

RAYTOWN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents Guardians & Students:

July 28, 2022

Hello, my name is Shunton Hammond and I am honored to be your Principal at Raytown South High School. As the Principal of Raytown South High School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year! We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to ensure every student feels welcome and connected to the Raytown South High School family. We have great teachers planning and creating engaging classroom activities and preparing the rooms to promote learning.

Below you will find information regarding the start of the school year. It is a privilege to be part of the Raytown community and I am truly honored to be your principal.

School begins Monday, August 22, 2022, at 7:15 AM. Doors to the building will open at 7:02 a.m.

For the 2022-2023 school year, all returning families must enroll online. Exceptions to online enrollment include: New Students, Waivers, Form 2 families, and families with a change of address. If you fall under one of these exceptions please contact Residency at 816-268-7035 or at the Raytown Schools Education and Conference Center 10750 E 350 Hwy, Raytown, MO 64133. All returning students must have prior and current financial obligations/fees paid.

Schedule Pickup Dates:

Monday, August 8th	All Grades	12:00 pm to 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 9th	All Grades	8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Open House night Tuesday, August 16th, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at South High: There will be a special program for Freshman and Freshman parents and guardians in the auditorium from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They will then join the rest of the classes and be free to walk around the building and meet their teachers. We will have a special meeting for Sophomore and Sophomore parents and guardians from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the auditorium. All new students and their parents are also encouraged to attend one of the special programs depending on grade level. We will also have a special meeting for Juniors and Seniors and their parents or guardians from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Freshmen Orientation August 18th, 7:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.: Freshmen students only. Bus information will be sent close to the date.

Laptops: All students will receive their laptops through their advisory classes the first week of school in August.

Visitors to the Building: Outside doors will be locked at all times. When you arrive, please use the buzzer to the right of the front doors. You will be asked to state your reason for visiting. Any person entering the building will be required to provide a photo ID at the front desk. Only those listed in SISK12 will be allowed to check out a student.

Outside Food and Drink: We do not allow outside food or drink to be brought into the building. Students will not be called out of class for deliveries, from a parent or food delivery services. We encourage students to bring lunch on their own or eat the food provided by the school.

Lockers: The attendance office will issue lockers upon request.

Senior Yearbook Pictures and Senior Portraits: Yearbook Pictures will be taken through Strawbridge Studios for uniformity and deadline reasons. The Yearbook pictures are for school use and will be taken at school. **Yearbook pictures will be taken in a cap and gown.** Senior Portraits are for personal and family use. Senior Portraits are a personal decision and may be taken by any photographer of your choice.

Immunizations: All freshman, sophomore and junior students must bring immunization records to registration. The state of Missouri requires that **all** students must comply with the state immunization requirements to attend school. Please make sure your student's health records are updated and in compliance with state law. There are many students who will be required to provide evidence of a tetanus-diphtheria booster (month-date-where received). **Students who have not shown evidence or have not met state immunizations will not be permitted to start school in August.** If students or parents have questions about immunizations, please contact the school clinic the week prior to the start of school.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices: Students will be allowed to use cell phones and music players in the halls and cafeteria during passing periods, before and after school, and lunch. Students will not be allowed to use these items in instructional areas, such as classrooms, gym class, library and the office. Students who violate this policy will face disciplinary action. More information is available in the Student Handbook. **South High will not be responsible for lost or stolen electronic items.** Please remember, cell phones and electronics are a privilege.

Schedule Changes: Please review the student handbook for schedule changes and transfer procedures. Students should select classes

carefully and consult with their counselor.

Classification of Students: Students will be classified in grades using the following credit levels:

0 - 4.5 credits - 9th grade 11 - 16.5 credits – 11th grade
5 - 10.5 credits - 10th grade 17 - 25 credits – 12th grade

Students will be reclassified between the summer and fall terms. Juniors will be reclassified after the fall semester if they have 20.5 credits.

Enrollment & Activities: At the end of enrollment week, students cannot participate in activities unless they have completed the enrollment process. This includes practices, scrimmages, and games. This includes all sports, clubs, games, dances, and all school activities.

Attendance Policy: The attendance policy is written in the handbook. We encourage parents to become familiar with the handbook. Students cannot attend extra-curricular activities unless they are in attendance the full day. Also, students cannot attend weekend or holiday activities unless they are present the preceding or last day of school before the activity.

Official schedules will be distributed on the first day of school. Students must have completed enrollment prior to attending school. Students will be expected to make up all assignments from missed classes regardless of whether an absence is excused or unexcused. It is vital that all students are enrolled prior to the first day of school, August 22nd. Each teacher may set reasonable limits regarding the timeframe in which missed work may be completed. Attendance and participation are part of a successful learning experience, so students with more than six (6) excused absences, or any unexcused absences, in any class, in a semester, will be issued an academic penalty in the form of grade reductions as follows:

<u>Number of Absences</u>	<u>Grade Reduction</u>
7	2%
8	4%
9	8%
10	16%
11+	30%

Any student may reduce accrued absences by attending make-up study, or counseling, sessions scheduled by the principal during non-instructional times. The student must notify the principal that he or she wishes to make up attendance days, and the principal will provide the student information on the next available session. Make-up sessions do not match the educational value of actual class attendance, so no student will be allowed to make up more than five (5) absences by attending make-up sessions. A+ attendance policy is set by the state and is not to be confused with district attendance, or credit recovery, policies. ALL absences, excused and unexcused, count against the 95% attendance requirement for A+. Attendance is counted in minutes, which include tardies.

SISK12: Parent/Guardians now have the ability to access student grades, attendance, homework, and other important information online and should be checked regularly.

Random Drug Testing Policy: The Raytown School Board has adopted a drug testing policy for students who drive to school and/or who participate in sports or co-curricular activities. Current information may be found on the district website.

Dress Code: The SHS staff encourages you to monitor your teenager’s school attire and help us enforce our dress code during school hours and extracurricular activities. In addition to suggestive and otherwise inappropriate t-shirts, we also need your assistance in supervising and explaining to your teenager our dress code. It is disruptive for staff to constantly ask students to cover inappropriate clothing. Undergarments should not be visible, stomachs should be covered, and pants should be worn at the waist. Pajamas and slippers are not appropriate for school. Other dress that is considered disruptive to the learning environment is unacceptable. Students who cannot comply with this request, will be sent home and/or face disciplinary action. Thank you for your cooperation.

Night School: Enrollment information for credit recovery is available in the Counseling Center. Night School will begin September 6th.

Contact Information: When students have emergencies at school, correct information is absolutely necessary to assist the school in contacting parents or guardians. Any changes to this information may be changed through the parent portal of SISK12 and/or by contacting Residency, 268-7035.. Please check this information upon completion of enrollment to assure accurate working numbers are listed. Also, please ensure that any medical information is reported for your child. This cannot be changed at the building level.

Student Activity Participation Fee: For those students participating in athletics, music, theater, and speech/debate, please remember the Raytown C-2 School District has a Student Activity Participation Fee. All students participating in one or more athletic teams this school year will pay a \$53.00 fee for the year or a \$26 for those that qualify for free/reduced lunch and have filled out the waiver form. A family with two or more athletes in the family will pay \$100.00/\$52.00(free/reduced) for the year, not to exceed that amount per family. All students participating in music, theater, and speech/debate activities, will pay a fee of \$26.00/\$13.00(free/reduced) per year, not to exceed \$52.00/\$26.00(free/reduced) per family. Any student who participates in athletics, and who may also participate in a non-athletic activity will pay the \$53.00 fee for athletics and the \$26.00 fee for the non-athletic activity, reduced rates will still apply where applicable. Student athletes will be eligible for an activity pass at no cost for the seasons once their activity fee is paid. If parents have any questions about these fees, please contact the Activity/Athletic Department.

Class Fees: As a part of the registration process, we will collect textbook deposits from students new to the district and freshmen. All applicable fees for courses in art, family and consumer sciences will also be collected. Please be prepared to pay the fees related to your courses and optional opportunities at time of enrollment. **Make checks payable to: Raytown South High School.** The following is a listing of all Secondary Education Fees approved by the Board of Education for the 2022/2023 school year. Fees are listed per semester unless otherwise noted. **ALL OUTSTANDING FEES AND OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID BEFORE A SCHEDULE IS ISSUED.**

High School Supply List

7 spiral notebooks	Spiral Notebooks/3-Ring Binders/File Folders	#2 Pencils
Paper		Eraser
Colored pencils or markers		3x5 Index Cards
Highlighters		Scientific Calculator
Pens		Flash Drive

Student Accident Insurance: **THE DISTRICT DOES NOT PROVIDE STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE.** Private insurance forms will be provided at registration for parents interested in purchasing outside insurance. All student athletes MUST have valid insurance to participate in an activity/sport.

Identification Badges: South High staff, faculty, and students will be provided identification badges and be required to have them on their person at all times. This will help us identify everyone in our building and also help in providing a safe and secure learning environment. Policies regarding ID badges will be listed in the student handbook. All students will receive one new badge free of charge. Additional or replacement badges are \$5.00

Military and College Information: If you do not wish for your teenager to be placed on the military or college mailing list, please complete a form made available at registration and return to the counselor.

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 24th	2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	October 27th	8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
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Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 13th	2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	February 16th	8:00 am - 8:00 p.m.
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Trister Grade Reporting Dates: Cumulative grading with six week grade report.

First Semester

September 30, 2022- 29 days

November 18, 2022-30 days

January 13, 2023-25 days

Second Semester

March 3, 2023 -30 days

April 21, 2023-29 days

May 26, 2023-25 days

Frequently asked dates:

Open House	August 16, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Freshmen Orientation	August 18, 7:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
Fall Sports MSHSAA Meeting/Bingo Night	August 17, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Raytown South vs Raytown	September 16 @ Raytown South High School
Homecoming Football Game	September 23 vs. (Ruskin) Dance Sept. 24, 7 - 10 pm
Prom	May (TBD)
Senior activity/Yearbook Distribution	May (TBD)

We have over 1,500 activities a year at South High. Dates sometimes change with this many activities due to snow days, scheduling conflicts, conference conflicts, etc. For further information please go to the district website <http://www.raytownsouthcardinals.org/> for activity updates.

Our district handbook will be available online through our district website this year. We will be happy to assist parents with questions about the handbook and about school rules in general. Students, I urge you to work hard in your classes and become involved in school activities. I look forward to serving as your principal. If we can ever be of service, please feel free to contact our teachers and administrative staff. Good luck and have a great year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shunton Hammond

2022 - 2023 Secondary Education Fees

The following is a list of all Secondary Education Fees pending approval by the Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year. Fees are listed per semester unless otherwise noted.

AP Classes	fee for the AP test
Dual Credit	cost of credit as determined by the university
Senior Alumni Fee (paid senior year)	\$3.00
Student Parking Fee (per year)	\$21.00
Textbook Deposit (a one time fee paid at enrollment)	\$21.00
Optional Technology Use Fee (for all students assigned a device- not to exceed \$42 per family per year)	\$21.00*
Yearbook	Cost of the book

MISC: Some project based classes may have additional fees if a student decides to include projects that require materials beyond the scope of the regular projects.

<u>Activity Fees/Athletic Fee:</u>	\$53.00 (per year - not to exceed \$106.00 per family per year)
	\$26.00 (per year - Free/Reduced eligibility determined)
<u>Speech, Theater, Debate, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music Fee:</u>	\$26.00 (per year - not to exceed \$52.00 per family per year)
	\$13.00 (per year - Free/Reduced eligibility determined)
<u>Athletic Activity Season Tickets:</u>	Home Fall Season Ticket (Tournaments not included) \$21.00
	Home Winter Season Ticket (Tournaments not included) \$26.00
High School Fashion Design classes	approx. \$42-\$74 for fabric & notions
Introduction to Visual Arts - student will need to supply a sketchbook	\$2-\$21
Photography II & Photography Studio - SD card student	approx. \$21
Ceramics Studio* - for any materials above what is provided by the district, approx. student cost is \$26-\$100 depending upon project materials	
Band "School Owned" instrument user fee (per year)	\$26
Concert Band	Vest, shirt & tie (\$41).00 OR Dress (\$72)
Marching Band - Band Booster fee	\$80-\$100
New Marcher:	one time only purchases \$45-\$65
Orchestra Formal wear (tuxedo or dress)	\$68
Orchestra - School Owned" instrument user fee (per year)	\$26
Chamber Choir -	tuxedo (\$140-\$150) or dress (\$65-\$75)

Herndon Career Center / Summit Technology Academy: Fees vary by program and are listed in the Career and Education Planning Guide
Please contact the center directly to determine actual student fees.

ATTENDANCE	816-268-7340
COUNSELOR	816-268-7350
COUNSELOR FAX	816-268-7343
SOUTH HIGH	816-268-7330
SOUTH HIGH FAX	816-268-7345
HERNDON	816-268-7140
RAYTOWN SUCCESS ACADEMY	816-268-7180
RESIDENCY OFFICE	816-268-7035
TECHNOLOGY	816-268-7172
TRANSPORTATION	816-268-7170

Please check with transportation for bus routes prior to school starting.

Bus routes are posted at enrollment and on the district website.

Please no cars in circle drive during bus times before and after school.

Please use the North Gym parking lot for pick up and drop off before and after school.

Students cannot be in the building before 7:00 AM or after 2:30 PM unless under the direct supervision of a teacher, coach, or club sponsor.

Students who cannot be picked up before 2:30 PM need to ride the yellow bus home.