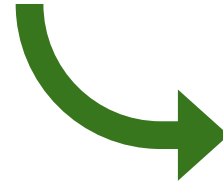




*For today's  
presentation...*



# ***Sports Information Night***

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# Athletic Department



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# What to expect..



Aspects we will focus on as an Athletic Department and our Coaching Staffs:

- Family and team atmosphere
- We CARE! Safety of our student-athletes
- Building positive relationships and leaning on them during adversity
- Creating enjoyable experiences
- Each season is a journey, focus on growth throughout
- Promoting ALL programs through premiere website and social media content
- Clear and consistent communication and weekly newsletter
- Maximizing the competition level of each team/level within all programs
- Sportsmanship
- Learning lifelong lessons through athletics
- Having fun



# RAIDER HEAD COACHES



Cross Country: JJ Wannamaker

Cheerleading: Mills Vick

Dance/Pace Team: Morgan Haworth

Football: Nick Foster

Golf: Shaun Henry

Boys Soccer: Kam Ozburn

Girls Soccer: Marli Ruis

Swim/Dive: Derek Berg

Bowling: Aidan Simecka

Boys Basketball: Brett McFall

Girls Basketball: Mark Western

Softball: Liz Stover

Baseball: Matt Hill

Track: JJ Wannamaker

Volleyball: Holly Davidson

Tennis: Kurt Hodge

Wrestling: Gavin Spake

Unified Bowling: Aidan Simecka



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# Athletic Trainer



Whitney Hays

- **Daily Hours:** 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM (Monday – Friday)
- **Contact Information:**
  - Cell Phone – (816)-384-1739
  - Whitney Hays [wfindley@kumc.edu](mailto:wfindley@kumc.edu)
- Heat and core temperature
- Sway and concussion protocol
  - 6 step process
- Procedures for injured athletes
  - KU Health Referral Number: (913) 574-1001



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# Supplemental Insurance



- You can purchase supplemental insurance for your athletes.
- The Shawnee Mission District does not carry accident insurance to cover medical expenses up to the \$25,000 deductible of the KSHSAA plan for injuries to students while participating in athletics and co-curricular activities. The district does provide a voluntary accident insurance program for patrons to cover medical expenses below the \$25,000 deductible while participating in athletics and co-curricular activities. Information on these programs is available at [studentinsurance-kk.com](https://studentinsurance-kk.com) in the school office or we can arrange for it to be sent home with your student.



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# Student Expectations



- **Positively represent yourself, your team, OUR school, and our community in everything you do on a daily basis. It's a big deal to be a RAIDER. Support other programs and model good fan behavior**
- **Academics come first: take care of business in the classroom, athletics are extracurricular activities**
- **Show up, be on time, and give your extraordinary effort**
- **Be prepared to work hard and be challenged daily, EXCELLENCE is not easy!**
- **Paperwork: Physicals, Skyward, forms, etc.**



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# Student Eligibility



- Students must pass 5 classes the previous semester.
- Students must be in good standing with the school.
- Students must be enrolled and passing 5 classes.
- Grade Checks conducted 2 times per month.
  - Daily D and F report with follow up conversations
  - Students must be passing at least 5 classes on grade check dates.
  - If not passing 5 classes, students will not be eligible for games/events until they improve their grades to passing



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# Attendance Policy



- All students who participate in school activities (activities supervised by a coach, sponsor, or director) must be in regular full day attendance the day the activity is scheduled unless the activity is in a another city and its is necessary that the student be absent. Regular full-day attendance is defined as being in school from the beginning of his/her first hour of the day remaining until the close of his/her last hour of the day. The building principal or designee must approve any exceptions. This applies to practice as well as games and performances.



# Substance Abuse Policy



- **Completed and signed within Skyward Athletic Forms**
- **4 Year Cumulative Policy for Offenses**
  - **First Offense:** documented enrollment date for a drug/alcohol awareness program/class or Substance Abuse Assessment before student-athlete can compete in contests.
  - **Second Offense:** The student athlete shall be deemed to lose the privilege of participating in competitions for 50% of the current or nearest upcoming season in which they participate. The student athlete shall enroll in and satisfactorily complete a substance abuse counseling program before being allowed to return to the team. Additional and appropriate consequences shall be determined by the Coach, Athletic Director, and Principal.
  - **Subsequent Offenses:** Loss of of privileges to participate for one calendar year.



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# SMSD TOBACCO/ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE AGREEMENT



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# College Bound Athletes



- Start planning, if plan to play in college!
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- NAIA Eligibility Center - Play NAIA
- Reach out to your counselor for guidance.



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# Full Potential



How Student-Athletes can reach their full potential:

1. Academics and attendance come first / eligibility
2. Challenge yourself and want to be held to a standard of excellence
3. Be COACHABLE: open to feedback, different role, personal growth
4. Work HARD! Go about business being Humble, Hungry, and Hustling
5. Embrace failure don't fear it-WEIGHT ROOM
6. Focus on what you can control and avoid distractions/outside factors
7. Social Media presence is POSITIVE
8. Chase your dreams and passions



# Thank You Parents



- Countless hours
- Volunteering
- Watching
- Cheering
- Meals
- Transporting
- Encouraging
- Hugs
- Life lessons
- Being proud
- Fundraising
- Banquets
- Understanding
- Supporting
- Communicating
- Organizing
- Remembering your role
- Helping retain our Officials



# Parenting and Coaching



- Parenting and coaching are both extremely challenging and rewarding
- Common Goal: Everyone wants to see everyone be successful
- Coaches and parents work best in an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect
- By discussing and understanding each other, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide a greater benefit to our student-athletes
- As parents, when your student-athlete is involved in a program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on them. That begins with clear communication from the coach of that program.

# Coach Communication



Communication to expect from our coaches:

- Program philosophies and leadership style
- Expectations and goals the coach has for your student-athlete as well as for the team and upcoming season
- Locations and times of all practices and contests
- Team requirements, special equipment needs, etc.
- Team rules, guidelines and consequences for violations
- Lettering criteria



# Communication to Coach



Coaches expect communication from Athletes and Parents:

- Advance notification of schedule conflicts
- Notification of illnesses and injuries as soon as possible
- Concerns expressed directly to the coach
- Student-athletes should take the first step in communicating with coaches to help build lifelong communication skills

Notes:

- Being a part of a program will be rewarding and memorable
- Remember that with Adversity comes Personal Growth
- During times of adversity discussions are encouraged



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# Communicating Concerns



If you have a concern to discuss with a coach:

- Email or call the coach to schedule a meeting
- If coach is unable to be reached, contact the Athletic Director and a meeting will be organized for you
- Reminder, we encourage our student-athletes to initiate

Note:

- Please do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These times can be emotional and challenging for both the parent and the coach. Interactions of this nature do not promote positive outcomes.
- General Rule of thumb is to wait 24 hours.



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# Appropriate Concerns



## Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

- Treatment of your student-athlete
- Ways to help your student-athlete improve their skills
- Concerns about your student-athletes behavior

## Note:

- Coaches make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all student-athletes involved
- Decisions made in this order: Program...team...individual



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# Inappropriate Concerns



Inappropriate concerns could include but are not limited to:

- Amount of playing time, positioning, entries into contests
- Team strategies, game tactics, play calling
- Any discussion about other student-athletes on the team

Note:

- It can be challenging to accept that your student-athlete may not be playing as much as you had hoped. Please understand there are roles for everyone within a program and team. Enjoy the journey and support your student-athlete through the process.



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# KSHSAA Ejection Policy



## KSHSAA Ejection Policy:

- Any participant (player, coach, spectator) who is ejected for making contact with an official or who is ejected for unsporting behavior directed toward an official, shall be subject to a non-appealable suspension from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Local school leadership may levy additional sanctions as they deem appropriate.
- The KSHSAA staff reviews all ejection reports.

## Note:

- Your expectation from SMS is to cheer positively for your student-athlete and their entire team. Be a fan for the entire team. We are all RAIDERS!
- Respect the Officials, Coaches, Players, and Opponents: [KSHSAA Rule 52](#)
- We NEED officials. If you're interested please see me after our presentation



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# Violation of Rule 52



Fans, parents and/or students who are in violation of Rule 52 are subject to removal from any athletic event. Fans who are removed will be considered “not in good standing.” In order to become in “good standing” expectations are as followed, but not limited to:

- Completion of a National Federation of High Schools sportsmanship course with certification of completion.
  - Parents: Teaching & Modeling Good Behavior
  - Students: Sportsmanship
- Upon completion of course a meeting should be scheduled with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation and make appropriate plans for future attendance at athletic events.



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# Director of Officials

- John Dehan: Sunflower League Director of Officials



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# Pictures and Videos



- We need your help!
- We are always looking for excellent content of our SMS Programs.
- If you are a photographer/videographer or just a parent who takes quality photos and willing to share them, we will put them to use.
- Work with Mark Mahoney on how you can help.



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# Sunflower League

## 14 Schools across 5 School Districts:

- Website: [sunflowerleagueathletics.com](https://sunflowerleagueathletics.com)
  - Public facing - standings, stories, etc.
- Website: [sunflowerleage.org](https://sunflowerleage.org)
  - Schedules only
- X: [@SFLLLeagueKS](https://twitter.com/SFLLLeagueKS)



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# All Sports Passes / Tickets



- Sunflower League Policy: (SMSD, Olathe, Lawrence, Gardner, and Mill Valley)
- \$7 Adults and \$5 Student *SMS Season Pass* \$70 Adult & K-8 \$30
- *On a night in which the Varsity team is playing, all levels will be charged admission.*
- *Purchasing Tickets in advance will save time at the ticket booth*
  - (There are some exceptions based on the uniqueness of each facility)
- *Admission can also be charged when hosting a large, multi-team event.*



# Digital Passes / Tickets



- **Shawnee Mission is going DIGITAL!**
- \$7 Adults and \$5 Student *SMS Season Pass* \$70 Adult & K-8 \$30
- You can purchase any home event in advance and store your ticket on your phone or via email. There will a convenience fee attached to any online purchase.
- *Purchasing Tickets in advance will save time at the ticket booth*
- ***CASH WILL STILL BE AN OPTION***
- <https://gofan.co/app/school/KS18135>
- <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>



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# The Big Picture



Please remember the “Big Picture”:

1. **Keep Athletics in Perspective**
  - Emphasize the right priorities: Family, Academics, Athletics
  - Place value on positive participation, not the wins/loses
  - As a student-athlete or parent you represent SMS
  - Sportsmanship: Refrain from publicly demeaning participants at all contests (opponents players, officials, coaches, parents)
2. **Support Your Student-Athlete**
  - Talk to your athlete about how things are going
  - Let athletes select a sport based on their abilities/preferences
  - Show up to contests and be a positive influence
  - Stress and model the importance of a healthy lifestyle free of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and other substances that could impact your student-athletes eligibility
  - Do not support quitting as the best way to solve challenges, rather encourage perseverance and learning through adversity
3. **Support The Entire Program**
  - Be supportive of the coaching staff and respect their professional judgement
  - Follow communication expectations
  - Model positive adult behavior through your actions
  - Be a fan of the team as well as your own student-athlete
  - Understand the time commitment and the needs of the program your athlete is involved in

**“I LOVE WATCHING YOU PLAY!”**



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# Message from a Youth Athlete



I am a youth athlete. I am brave and strong and talented. But I'm still just a kid. I am not perfect.

I am a work in progress. I need you to be patient while I test the limits of my body and work through the emotions that come with success and failure.

When I make a mistake, I wonder if you'll be disappointed. When I reach my goals, I look to see if you are watching.

I am a youth athlete. I love my sport. You call it competition. I call it playing the game. I want to win and have fun. I am a youth athlete.

I am YOUR youth athlete.

Winning feels great, but your PRAISE feels infinitely better. Please remember these things and I promise to do my best to make your proud.



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# Breakout Locations



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# One Team / Big Picture



We are ALL RAIDERS! Let's enjoy our journey together!

- We all have common goals!
- We are in this together and we need each other's support
- Sportsmanship above everything else
- Keep athletics in perspective
- Support your student-athlete and the entire program
- GO RAIDERS!



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# SOUTH FOUNDATION



**Shawnee Mission South Foundation**

The Shawnee Mission South Foundation supports students through scholarships, teachers through grants, and the school community through facility projects.

**BIDDING INFO**  
RESERVED PARKING SPOT IN JUNIOR/SENIOR LOT DURING SCHOOL & AT EVENTS  
SUGGESTED MINIMUM BID \$500  
5 SPOTS AVAILABLE

**BIDDING INFO**  
RESERVED STADIUM SUITE FOR A HOME FOOTBALL GAME (SEPT 27)  
SUGGESTED MINIMUM BID \$200  
10 TICKETS INCLUDED

**VENMO**  
MAKE A DONATION TO THE SOUTH FOUNDATION  
SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE SOUTH FOUNDATION

**BID HERE**  
THE DEADLINE FOR BIDS IS FRI 30 AUG

**BID HERE**

**DONATE HERE**

Join Us at **The SMSF 12th Annual Golf Classic** Monday, October 21 See Our Website for Full Info  
12:00 pm Shotgun Start [www.shawneemissionsouthfoundation.org](http://www.shawneemissionsouthfoundation.org)  
Falcon Ridge Golf Club



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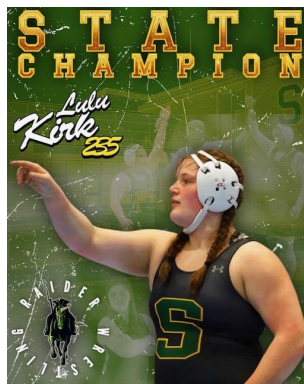
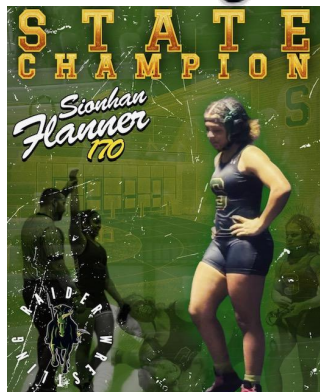
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