

TIGER PRIDE

South High School

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Semester End/Four-day school week

With temperatures plunging, the good news is this is a four-day school week. Next week, the first day of school, and start of the 3rd quarter, will be Wednesday, Jan. 20. Remember, dress in layers. And, there is no PUSH meeting this evening. Enjoy your holiday weekend!

Upcoming Dates & Events

Monday, Jan. 11 - PUSH Meeting CANCELLED

Thursday, Jan. 14 - Semester Ends;
Swing Night;

Friday, Jan. 15 - Tuesday, Jan. 19

No School - MLK Jr. holiday weekend

Monday, Jan. 25 - Site Council

ACT Sign-up Open Now

Juniors may sign up now and until Sunday, Jan. 31 for the Tuesday, March 15 ACT exam. The exam is FREE, but [sign-up](#) is required.

AP Exam Registration Now

[Register](#) soon for May Advanced Placement exams. Ms. McMillen will be connecting with AP classes, but feel free to

consult with her if you have questions. Sign-up closes Thursday, Feb. 4.

VOICES Students Showcasing Work

Our seniors in the “Values Options Issues Explored in Society” class are doing amazing work, showcasing it online and citywide:

- Listen to **STUDENT PODCASTS** on the [voices blog](#).
- See the **VOICES PHOTO EXHIBIT** at the East Lake Library, now until mid-February.
- View **STUDENT DOCUMENTARY FILMS** at the Riverview Theatre, Monday, Feb. 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

South Students bound for Carnegie Hall!

Congratulations to juniors Marie Berlovitz and Ethan Davenport who have been selected to perform in the 2016 High School Honors Performance Series. They are set to take the stage at Carnegie Hall Sunday, Feb. 7. [Read more.](#)

Swing Night at South High

Come to Swing Night, featuring our Jazz Ensemble I, Dance Company, soloists & guest artist Aja Parham. Our own Erin Brown will be on hand to give swing dance lessons! Adults \$10, Students \$5. Also, hors' d'oeuvres and light refreshments will be on sale. Proceeds support our music program.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 7-9:30 p.m.

South's Morgan Hill scores her 1000th point

Congratulations to Tiger Girls Basketball player Morgan Hill for

scoring her thousandth point in the 64-45 win over Henry! Hill, #24, is a sophomore! The team is currently undefeated in the conference and takes on Southwest Thursday night.

South High Tigers Winter Sports

Be sure to check out the [South High Athletic calendar](#) and take in any of the upcoming games to support our Tigers! Remember the calendar is always available on our homepage.

Upcoming Student Surveys | Elizabeth McMillen

Our students will be asked to complete two surveys very soon. Below is a description of each. An opt-out link is available for both surveys.

Minnesota Student Survey

- This survey, conducted by the Minnesota Department of Health every 3 years, asks questions about activities, experiences, and behaviors.
- Topics covered include tobacco, alcohol and drug use, school climate, physical activity, violence and safety, connections with school and family, health, and other topics. Questions about sexual activity are asked only of high school students.
- Given to students in grades 5, 8, and 11.
- Important note: All schools are registered for the MSS.

Becoming Effective Learners Survey

- This is a survey conducted by the University of Chicago in its pilot year at MPS.

- The student version measures student non-cognitive factors in the classroom, in order to better understand the relationship between student classroom experience, psychological and behavioral engagement, and course performance.
- The teacher version measures teachers' attitudes and beliefs as well as aspects of classroom practice and professional community.
- Given to students in grade 9, and grade 9 teachers.
- Important note: This survey data will NOT be used to evaluate teacher performance. This is for research and district-level improvement purposes only. Results from this survey will help inform the grade 9 on-track/transition to grade 9 work, aimed at reducing course failure and increasing graduation rates.

Survey Opt Out

- Opt Out due Jan. 22, for Becoming Effective Learners Survey.
- Opt Out due Jan. 29, for Minnesota Student Survey.
- Opt Out link for both surveys:

<https://staff.mpls.k12.mn.us/Depts/rea/Pages/5Essentials-Surveys.aspx>.

History Day 2016

Students needing help with research may find these sites helpful.

SHS History Day Resources for Students http://south.mpls.k12.mn.us/history_day_2016

MPS Destiny Library Catalog https://mpsk12.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas44_2251920

Electric Library of Minnesota <http://www.elm4you.org/>

Ask MN <http://www.askmn.org/>

Hullabaloos: History Day Research Days <http://education.mnhs.org/historyday/hullabaloos-history-day-research-days>

Extended Library Hours for History Day Students

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

- Students should arrive no later than 3:30 pm.
- Passes from Social Studies teachers are needed to gain access after 4 p.m.
- University of MN tutors will be also be on hand to assist with projects.

Overdue Library Items

Students are reminded to check email accounts every Monday for overdue notices on library and text books.

Coffee hour with AchieveMpls at South High School

Spend an hour with us over coffee and pastries, learning about the work of AchieveMpls and the South High School Career & College Center. See how the center empowers students in career and post-secondary planning, and meet some of the young

people, participating in our programs. RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 20 to Rachel at rshields@achievempls.org or by phone at 612.455.1559.

Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, 8 - 9 am, Room 246

South Teachers in the News

Math teachers Ms. Woldum and Ms. Fierst were recently featured in the Longfellow Nokomis Messenger. Pick up a copy at the E. Lake Library, or [check it out here!](#)

Native American Achievement Celebration

Our Native American students in MPS are doing great work in and out of the classroom. Please nominate the students you know who should be recognized for their successes this year.

Contact Christine Wilson

at christine.wilson@mpls.k12.mn.us or by phone

at 612-668-0108 with any questions. Nominations may be made online: <http://indianed.mpls.k12.mn.us/nomination> and will be accepted until Friday, Jan. 29.

Join February's Southwest Coder DoJo

Coder Dojo is a club for teens (13-18) who want to learn computer programming. No experience necessary. [Reserve Tickets](#) on Eventbrite and bring a laptop, charger and earbuds. A few South students are part of this group. Would love to see more!

Saturday, Feb. 20, 3-4:30 p.m., Walker Library

Winter weather and school closings

School closings will be sent via phone, text, social media, websites and local news stations. If your contact information has changed, please be sure to update by calling South attendance clerk Erica Evans at 612.668.4314. Read the MPS policy on [weather-related school closings](#).

South on Social Media

Access our Twitter and Facebook accounts via the [South High Website](#).

