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School News

Middle School Food Carts: Students will have an opportunity to have a second breakfast beginning October 8th. The food cart will be located in the 7th grade hallway at the LTC entrance and students will be allowed to purchase a second breakfast at the following times:

8:45 am 6th/8th Grade ELA/Math Students

9:05 am 7th Grade

9:35 am 8th Grade 6th/8th Grade Sci/SS Students

You are only allowed to eat one breakfast meal per day. If you want to get something at the breakfast cart and have already eaten breakfast for the day, you must have money in your account or cash on hand to purchase.

Parents/Guardians of 8th grade students: The Middle School Counselors will be scheduling *Academic and Career Planning Conferences* with you and your child over the next few months. The purpose of this conference is to review your child’s strengths, interests, and skills in order to assist them in academic and career planning as they look ahead to high school and beyond. During the conference, you will discuss: high school programming/course selection, academic and career planning, career interest inventories, personal strengths and interests, and academic history. The transition to high school is an important time in your child’s education. Your involvement in their future planning is critical. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to attend this scheduled conference. Thank you in advance for your collaboration and we look forward to meeting with you.

Roll Back to School: 6th Grade students, it is time to celebrate a fantastic start to the school year at Rollaero on Thursday, October 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The cost is \$4 per person. Come join your 6th grade teachers and other SMMS staff and skate with your friends and family. Raffle prizes will be awarded to 6th grade students throughout the evening. Remember to bring some money for snacks at the concession stand. Can't wait to see to see you there!

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
10/05/2018	No School	All Day
10/11/2018	6th Grade Rollero	6-8 pm
10/17/2018	Take Your Parents to School	All Day
10/26/2018	Dance	3:05-4:45 pm

Battle of the Books: Attention 6-8th Graders!! Do you love to read? Do you like competition? Do you enjoy trivia? Welcome to a fun and learning intensive experience! Battle of the Books (BOB) is a statewide reading challenge. Students read books deeply so that they retain information about plot, character, theme, setting, and other elements. Teams of four (4) students read and discuss a list of 20 selected middle school level books at our SMMS Battle of the Books club meetings. Teams compete against each other in “Jeopardy-like” battles answering student created questions about each book and author. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams.

Come to our SMMS Battle of the Books Informational meeting on Thursday, October 11th from 3:10-3:45pm in the MS Library. If you have any questions, please contact the club advisor, Mrs. Wawrzyniak, at lwawrzyniak@sdsm.k12.wi.us or stop in her room - MS4902.



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VFW Writing Essay: Every year the VFW has a contest for middle schoolers called Patriot's Pen. Students write an essay on a theme; this year's is "Why I Honor the American Flag." Students write a 300-400 word essay and submit it to the Post. The deadline is October 31st. The Post will award a cash prize to the winner. The winning entry will then compete at the district level. The winner could possibly move up to the state or even national level, winning prizes along the way. The student could win a trip to Washington DC and \$5,000. Entries should be mailed: VFW Post 3742, 920 Monroe Ave., South Milwaukee WI, 53172. [Click Here for more detailed rules and information.](#)

Yearbook Sales: The Yearbook Sale is currently running. Cost of books are \$22 through October. \$24 for November through December and \$26 for January through February. Order forms are available in the main office or you may order on-line at jostens.com. We do not guarantee extra yearbooks at the end of the year, so order yours early!

Rawson After School: Middle school students are not allowed on Rawson property prior to 4:00 pm on normal school days. This includes the playground, basketball courts and parking lot. The only exception will be for families who have filled out the necessary paperwork to allow their middle school student to pick up a sibling after school. You may fill out the appropriate paperwork by [CLICKING HERE](#). Students who pick up their siblings must have their middle school ID available.

Annual Notices: Throughout the school year, we have a number of required annual notices. **Fall Notice.**



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#DigCit Newsletter Article

October 15-19, 2018 is National Digital Citizenship Week. SDSM will be celebrating Digital Citizenship week with mini lessons each day connecting the SMWay Traits (honesty, responsibility, respect, kindness and perseverance) to Digital Citizenship. Students will make daily announcements and #DigCit Tips will be sent out via the school district's social media.

["Kids & Tech: Tips for Parents in the Digital Age"](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Tips-for-Parents-Digital-Age.aspx) by American Academy of Pediatrics, 2018. (<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Tips-for-Parents-Digital-Age.aspx>) shares the following tips to help parents and families positively navigate the ever changing digital world.

- Make your own family media use plan.
- Treat media as you would any other environment in your child's life.
- Set limits and encourage playtime.
- Screen time shouldn't always be alone time.
- Be a good role model.
- Know the value of face-to-face communication.
- Limit digital media for your youngest family members.
- Create tech-free zones.
- Don't use technology as an emotional pacifier.
- Apps for kids – do YOUR homework.
- It's OK for your teen to be online.
- Warn children about the importance of privacy and the dangers of predators and sexting.
- Remember: Kids will be kids.

Our digital lives are as much a part of our daily lives as our face-to-face lives. A message we are sharing with students is the importance of balance.



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VOTE November 6!

Investing in our Future: Safe, Strong, Successful

The School District of South Milwaukee School Board has placed a referendum on the November 6 ballot to invest in three main goals:

1) Ensure students' safety and address emotional needs

- An annual budget item to specifically improve safety in all our schools.
- Identifying and assisting students with emotional needs, providing them with direct services.

2) Maintain our existing programs and facilities

- Ensure future students can benefit from the same outstanding programs and classes as our current students.
- Protect the investment taxpayers have made in the district's facilities through a yearly maintenance replacement budget.

3) Expand student learning opportunities and invest in the future

- Personalized and innovative learning opportunities that allow students to receive additional support and flexible learning opportunities.
- Additional staffing to increase virtual school options, add special education staff, provide academic support, expand 4K, reduce class sizes and more.

Election Day is November 6

The referendum question asks community members to increase the levy limit by \$3.8 million over a period of six years. That's an estimated tax impact of \$9 to \$12 per every \$100,000 of assessed property value in each of the first five years. The final tax impact at the end of six years is a **reduction of an estimated \$140.18** per every \$100,000 of assessed property value, due to other paid-off debt.

Find answers to frequently asked questions, including the estimated tax impact, at www.SoMilwReferendum.org.