on April 7th. EGGstravaganza is coming in April! Students, be on the lookout for the Golden Eggs. An announcement will be made once the eggs are hidden. Thank you to PTO for providing the prizes for the monthly challenges!

## BOYS TENNIS

Boys tennis season is upon us. Unfortunately we had to hold cuts this year as we had 23 young men tryout and kept 14. We will hold our first dual on March 31st, hosting Goddard. We encourage everyone to come out and watch us! Our roster consists of nine 8th graders: Nick Adams, Elijah Castro, Marcus Chavez, Bryce Doonan, Cale Hammond, Sawyer Harris, Allen Johnson, Daniel Mota and Owen Wedige. Our 7th grade roster consists of Liam Lemaster, Ledger Michel, Logan Shirey, Jacob Timmons and Conner Stuart.





## SUMMER SCHOOL

As we wind down the end of the 2021-22 school year our grade level counselors will begin to make recommendations for students who need to attend summer school. One summer school session will be offered at South High School. The session will be held from May 31st to July 1st from 8:00 to 11:00 am. There is no cost to attend. Transportation will be available for participating families and breakfast and lunch will be served. Students will be given the opportunity to improve their competencies in the areas of Reading and Math through a combination of direct instruction and online learning platforms. Each session will include a real-world project and incorporate executive functioning and social-emotional skills.

## PICK UP AND DROP OFF

As many are aware student pick up and drop off can be challenging at South Middle. While it is wonderful to be a true neighborhood school, it does present issues for dropping off and picking up students. Parents and guardians can help by dropping off students curbside, closest to the sidewalk, and not entering the front and back parking lots until after 3:50 pm. It is dangerous to drop off opposite the curb and have students walk across the street. If a student is dropped off, opposite the curb, please have them use the crosswalk.

# S COUGARS

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27	28	29	30	31	1 TR, BTN Pictures	2
3	4	5	6 12:00 PTO / Site Council	7 3:00 Track @ Abilene 10:00 BTN @ Oakdale Park	8	9
10	11 No School Teacher In-Service	12 3:30 BTN @ Hutchinson	13	14 2:00 Track @ McPherson 3:30 BTN @ Oakdale	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter	18 3:30 Track @ Derby 3:30 BTN @ Prairie Hills	19 6:00 5th Grade Orientation	20	21 1:00 Track @ Hutchinson 3:30 BTN @ Newton	22	23
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