Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are going virtual! Conferences will be held on October 28 from 3-7 pm and October 29 from 8 am to 8 pm. There will be no school on October 29 and October 30th.

Your student's advisory teacher will be reaching out in the next few weeks to set up a time for a conference over zoom.

After School Clubs and Activities

Clubs are a great way to get involved at South Middle!

Our sponsors create a welcoming atmosphere to allow students to get to know one another while doing fun activities centered around their interests. Take a look at our current club offerings and sign up today!

All clubs are currently meeting virtually and will transition to in-person groups as soon as we can.

Clubs begin October 5th! To view club offerings and find out more information please click here.

Curbside Meal Pickup

Curbside pickup for meals is available at the front entrance at South Middle every day from 11am to 12:30pm.

The district is now offering a hot meal option on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Also, meal deliveries occur at your regular bus stop from 8:15-9:15 every morning(secondary). For more information on daily meals, visit the RQS Fall Meal Delivery Web Page.

To find out what time the bus comes by your home, click here.
Virtual Learning

Tech Troubles

Key not working? Battery not charging?

Contact the tech team at 816-268-7172.

What is Tutorial Time?

Tutorial time is scheduled 12:30-3 every day, and is a time for students and teachers to meet!

During tutorial time teachers:
- Hold office hours where students can pop in to ask a question
- Meet with students individually or in a small group to help reteach concepts
- Are available by-appointment to go over anything students may not understand

Many teachers have a request form located in their google classroom. Please check there for more information or email your student's teacher!
**October AB Schedule**

Below is a helpful calendar to remind you and your students what days are A days and which are B days.

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**Sports and Events**

**Winter Sports**

Is your 7th or 8th grader interested in joining the basketball or wrestling teams this winter? Practices start on November 2nd. Please take a moment to fill out [this interest form](#) so we can prepare for the winter sports season.
South Middle Virtual Lunch Group

When: Daily from 11:45am-12:30pm

Do you like to socialize with friends?
Do you miss being in the school cafeteria with friends?
Do you miss being at South Middle?

If so, join us for lunch each day on Zoom. Just click on the Zoom link and you’ll be connected to your South Middle family.
Let’s laugh, have fun, and eat together!
Hosted by Student Support Services

The link for the Zoom meeting can be found in your student’s advisory classroom.

Our Library is OPEN

Curbside pickup is offered on Mondays from 3-5 and Thursdays from 8-3!

- Students may place 5 items on hold in the Destiny System
- You will receive an email when books are ready
- Come to one of the designated pick up days and call 816-268-7387 when you arrive
- Books will be brought to your car
- Books may be checked out for 1 month, and can be renewed one time after

Resources
Success By 6

We know many of you have not just middle schoolers, but younger children at home too. The Raytown School District and the United Way teamed up to offer a [toy lending library](#) for children birth - Kindergarten. The library offers games and toys sure to spark your little one's interest.
Build Resiliency

A resilient person is able to adapt or adjust when faced with stress, trauma or adversity. A way to explain resilience to a student might be comparing it to a basketball. When a basketball is dropped, what does it do – it bounces back.

How can you help your child learn to “bounce back” when faced with difficult situations?

Here are some ideas from the American Psychological Association (APA)

1. Create structure whenever possible - Make sure children know what to expect. Have a consistent meal time and bedtime. Create traditions together like family game nights or after dinner walks to build positive memories and a sense of family.
2. Discuss Emotions - Let your children know it’s ok to talk about their feelings and create a safe space for them to do so.
3. Communicate - Communicate your own feelings with your child.
   1. Start by using “I messages” like “I felt upset when I saw you arguing with your brother.”
   2. Use questions to allow space for personal problem solving - “What do you think might work instead?”
4. Laugh and Play - Even as parents, remember to laugh with your kids.

Student Support Services
Links to helpful resources are included in the Student Support Services Website.

Have questions about resources? Please contact Tiffany Woods, Social Worker.

Parent/Adult Learning Support

PALS is a district website with helpful information and How-To's for navigating online learning. Click through for answers to some commonly asked questions.

Important Dates!

October 12 - Trister 2 begins
October 16 - Report Cards distributed
October 23 - No School
October 28 - Conferences 3-7pm
October 29 - Conferences 8 am - 8 pm/No School
October 30 - No School

Student Referrals

Students, do you need to contact your counselor? Follow the link and submit a request!

Parent Questions

Parents, do you have questions regarding your child? Please let us know here!

Administration

Dr. Carl Calcara - Principal
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Joel Corzine - Assistant Principal - 7th grade, 6th grade A-J

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