



**SOUTH**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

# South Middle School Newsletter

**May 14th, 2023**

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## Upcoming Events

May 18<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm

May 22<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm

May 29<sup>th</sup>- All schools are closed.

May 30<sup>th</sup> -Choir 8 Concert 7:00 pm

May 30<sup>th</sup> – South Falcon Advisory Meeting 6:00 pm

May 31<sup>st</sup>-1 Camp Manitou for 6<sup>th</sup> grade team J.

June 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Camp Manitou for 6<sup>th</sup> grade team K.

June 6<sup>th</sup>- Last day of school for students



### SMS Falcon Character Theme

*you're  
AMAZING!* **-May-** *CRUSHED  
-IT!-*

I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career.  
I've lost almost 300 games.  
26 times, I've been trusted to take  
the game winning shot and missed.  
I've failed over and over and over again in my life.  
And that is why I succeed.

*- Michael Jordan*



“ Our greatest weakness  
lies in giving up.  
The most certain way to  
succeed is always  
to try just one more time.”



*you  
Rock!* **Resiliency** *PROUD  
you!*

Get back up and learn from a mistake; Overcome obstacles; Run toward a fear; Work through emotions; Be determined; End strong

### 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.**

### ORCHESTRA CONCERT-update

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade concert will be separate from the GR7/8 Concert

GR7 and GR8 Orchestra Concert: Thursday, May 18, 7 PM in South Auditorium. Students should arrive at 6:30 PM

GR6 Orchestra Concert: Monday May 22, 7 PM in South Auditorium. Students should arrive at 6:30 PM.

#### SUMMER ORCHESTRA

GR7/8 SUMMER ORCHESTRA: Summer Orchestra is two days this year, on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Students may return the bottom portion of the sheet from class OR fill out the online form here: <https://forms.gle/A3znf1ek6DfADi5R7>

### Yearbooks

All students that have ordered a yearbook can pick them up in the cafeteria in the morning or during lunch on **May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**. You can also purchase a yearbook during that time for **\$25.00**.



# News and Announcements

Thank you!



Teacher Appreciation Week was a success! Thank you to South Falcon Advisory Council, Student Council, Micon Cinemas, Toppers Pizza, Dunkin', Festival Foods, and Water Street Deli for the great food and decorations. The staff appreciated all the treats.

## Weekend Kids Meal Summer Sign- up

You can sign up for meals [here](#).  
Please contact Jen Whatley  
([jwhatley@ecasd.us](mailto:jwhatley@ecasd.us)) if you would like  
a paper copy.



Check out the ECASD Family Services  
page to find helpful ECASD and  
community resources.

[WWW.ECASD.US/FAMILYSERVICES](http://WWW.ECASD.US/FAMILYSERVICES)



# Summer Pop-Ups

Free groceries for anyone in need.

**Meat • Fresh Produce • Dairy • Dry Goods • Snacks**

• Drive-thru style • Groceries are loaded directly into vehicle • No ID required • May pick up for more than one household

## EAU CLAIRE

Feed My People  
(2610 Alpine Rd)

**10-11:30 am**

2nd & 4th Fridays:

June 9, 23

July 14, 28

August 11, 25

**5-6:30 pm**

2nd & 4th Mondays:

June 12, 26

July 10, 24

August 14, 28

## CHIPPEWA FALLS

Our Saviour's  
(1300 Mansfield St)

**9:30-11 AM**

1st & 3rd Fridays:

June 2, 16

July 7, 21

August 4, 18

## CHIPPEWA FALLS

Parkview Elementary  
(501 Jefferson Ave)

**10:30 am-12 pm**

Thursdays Jun 15-Aug 24:

June 15, 22, 29

July 6, 13, 20, 27

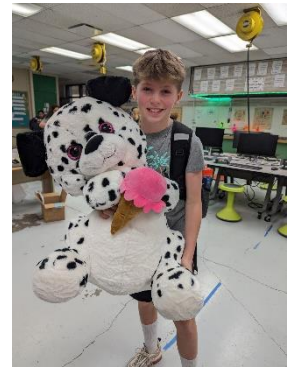
August 3, 10, 17, 24



## In the Classroom

### Auction

Ms. R. Stanley held an auction with Falcon Feathers for fun prizes of stuffed animals and hatching eggs.



## Counseling Corner

Even though conversations about mental health and well-being are likely more prevalent now than ever before, there is still stigma associated with mental health conditions and seeking mental health care. That means many young people continue to suffer in silence.

Change to Chill is working to end mental health stigma, and we need your help to do it! Here are a few ways YOU can join us in the fight against stigma:

- Start by [educating yourself on stigma](#), including the ways culture impacts stigma and the connection between [stress and identity](#).
- Be mindful of the [language you use to talk about mental health](#).
- Engage others in dialogue about mental health and stigma using our [conversation starters](#).
- [Practice being an active listener](#), especially with those you see struggling.

Consider sharing your story around mental health and well-being. Use [this checklist](#) to think through why you are sharing your story and how you will be supported.



## Mental Health Awareness Month

**THERE'S ALWAYS  
SUPPORT AND HOPE.**



It can be hard to talk about mental health. Get tips on starting the conversation with your friends, loved ones and your community at [samhsa.gov/mental-health/how-to-talk](https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health/how-to-talk)

No matter how tough things may seem right now, there is always help available. If you or someone you know is in distress or crisis, call 988 for immediate access to mental health services.



## ECM VARSITY DANCE TEAM

### SUMMER SEASON TRYOUTS

**MAY 17-19** | **EAST GYM**  
**4-6 PM**

**ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME**

*We hope to see you there!*



### Memorial Dance Team

The EC Memorial Varsity Dance Team summer season tryouts are May 17-19 from 4-6 PM. They will be held in the East Gym at Memorial and are open to all 9-12 graders for the 2023-2024 school year.

You will learn dance skills, the fight song, plus a short pom and jazz routine for your audition on Friday, May 19. All levels of dance experience are welcome!

If you have any questions, please email Coach Whitney at [wtabbert@ecasd.us](mailto:wtabbert@ecasd.us).