
Welcome to South Middle School!

Sixth Grade Orientation
2021-2022

South Administrators

Dr. Jim Morrison - Principal

Ms. Sheri Rosen - Associate Principal

Mr. Steve Perkins - Associate Principal



South Front Office Team

Ms. Kathy Humbert

Mrs. Susan Gavin

We are open all summer!

Orientation Presentation Goals

- Provide you with an overview of South Middle School Day
 - Health Office Information
 - Transportation and Food Services
 - Home/School Communication
 - PTA Information
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Incoming Sixth Grade Class

Each year, we typically welcome approximately 300 students from local area schools:

Dryden, Olive-Mary Stitt, Westgate, and Windsor

Our Lady of the Wayside

St. James

St. Peter's

Quest Academy

Other

**Our goal for your
child is...**

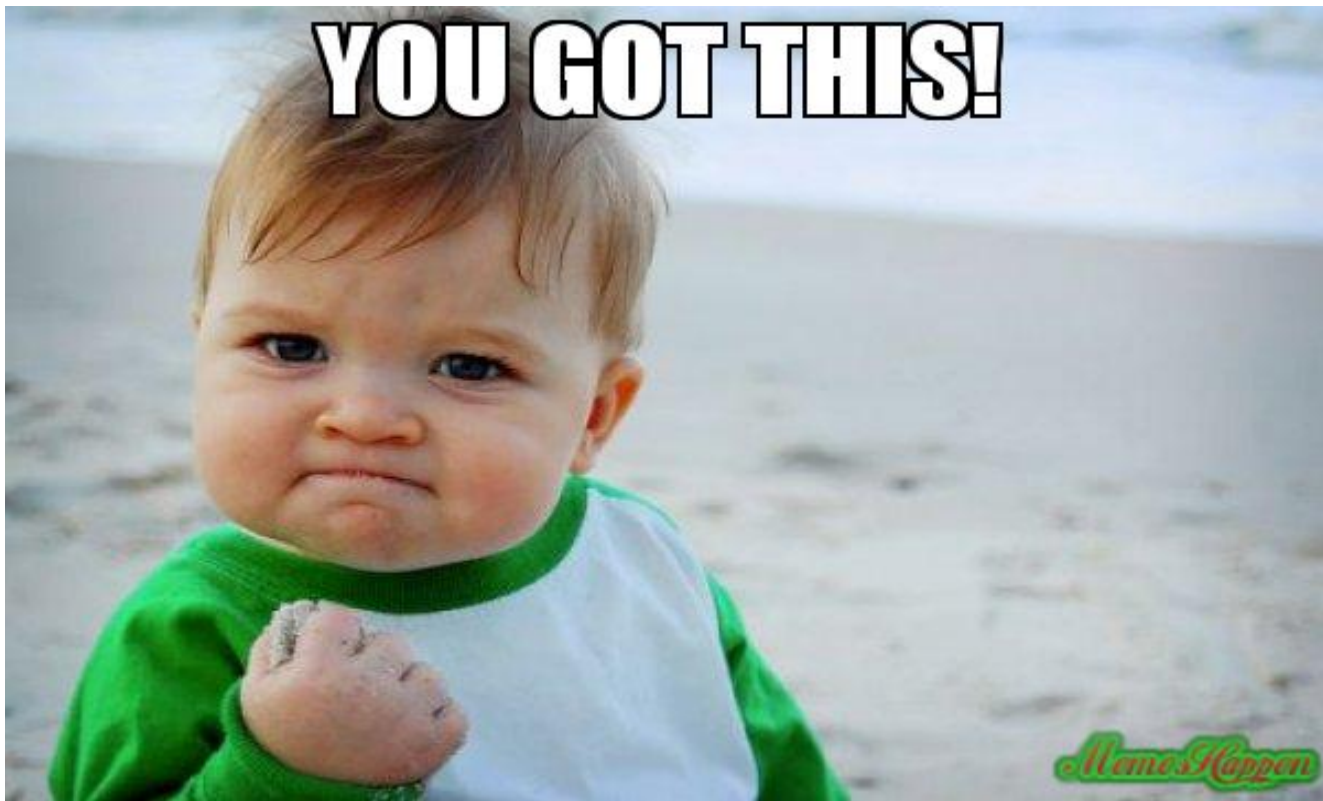
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IT'LL BE FUN

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YOU GOT THIS!



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Middle School Teams

- Two Teams: 6 East and 6 West
 - Core Team Teachers: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Resource
 - Extended Team Members: PE, World Language, and Creative Arts
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Middle School Day

- 7:45 AM-2:45 PM
 - Ten periods with 40 minutes for most periods
 - Start each day with Homebase
 - PE or Health each day (Students have uniforms for PE class.)
 - World Language: French, Italian, Spanish
 - Creative Arts Rotations: Art, CMA, DAD, Drama, Music, STEM
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- 7:45AM-2:45PM
- Current schedule is ten periods-40 minutes each

First Bell	7:45 AM	
Warning Bell	7:48 AM	
1st Period Homebase	7:50 AM -	8:09 AM
2nd Period	8:13 AM -	8:53 AM
3rd Period	8:57 AM -	9:37 AM
4th Period	9:41 AM -	10:21 AM
5th Period	10:25 AM -	11:05 AM
6th Period	11:09 AM -	11:49 AM
7th Period	11:53 AM -	12:33 PM
8th Period	12:37 PM -	1:17 PM
9th Period	1:21 PM -	2:01 PM
10th Period	2:05 PM -	2:45 PM

Middle School SEL Curriculum

- Homebase/Advisory
 - Homebase Challenges
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - RULER
 - Executive Functioning
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Middle School Environment

- “The Cardinal Way”
 - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Nice
 - Cardinal and Golden “Cash” Drawings
 - Quarterly Pep Assemblies
 - CARDS Awards
 - Caring, Achieving,
Respectful, Dedicated,
Serving.



Health Office

Ms. Mindy Joyce- Certified School Nurse

Mrs. Eve Chapin- School Nurse

Mrs. Stephanie Musolf- School Nurse



School Nurse



Staying Safe in School

- ◆ Stay home when you're sick
- ◆ Good hand hygiene
- ◆ Mask up!
- ◆ Maintain social distancing whenever possible
- ◆ More frequent cleaning

6th Grade Health Requirements

All students entering 6th Grade need:

State of Illinois Certificate of Health Examination

- ◆ AKA – Health form, Physical form or Health Examination and Immunization Record.
- ◆ Due October 15, 2021 OR first day of cross country practice if your student will participate in this sport
- ◆ Examination dated 8/19/2020 or later

Dental examination – Proof of Dental Examination Form

- ◆ Due May 15, 2022
- ◆ Examination dated November 15, 2020 or later

Health Examination Form - Immunizations

Immunizations required for Grade 6

- ◆ Tdap (required for 6th grade)
- ◆ Meningococcal (one dose required for 6th grade)
- ◆ Hepatitis B - three dose series



plus these kindergarten requirements

- ◆ Measles-Mumps-Rubella
- ◆ Polio
- ◆ DPT

Health Examination Form – School Exclusion

A complete Health Examination Form includes:

- ✓ All required immunizations are documented
- ✓ Physical examination completed, signed and dated by MD
- ✓ Demographic portion completed by parent
- ✓ Health history completed by parent, signed and dated

*** * * Incomplete forms will be returned * * ***

Health requirements - suggestions

- ◆ **Make appointment now.**
- ◆ Insurance plans limits well check-ups to one per calendar year. **If last year's exam was after August 19, 2020, your healthcare provider can use information from that exam for this health requirement.**
- ◆ Offices may pre-print form: complete demographic and health history sections after your child's examination and please sign.
- ◆ Walgreens, CVS, walk in clinics will not complete immunization portion of the exam.
- ◆ Call the health office with your questions!

Transportation

- Please fill out the transportation form found on our district website, to determine if you qualify for busing.
- Maps of routes can also be found on the website.
- Laura Comastro- Transportation Specialist - lcomastro@sd25.org



Food Service Department

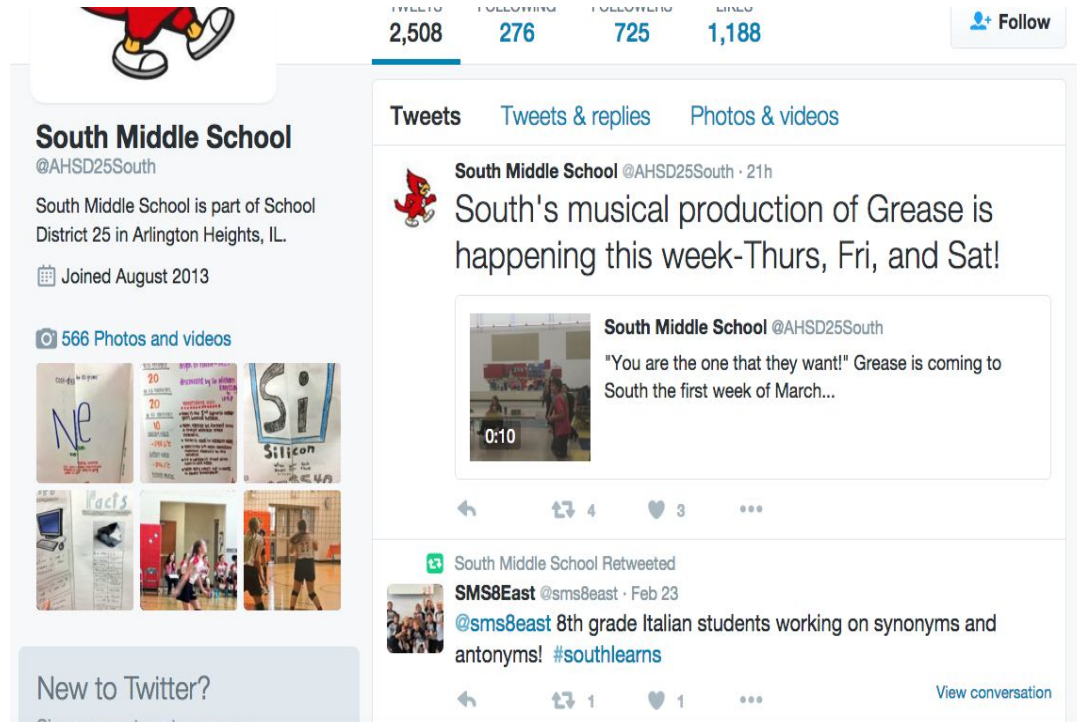
- Processes and Protocols
- Menu Options
- Safety

Some aspects of lunch have been adjusted with the changing dynamics of this school year. Our goal is to return to our usual lunch experience as soon as we are able.



Home-School Communication

- School Messenger (email, phone, text)
- Twitter @AHSD25South
- Schoology
- PowerSchool
- Webpage
- Conferences

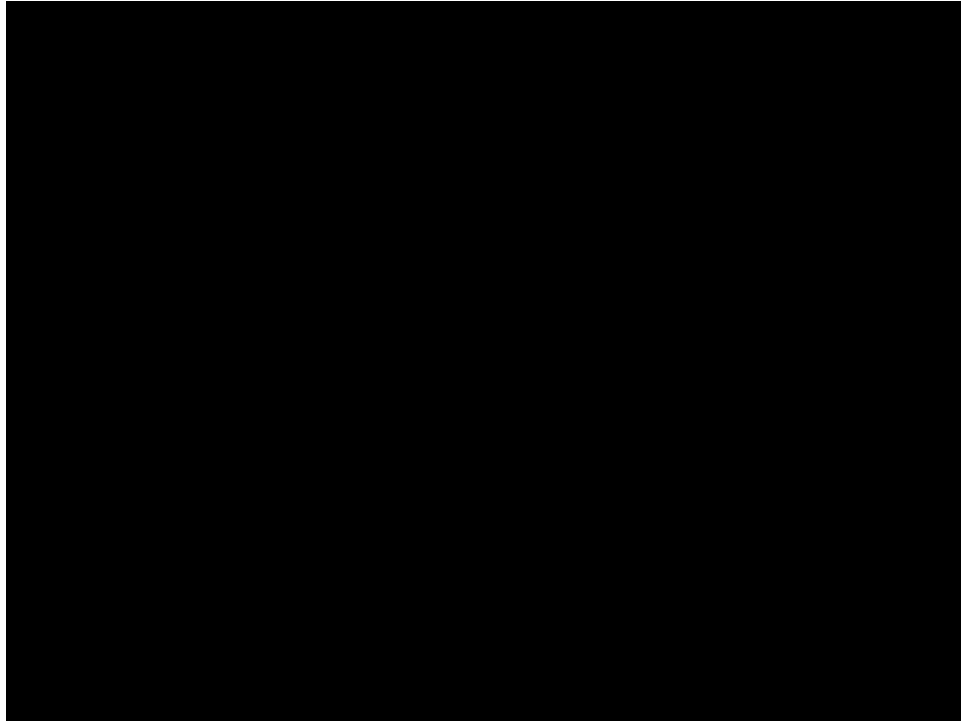


The image shows a screenshot of the Twitter profile for South Middle School (@AHSD25South). The profile header includes a red cardinal mascot logo, the school name, handle, location (Arlington Heights, IL), and join date (August 2013). It also displays 2,508 tweets, 276 following, 725 followers, and 1,188 likes. A 'Follow' button is visible. Below the profile is a tweet from South Middle School (@AHSD25South) posted 21 hours ago, announcing a musical production of Grease. The tweet includes a video thumbnail and text: "South's musical production of Grease is happening this week-Thurs, Fri, and Sat!". Below the tweet are interaction icons for reply, retweet (4), like (3), and a menu. A retweet by SMS8East (@sms8east) from Feb 23 is also visible, mentioning 8th grade Italian students working on synonyms and antonyms with the hashtag #southlearns. A 'View conversation' link is at the bottom right.

Parent Tips

- Keep your contact information updated with our school office
 - Plan for the earlier start time
 - Revisit homework space, time, and routines
 - Sign up for PTA
 - Check out our Traffic Procedures...early!
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South Middle School PTA



Upcoming...

- Our **August 6th** Summer Orientation is only for students. However, we will incorporate a final parent Q&A opportunity.
 - **August 6th** PTA Back-to-School Chill Out for students and families usually follows our Summer Orientation.
 - South's Parent Curriculum Night in the fall is a time to learn about specific curriculum, instructional programs, etc.
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Questions for Us?



Before your tour...

Parent Folder:

- Bell Schedule, Homebase/Advisory Overview, Tips for Students and Parents

Self-Guided Family Tours:

- Map
 - Prioritize First Floor Classrooms to Start
 - PTA South Spirit Wear Sales
 - MP Room for Q & A
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To reunite with your future sixth grader...

Last Name	Rooms	Last Name	Room
A-Ba	125	Kr-Ma	119
Be-Bz	132	Mc-Mu	131
C	133	N - O	142
D-Fi	134	P	143
Fl-Gh	135	Q - R	144
Gi-Ha	136	Sa-Sm	145
He-J	137	Sn-U	146
K-Ko	126	V-Z	147

Day in the Life of a South Sixth Grader

