



**SOUTH**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

# South Middle School Newsletter

**January 15, 2022**

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## Upcoming Events

1/16- No School Staff Development Day

1/19- Quarter 3 Sports Begin

1-19 & 1/20 Variety Show Auditions

1/20- End Quarter 2

1-23- No School Staff Workday

2-2 – SFAC meeting (parent group) 6:00

2-2- Choir 7 Concert 7:00

SMS Falcon Character Theme

**-January-**

"Be the rainbow in someone's cloud."  
-Maya Angelou

CONNECT SOUTH  
DISCOVER  
SUCCEED  
FALCONS

**Leadership** *MAKE IT HAPPEN*

Lead in a positive direction; Set a positive example; Set a goal and work to achieve it; Show empathy to others; Inspire others

All PARENTS and GUARDIANS are invited!

SOUTH FALCON  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING

Thursday, February 2

6:00

Room 117

# News and Announcements

## Free Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing

Beginning December 5, 2022, through a partnership with Wisconsin Department of Health Services, free drive-up testing for COVID-19 for ECASD students, staff and families will be offered Monday-Thursday at the following locations:

- **Locust Lane Elementary, 3:30-6:30 pm**
- **Putnam Heights Elementary, 4:30-7:30 pm**
- **Sherman Elementary, 4:30-7:30 pm**

**\*Drive-up testing will only take place on days when school is in session.**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Clubs and Sports

- **Wrestling**
- **Girls Basketball**
- **Boys Swimming**
- **EDI Club (Friday PM in Ms. Syverson's room)**
  - **Study Club (library)**
- **Paint on the Ceiling (Friday PM in Ms. Moore's room)**
- **Puzzle Club (Thursday PM in Ms. Stanley's room)**
- **Tech Deck (Monday PM in Mr. Pedersen's room)**

## Free and Reduced Lunches

You can find answers to your questions regarding the free and reduced price meal application **HERE**. This is a great FAQ page, and you can also see if you qualify for free or reduced lunches.

**MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL  
8th Grade Course Preview Night  
For Parents and Students**

**Monday, January 23, 2023  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

6:00-6:20 **Welcome** in the Auditorium

6:20-7:30 **Open House**

Teachers located in **Commons**: Business Marketing & IT, Language Arts, Math,  
PE/Health, Science, Social Studies, World Languages,  
Athletics, Student Services

Teachers located in **Classrooms**: Art, Family Consumer Science, Music,  
Technology & Engineering, Theatre, Special Education

6:30-6:50 **Optional** Breakout Session – Auditorium  
*“Earning College Credit in High School”*

New to ECASD? Enrollment information will be available at the Student Services table in the Commons

*On January 18th, the Memorial Counselors will visit the middle schools and provide 8<sup>th</sup> graders with detailed registration information and ACP Planning Guides. **Please go over the ACP Planning Guide with your student and bring the ACP Planning Guide with you on January 23rd. Counselors will return to the middle schools on January 26th to assist students with selecting courses for high school registration.***

We look forward to working with you!  
**Doors 1, 2, and 4 will be open**

**MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL  
8TH GRADE COURSE PREVIEW NIGHT**

**FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**



Dear Families,



AVID is an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Its mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

South is a Certified AVID School! This means that we have met AVID's implementation expectations to support program effectiveness and student progress, bringing us closer to our goal of closing opportunity gaps and supporting the district's goal of preparing students for post-secondary success! The AVID Elective is a yearlong 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade elective that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students in an AVID Elective course are provided with skills needed to be successful in advancing academically. For more than 30 years, AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for higher education. AVID Elective is a yearlong elective that will replace other elective(s).

The AVID Elective supports students who challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study skills, note-taking, time management, writing, and research skills while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions that are led by peers and/or college students and provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID Elective provides access to information about colleges and universities through guest speakers and campus tours.

AVID Elective students are motivated to do well and are serious about their academic future. Please complete the application, family information, and short answers on the following pages to help us better know your child and family circumstances.

Application process:

February - 1st week                      Sign up on Registration Card then a counselor will share the application with you

February 10 by 3 pm                      Students submit completed AVID Application  
\*\*IF you have ANY questions, PLEASE reach out\*\*

February 21-24                              Students participate in interviews (Ms. Syverson will contact you via email)

All information shared on this form will be used for the recruitment and selection of future AVID Elective students and will be held confidential. If you prefer to share this information in person or have additional questions prior to completing the form, please contact me.

Thank you,  
Ms. Syverson  
AVID Site Coordinator  
[csyverson@ecasd.us](mailto:csyverson@ecasd.us)





## Inside the Walls of South



Floor hockey has been fun unit for this class of Ms. Brady's.



Science 8 students were hard at work before winter break making their rubber band cars.



## Thumbs up Thursday!

7<sup>th</sup> graders with 1 or fewer missing assignments and not failing any classes get to hang out in the gym during Falcon Time. 6<sup>th</sup> graders have Win Wednesday, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have Fun Friday.



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

It's that time of year when we start talking about and selecting classes for next year. On Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet with the High School Counselors in the Auditorium during their Falcon time. The High School Counselors will talk about high school and 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration. At this time, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their registration booklets. On Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> the High School Counselors will return to South Middle School to register the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses. In addition, Memorial has an informational night for all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00PM – 7:30PM.

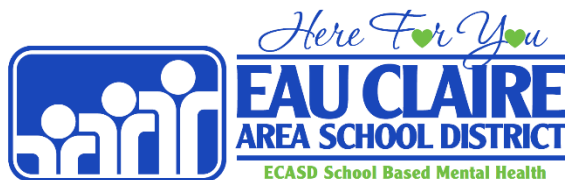
6<sup>th</sup> graders will be provided with course selection information for next year on January 25<sup>th</sup> while 7<sup>th</sup> graders will get this information on January 26<sup>th</sup>. If your student is absent their school counselors will work to get them that information as soon as possible. The following week students will turn in their course selection sheets and enter that information into Skyward either on February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please work with your student to select a course they truly are interested in as changes are often hard to do in the fall. If you are looking for more information on Academic and Career Planning, check out the Student Services page to see what is out there.

[https://www.ecasd.us/South-Middle-School/Student-Services-\(1\)](https://www.ecasd.us/South-Middle-School/Student-Services-(1))

### ECASD | Student Services

Welcome to Student Services Vision Statement The South Counseling Department is committed to developing core values in all students we serve by promoting academic success, personal growth, career exploration, student involvement, parent collaboration, and community connections.

[www.ecasd.us](http://www.ecasd.us)



# Winter Blues

It's not uncommon to feel down or unmotivated in the winter. Decreased social activities, time outdoors, and sunlight exposure can affect mental health. While feeling down can be normal, sometimes it can turn into something more serious.

Watch for symptoms such as:

- Feeling sad or down most of the time
- Losing interest in activities once enjoyed
- Having low energy or difficulty concentrating
- Changes in eating and sleeping patterns

If you or someone you know are experiencing any of these symptoms, help is available. Call or text the 988 Lifeline for support 24/7 or go to [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org).



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This information is provided by The Alliance for Substance Misuse Prevention coalition, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. For more information or to sign up for the Alliance's Parent/Guardian Newsletter, visit [www.GetInvolvedAsap.org](https://www.GetInvolvedAsap.org)





### **Food & Nutrition Workers Needed!**

Are you or is someone you know looking for a job with daytime hours only? Weekends and Holidays off? Summer break, winter break, and spring break off and the ability to earn some extra income while still being home with your school age children? If yes, please consider applying to the Eau Claire Area School District Food and Nutrition program as a substitute or regular employee! Some positions are benefit eligible. Food service experience preferred, but not required. Interested candidates should submit an online application. For open positions and application instructions visit our Employment Opportunities section at <http://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Human-Resources/Employment-Opportunities>. Please contact Josh Guckenberger, Food and Nutrition Director, at 715-852-3021, with questions.

# **FOOD DRIVE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH- FEBRUARY 23RD**

**Drop off Items in Your  
Falcon Time**

**First and Second place Falcon Times will  
win a prize!**