

# South Middle School

## News & Announcements

November 22, 2020

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**Technical Support for all ECASD families is available from 8:00AM - 3:00PM Monday through Friday by calling 715-852-3411**

### FREE Breakfast and Lunch in school or Pick-Up Meals-to-Go!!

It is a Win/Win when you chose to eat with us.

How it helps ECASD:

- Each breakfast and lunch served helps with school funding

How it helps ECASD Families:

- Less grocery expenses each week
- Less hassle to preparing meals at home
- Each meal is nutritionally analyzed and meets USDA regulations as a healthy choice.

Grab meals at our pickup locations at all ECASD Middle Schools and High Schools from 8:30-9:30. South Middle School pick up will be at door #7. Look for our signs!

**Meals on Yellow Wheels will also continue** its normal route. See the ECASD web page for route schedules and the closest pick up to you.



### South Falcon Advisory Council (SFAC)

Our meeting (via TEAMS) will be **Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 pm**. We will need your email to receive an invite and hope you would love to become a part of this amazing group! Please email me, Carl Bacon, at: [baconpd@aol.com](mailto:baconpd@aol.com) to learn more and to receive the invite for TEAMS.



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Middle School Student Services district wide have a **Canvas Page** with important information for students and families. On this page you can find **counselor information**, **mental health resources**, **Academic and Career Planning information**, and **community resources**.



<https://ecasd.instructure.com/courses/34395>



Cohort A (Tuesdays)	Cohort B (Fridays)
9/8	9/4
10/6	10/2
11/3	11/6
12/1	12/4
1/5	1/8
2/2	2/5
3/2	3/5
4/6	4/9
5/4	5/7
6/1	6/3

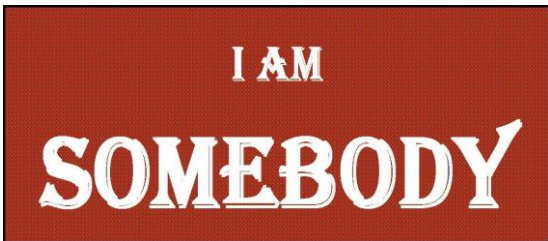
Watch the [This is AVID](#) to learn more about the benefits of AVID.



Mrs. Solberg's science class released their butterflies on their journey to Mexico. An early frost will make it tough going, but they tagged them just the same to see if they make it!

Mr Wiltgen's classes start each class with a chant.

Enjoy the [video](#) of their chant. Warning you may want to wear ear plugs!



South PBIS has many great resources located on the SMS website.

[SMS PBIS information](#)







Dear South Middle School Families,

The Eau Claire Area School District will shift to a 100% virtual model from November 30-December 8, 2020. Although we have utilized virtual instruction in our hybrid model, we expect that you and your student have questions about this shift.

During 100% virtual instruction, students will follow the same in-person schedule that they followed so far this school year. Cohort A students will see their teachers virtually on Monday and Tuesday. Cohort B students will see their teachers virtually on Thursday and Friday. During these days, students can expect to be synchronous (online with their teacher in front of them) on average about 1/3 of the time. The remaining 2/3's of the time will be spent working on assignments or projects, reading classroom materials, or working in small groups. On the days that Cohort A and B students have been virtual in the past, students will engage in asynchronous self-paced work in Canvas virtual learning activities. Schedules for students at South Middle School can be found below:

Grade 6 Virtual Schedule											
Activity	Time	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B
Block 1	7:30-9:00	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Asynchronous in Canvas; Student/Teacher Check-in	Asynchronous in Canvas; Student/Teacher Check-in	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)
Block 2	9:00-10:30										
Check-In/Work Time	10:30-11:20										
Block 3	11:20-12:50										
Lunch	12:50-1:20										
Block 4	1:20-2:51										

Grade 7 Virtual Schedule											
Block	Time	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B
Block 1	7:30-9:00	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Asynchronous in Canvas; Student/Teacher Check-in	Asynchronous in Canvas; Student/Teacher Check-in	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)
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Block 3	10:30-12:00										
Check-In/Lunch Work Time	12:00-1:20										
Block 4	1:20-2:51										

Grade 8 Virtual Schedule											
Block	Time	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B
Block 1	7:30-9:00	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Asynchronous in Canvas; Student/Teacher Check-in	Asynchronous in Canvas; Student/Teacher Check-in	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)	Asynchronous in Canvas; Synchronous with Encore	Synchronous learning with teacher (1/3 of time)
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It is important for families to know that continued increases in staff or student COVID cases or quarantines may lead to an extension of virtual instruction. Please take extreme care with any future travel or gatherings. Wash your hands and wear your mask to assist us in returning to our blended instructional model as soon as possible. We look forward to our Fall Family Conferences on Monday. Conferences should focus on your student's progress this school year. If you have questions about the ECASD's shift to 100% virtual learning, please reach out directly to Trevor Kohlhepp or Eric Gonyea. We are here to support our families and answer their questions.

## Winter & Holiday Help



This is the season of thanks and celebration in many homes. It is also the season of increased heating and clothing expenses. Please review the Holiday Help Directory below and consider how these programs may assist you and your family. The Eau Claire County Resource Guide is also a helpful tool and it can be accessed at [www.eauclaire.uwex.edu/family-living/resource-directories](http://www.eauclaire.uwex.edu/family-living/resource-directories) or by calling 1-800-362-8255.

Every organization has limited resources, so please make note of the sign-up dates and bring any necessary information to complete the application process. If you are fortunate enough to be able to give, please consider a donation to any of the organizations listed below.

If your family is financially unable to provide winter outerwear for your child(ren), we do have limited resources donated by community organizations to our school. If you would like to confidentially discuss your child(ren) or your family's needs, please call Mary Taggatz at (715) 852-5203 or email me at [mtaggatz@ecasd.us](mailto:mtaggatz@ecasd.us) to be in touch with your child's school counselor.



### Holiday Help Directory



Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 26 <sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving-in-a-Box <small>*Box will include a turkey + Thanksgiving sides. Food included will be uncooked, so families can prepare in their homes.</small>	Pick-up will be the week of Thanksgiving @ The Community Table during <a href="#">meal times</a> (see website or call)	Email <a href="mailto:outreach@thecomcommunitytable.org">outreach@thecomcommunitytable.org</a> to reserve your box	Boxes will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 26 <sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Drive-through and take-out meal only.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Christmas Meal	December 19 <sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Drive-through and take-out meal only.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Eve Lunch	December 24 <sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Day At <a href="#">The</a> Community Table	December 25 <sup>th</sup> 8:00-10:00	715-835-4977	Free event. Gifts for children and carry-out meal distribution from parking lot.
Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way	Christmas Toy Assistance Program	Sign up: Oct. 12-Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup> <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted this year. *</small> M-Th both weeks, 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00	Amanda 715-834-1224	Identification for all family members, proof of residency, and income verification included in application process.
Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley 309 E. Lake Street	Christmas Gift Assistance	Application due by Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted this year. *</small>	Samantha 715-834-1379 <a href="mailto:slwegg@familypromise.org">slwegg@familypromise.org</a>	Application required & available online. <a href="https://fbm.jcfmform.com/202575547345157">https://fbm.jcfmform.com/202575547345157</a>