



South Middle

The mission of South Middle School is to provide a high quality education for all students in a safe, 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.

A Note from the Principal

As we approach April and May we want to remind our students to keep making academic progress by turning in assignments, studying for tests and quizzes and putting forth their best effort on our end of year district and state standardized assessments. These assessments allow us to gauge academic growth and are used to determine placement for advanced classes as well as remedial courses. Effort is important.

We have several events scheduled for April. Our boys tennis and track teams will be competing on a weekly basis, sometimes more than that. We also have fifth grade orientation and music concerts as well. We will recognize sixth and seventh graders who earn academic awards on Monday, May 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Eighth grade awards night will be May 21 at 6:00 p.m. Also in May, we will once again be partnering with the hospital to provide \$25 physicals for the 2024-25 school year. Physicals will be held Wednesday, May 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at South High School.

Mr. Dooley, Principal



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Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to sixth and seventh grade Art teacher AnnMarie Morris for earning teacher of the month. "Mrs. Morris is always an energetic and fun teacher and is kind to everyone in her classroom. She has us do fun activities, she deserves to be teacher of the month. Congratulations Mrs. Morris!



Math Relays

On March 19, South Middle had twelve seventh graders and eight eighth graders compete at the math relays in Maize. The Cougars competed against six other schools with over 100 competitors. This year the relays were a little different which allowed more students to participate. For each grade level there were five different categories where we were able to have three students compete as a team and three students compete individually. The following students represented us well, with some bringing home medals:

7th Graders: Madilynn Wymore, Carter Matheson, Jayden Jones, Vincent Jared, Lila Owens, Alivia Durall, Marissa Anderson, Gracelyn Miller, Joseph Hunter Medina, Simeon Piepho, Carlyn Elting, and Clayton Johnson

8th Graders: Edith Fierro Cortes, Amy Tso, Sabina Diaz, Corbin Ebert, Jack Weber, Zoe Boatright, Slade Pickerill, Lyla Kimmi

Medals were given to the top three individuals in each category and were awarded for first place in the team categories. The following students earned a medal at the math relays:

Ratio and Proportions Individual: Lila Owens and Marissa Anderson tied for 2nd

The Number System Individual: Clayton Johnson placed 3rd

The Number System Team with team members Jayden Jones, Gracelyn Miller, and Carlyn Elting placed 1st!

The Geometry Team with team members of Simeon Pipho, Carter Matheson, and Clayton Johnson placed 1st!

Statistics and Probability Individual: Simeon Piepho placed 2nd.

All of our team members represented South Middle well! GO COUGARS!

Library Dates

As we approach the end of the school year, the Library Media Center would like to share end of year book check-in and Chromebook turn in dates. The last day students will be able to checkout library books will be Thursday, May 2. All library books are due to the library by Friday, May 17. Students will turn in their Chromebooks on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 in their English classes. A more detailed schedule will be sent closer to the turn-in dates. Any damaged chromebooks or library books not turned in will be added to student Skyward fees.



Boys Tennis

The 2024 boys tennis team hosted the cross town rival Mustangs on Thursday March 21 and dropped a competitive match 13-9 under clear skies and plenty of sun. We saw some really good tennis as there is a lot of really good local talent coming up.

Our roster for the 2024 season:

Seventh Grade: Alec Easterday, Westin Fischer, Jaxson Forrester, Hunter Medina

Kade Poland, Grayson Zuege, Gerardo Ruiz-Zapata

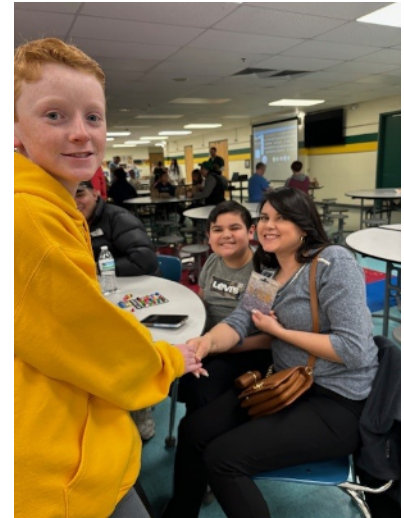
Eighth Grade: Bayler Burr, Anthony Campa, Michael Chavez, Javon Dickson

Corbin Ebert, Tyson Eberwein, Kettler Fullen, Logan Harris, Dawson Green



Student Council

Student Council sponsored Family Bingo Night on March 25. Thank you to the families that came to support us! We had approximately 60 people show up to play! We also want to give a big thank you to our fabulous bingo callers, Mr. Allen and Mr. Willer!



Spring Sports Physicals

Salina Regional Health Center is offering \$25 sports physicals for the 2024-25 school year. This includes South Middle students entering the seventh and eighth 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 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. 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 Parent Teachers Organization. To enroll in the Dillon's Community Rewards program, please follow the steps below:

- visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards
- sign in to your existing online account or create a new 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

Family and Consumer Science

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) will help prepare students for multiple roles and responsibilities in their family, career, community, and in their lives. The curriculum in FACS provides your child with a wide variety of units that encourage hands-on learning experiences such as our sewing and cooking units.

Within our sewing unit, first year FACS students will make a pillowcase and learn how to use other hand sewing techniques. Second year FACS students will work on a variety of sewing projects such as a throw pillow, tote bag, apron, and pajama pants.

In our Food & Nutrition Unit, our first year students learn about kitchen safety/sanitation, math/measurements, conversions, and how to use kitchen equipment. All of this is learned with hands-on projects such as preparing an Orange Julius, Pizza-dillas, No Bake Cookies, French Toast, Biscuits, Breakfast Burritos, and Fettuccine Alfredo. Second year FACS students will use the most common knife cuts to prepare homemade salsa and to cut vegetables for sushi rolls. Other projects will include preparing eggs in a variety of ways, making homemade pasta and sauces, mashed Potatoes & gravy, an international rice project, yeast breads, and we'll end the year having some fun with a Cupcake/Cookie baking competition.



Track and Field

The 2024 SMS Cougar track season is underway. We have several meets in April all around Central Kansas. We have around 120 student athletes out for track and they are working hard each day to improve their times and skills. There is a home meet on May 2 at Salina Stadium. We hope to see you there. We hope for great weather and even better times!



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. These meetings will be held during our advisory time from 7:45 to 8:20 a.m., on Wednesdays. If your student is interested in participating in any activities next year, either at South Middle or South High School, please remind them to pay attention to the morning announcements so they don't miss their meeting.



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Summer School

As we wind down the end of the 2023-24 school year our grade level counselors will begin to make recommendations for students who will need to attend summer school. One summer school session will be offered at South High School. The session will be held from June 30 to July 2 from 7:45 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. 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 and skills in both math and reading through a combination of direct instruction and project based learning. Each session will include a real-world project and incorporate executive functioning and social and emotional skill building.



Pick Up and Drop Off

We would like to remind all of our families to pay close attention as you drive through crosswalks and on the streets by the building. If families could drop their students off on the curb closest to the school sidewalk that will help deter students from running into the street. Families can help by encouraging your student(s) to utilize the crosswalks when crossing the street.



Drivers Education

USD 305 will provide Drivers Education this summer for eligible students. Students entering the ninth grade must be 14 by June 3 to register. The classroom portion of Drivers Education will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at South High School. Lunch will be served. The driving portion of the course will be scheduled with the instructor. The fee for the course is \$175.00. To register **CLICK HERE**.

Project Salina

April 1- April 12, South Middle School students will be challenging the South Middle School staff to see which group can collect the most boxes of macaroni and cheese for Project Salina. Our goal is to have each student bring one box. There will be a table set up inside the front doors under the TV for students to drop off donations. Monetary contributions can be made if preferred and should be given to the Student Council member at the front table or to Mrs. Freeman. We are counting \$1 as one box. Please help us reach our goal!



Library Policies

Library Catalog Access for Families:

Parents have access to the library materials currently checked out by their student(s). For access, parents will have their student log into Destiny, the library card catalog:

1. Go to the school's website.
2. Under the Our School tab, click on Library.
3. Under Library, click on the school's library Card Catalog tab.
4. For your student to log in, they can click the Log In button on the top right corner.
5. Next, click on the Sign in with Google button.

Process for Parental Oversight:

Library media specialists should be contacted directly if parents would like to provide expressed permission before their student checks out any book. At elementary, the library media specialist will notify parent by email or phone regarding the book the student would like to check out to get permission. At middle school and high school, the student will provide their parent with the title of the book they wish to check out. The parent will contact the library media specialist by email or phone to give permission.

Checking Out Materials and Loan Periods:

Elementary:

Students may check out books for a two week period. (The number of books a student can check out depends on the student's grade level.)

Middle School:

Students may check out 3 books for a three week check out period.

High School:

Students may check out 8 books for a three week check out period.

Functional Learning Classroom

This semester we are working hard on table manners within our Life Skills class, breakfast, and lunch times. We are looking forward to a field trip later this spring to put all our learning into practice in our community. Within our Art curriculum we have made a lot of creations using varying color swatches from magazines to design mosaic hearts, shamrocks, Easter eggs, and more. Our students have had a great winter season working on their goals, making good behavioral choices, and mastering following their schedules.

New! A mobile health unit will be open to all students and their families on select dates and located in the NE parking lot of Central High School, near the tennis courts. Find information at this link:

https://www.usd305.com/for_parents/community_info

Procedimientos De La Biblioteca

Acceso al Catálogo de la Biblioteca para Familias:

Los padres tienen acceso a los materiales de la biblioteca actualmente prestados por sus estudiantes. Para acceso, los padres harán que su estudiante inicie sesión en Destiny, el catálogo de tarjetas de la biblioteca:

1. Vaya al sitio web de la escuela.
2. En la pestaña Our School, haga clic en Library.
3. En Library, haga clic en la pestaña Card Catalog de la biblioteca de la escuela.
4. Para que su estudiante inicie sesión, puede hacer clic en el botón Log In en la esquina superior derecha.
5. A continuación, haga clic en el botón Sign in with Google.

Proceso de Supervisión para los Padres:

Se debe contactar directamente a los especialistas en medios de la biblioteca si los padres desean dar permiso antes de que su estudiante saque cualquier libro. En la escuela primaria, el especialista en medios de la biblioteca notificará a los padres por correo electrónico o por teléfono sobre el libro que el estudiante desea sacar para obtener el permiso. En la escuela secundaria y preparatoria, el estudiante proporcionará a sus padres el título del libro que desea sacar. El padre se comunicará con el especialista en medios de la biblioteca por correo electrónico o por teléfono para dar permiso.

Verificación de Materiales y Períodos de Préstamo:

Primaria:

Los estudiantes pueden sacar libros por un período de dos semanas. (La cantidad de libros que un estudiante puede sacar depende del nivel de grado del estudiante).

Escuela Secundaria:

Los estudiantes pueden sacar 3 libros por un período de tres semanas.

Escuela Preparatoria:

Los estudiantes pueden sacar 8 libros por un período de tres semanas.

Adaptive Learning Classroom

Our ALC classrooms have been learning management, preparation, and stocking skills as they assist in maintaining our school concession stand for all events. Occasionally, some of our students also assist in running the concession stand for sporting events. Our students also encourage our school to recycle by making it more convenient for classroom teachers by picking up recycling weekly and organizing it prior to pick up. This year, our students will better understand the process of dining in a restaurant by going on a field trip to a local restaurant. As Easter approaches, our FACS program is experimenting different ways to dye an egg and they are doing an egg drop experiment. Our students have done a great job making progress on their academic goals.

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

Important Dates in April

8 - No School

9 - 5th Grade Orientation (6:30 P.M.)

17 - PTO Meeting (12:00 P.M.)

29 - Band Concert @ SMS (7:00 P.M.)

Contact Us

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Principal

Tina Akers

Assistant Principal

Curt Exline

Assistant Principal

Jamie Jackson

Secretary

MFunctional Learning Classroom

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#305GrowsGreatness



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 School Website

 District Website

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SALINA SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

VOLLEYBALL TEAM CAMP

**Open to students who will be in
grades 6 - 8 at SMS the 2024-2025
school year.**

**MAY 28TH - 31ST FROM
12 PM TO 2 PM AT
SALINA SOUTH MIDDLE
SCHOOL - USE GYM ENTRANCE**

To register, complete the Google Form linked [HERE](#) or use the QR Code. The cost of the camp is \$25. Venmo @NikkiBodenChamberlain (be sure to include the player's name) or send checks to:

Nikki Chamberlain
2015 Simmons
Salina, KS 67401



SALINA SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Volleyball



Coaches:

8th A: Nikki Chamberlain
 8th B: Tristen Denham
 7th A: Michelle Johnson
 7th B: Lorena Hernandez



Summer League:

Salina Summer League Volleyball for middle school teams will begin on Wednesday, June 5th and will run each Wednesday afternoon for 4 weeks, through June 26th. Games will be played from 2:30-4:30 at the Salina Fieldhouse (7th) or South High School (8th). Return forms and payment (check made out to Nikki Chamberlain) by April 9th to Mrs. Hernandez in the Main Office. Summer league spots may be limited as we only have 4 coaches.

Remind App:

We will use the Remind App to communicate with players & parents this summer and throughout our season. To join:
<https://www.remind.com/join/87bbfdc>
 If you already have the Remind App, go to Add Class, Join Existing Class, and enter 87bbfdc



Summer Events:

TEAM CAMP	May 28th- 31st from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at SMS
SUMMER LEAGUE	Every Wednesday in June from 2:30 - 4:30 pm
WEIGHTS	Monday, Wednesday, & Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM at SHS (6/3 - 7/18)
OPEN GYM	Mondays after Weights - 10:30 - 11:30 AM at SHS (Aux. Gym)
OTHER	Be sure to have all forms and a physical turned in prior to the first day of school so that you can attend try outs.

Questions:

Contact Nikki Chamberlain



nikki.chamberlain@usd305.com



(785)309-3679



GAMES ARE DESIGNED FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!!



BASEBALL MIRACLE GAME

Friday April 26th

Bounce Houses & Food Trucks- 5p-8p

Youth League Parade- 5:30p

Miracle Game- 6:30p

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- **FOOD TRUCKS** ●
- **HR DERBY** ●
- **YOUTH LEAGUE** ●
- PARADE**



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A SALINA FOOTBALL MOVEMENT

YOUTH AERIAL FOOTBALL

3RD-4TH GRADE // 5:45-6:30 PM

5TH-6TH GRADE // 6:45-7:30 PM



**NO COST...
JUST SHOW UP
SHOW OUT &
PLAY
YOUR
GAME**

ALERTS
WEATHER
TIME CHANGES
CANCELLATIONS

GET IN THE KNOW...

**TEXT TO: 81010
MESSAGE: @1springfb**

**2 GAMES EACH NIGHT
AT SALINA STADIUM
APRIL 3 / APRIL 10 / APRIL 17 / APRIL 24**