

NOW I KNOW MY *South* alphabet

learn more about South's building, culture from A to Z

*a*RT HALLWAY



The art hallway is home to classes such as ceramics, jewelry & sculpture, and drawing. Student artwork lines the walls of this section of the school.

*b*ATHROOMS

The bathrooms have undergone transformations for the 23-24 school year. The stalls now match the school colors, making the bathrooms more vibrant.



*c*COURTYARD

During the warmer months, students have the opportunity to eat lunch in the courtyard in front of the school.



*m*ARCHING BAND

The Rompin' Stompin' Raider Band won the Warrensburg Festival of Champions after 15 years. The last first-place win was in 2008.



*n*EWSPAPER

South's newspaper, The Patriot, is created by students. The current Editors-in-Chief are **Greta Waller** and **Simon Cox**.



*o*PEN LUNCH

Seniors have the opportunity to leave school property to eat lunches. Common Chick-fil-A, QuikTrip, and Whataburger.

*d*R. DAIN

"I was an English teacher for 20 years, and loved every day in the classroom with students. The student relationships you make as a teacher are very powerful, but I think I always knew there would be another level."



Named the 5th principal of South, **Todd Dain** has been in the education field for 30 years with a Bachelors of Science in Secondary Education as an English Major and Physical Education Minor. Dain earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Baker University.

*e*RASE HATE

During the 2023-24, season the theatre booster club raised money to host guest speakers to LGBTQ issues and diversity. This originated from their production of "The Laramie Project."



*f*AID



The fashion, apparel, and interior design class teaches students the basics of sewing, clothing design, and furniture layout.

*p*ARKING LOT

Juniors and seniors can pay to park in the upper lot. Parking permits must be displayed on the rearview mirrors to avoid tickets.



*t*HEATRE

From Oct. 18-21, the SMS theatre program performed "The Wizard of Oz," leading to the school's Homecoming theme: there's no place like Homecoming. Other shows from this year were "The Laramie Project," "Mean Girls," and "Proof."



*u*NDERGROUND CLASSROOMS



South is home to many basement-level classrooms, the most notable being room 000.

*g*REEN BEAN

The Green Bean is a coffee shop located in the library. DECA students operate the business before school and during seminar.

*h*EAT WEEK

Aug. through Sept. students experienced the effects of global warming. During the week of Aug. 21, students were warned of the importance of staying hydrated and wearing appropriate clothing. Throughout the week many outdoor activities were moved indoors.

*i*T

Students can receive information technology services in the library when their school-issued MacBooks are damaged or broken.



*j*OURNALISM BARBIE

The famous journalism barbie has been featured in the first issue of The Patriot, as well as in this very yearbook. The barbie has worn two different outfits and currently sits on the donated yearbook shelf.

*s*MESL

Established in 1969, the Environmental Science Laboratory has provided important outdoor learning for environmental science students. Every Shawnee Mission school, not just South, has used the SMESL to learn about wildlife and ecosystems.



*w*EIGHT ROOM

A brand-new weight room was installed in the former stage gym over the summer.

GO *z*ONE

The Go Zone is not an appropriate location for chatting or starting a fight with someone. It's best to move along.

*v*ENDING MACHINES

On Feb. 23, 2016, new vending machines were installed in the school. These vending machines have been outdated for seven years, taking in people's money without giving them the change they need back.



*x*ELLO

Xello is a tool used by students during seminar to help plan out their futures. They can track ideal colleges, career plans, and more.

*y*EARBOOK

Heritage yearbook received both a Gold Crown and a Pacemaker for their 2023 book. Students worked all year to produce a 360-page publication.

