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# NEWSLETTER

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## SMMS | UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTH MARSHALL

### THIS WEEK NOV 24 – 30

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| NOV 24 | • No ESS / No ESS Bus<br>• No LifeWise |
| NOV 25–27 | Thanksgiving Break – No School |
| NOV 30 | AR Deadline at 3:00 PM |




### COMING UP

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| DEC 1 | Academic Team Quick Recall @ SMMS |
| DEC 4 | Hoopfest Game |
| DEC 8 | • Academic Team Content Assessment<br>• Band Concert – 6:30 PM |
| DEC 11 | • Quick Recall Bowl<br>• Holly Ball – 5:00–7:00 PM |
| DEC 17 | AR Mall Trip |
| DEC 18 | End of Term 3 |

# IMPORTANT

## STUDENT DEVICE UPDATE

# SMMS STUDENT DEVICE REMINDER

**SMMS** has recently experienced an increase in the number of damaged student devices. School-issued devices are an important part of our students' daily learning, and keeping them safe and in good working condition is a responsibility we all share.

### PARENT NOTIFICATION
Parents and guardians will receive an email when a student's device is damaged.

### DOCUMENTATION
The email will include pictures documenting the damage.

### REPAIR/REPLACEMENT COSTS
An invoice will be included outlining the cost of repairing or replacing the device.

### DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE
Students who break or damage their assigned devices will receive a minor disciplinary consequence in accordance with school policy.

## HELP US KEEP DEVICES SAFE!

We understand that accidents can happen. However, students are expected to handle school property responsibly and take the necessary precautions to protect their devices.

We encourage parents to talk with their children about the importance of caring for school-issued technology and understanding the responsibility that comes with using these devices.

**Our goal is to keep devices available and in good working condition so that all students can continue to use technology as an important learning tool.**

*Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us protect school property!*

– Ms. Hassert, SMMS STC

# Candy Canes for a Cause

**One Cane. One Kindness. One Big Impact.**

## South Marshall Middle School Junior Beta Club

## Turning Holiday Cheer Into Community Change!

**Purchase candy canes for $1**

to support care packages for residents of the Stilly House.

**Candy Canes will be Sold December 1st - December 17th**

## Donations Accepted:



Chapstick



Puzzle Books



Hand Lotion



Fuzzy Socks

# SMMS attends HOOPFEST GAME

**Friday, December 4th**

Students will be at the High School from | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Students with two behavior majors this year will **not** be attending.

## Approved by the MC School Board!

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| Fall Break | October 4-8, 2027 |
| Christmas Break | December 20-31, 2027 |
| Spring Break | April 3-7, 2028 |

# Careers

## 3rd Six Weeks

### A Look Inside Our Careers Class!

This six weeks, our Careers students are gaining real-world experience through hands-on projects, problem solving, and career exploration. Here's what's happening in our classroom!







### This Six Weeks, Students Will:

- ☑ Practice workplace and life skills
- ☑ Explore a variety of career pathways
- ☑ Build hands-on technical and practical skills
- ☑ Learn safety procedures and industry expectations
- ☑ Make connections between classroom learning and future career opportunities







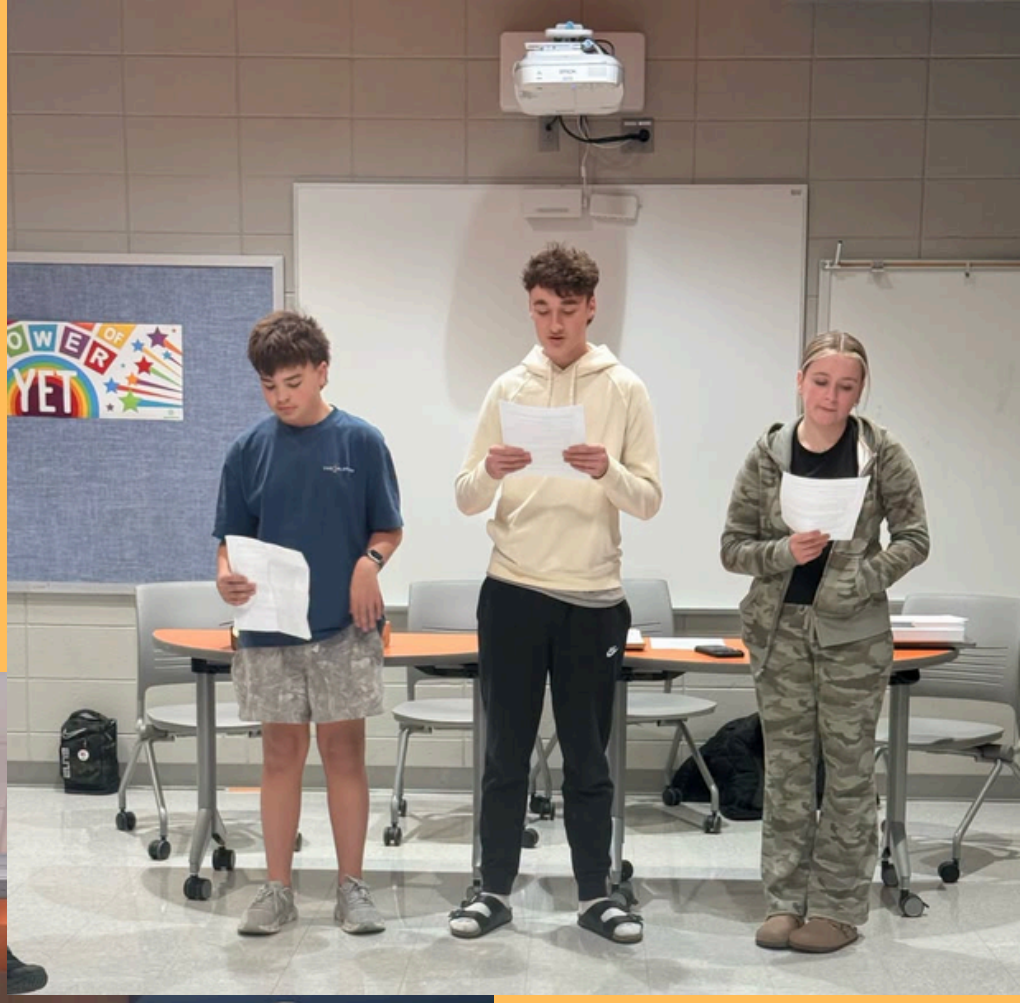






## Real Skills. Real Experiences. Future Opportunities.

*SMMS Officers and members welcomed all NEW Beta members into the SMMS Jr Beta chapter!*





# THE Holly Ball

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:00 – 7:00 PM

COST
$10
$15
AT THE DOOR

Formal Dress
IS ENCOURAGED

**Students who have had a major or been suspended from school are not able to attend.**



*Concessions will be sold during the dance.*

Please bring cash if you wish to make a purchase.

**Laura James**
PRINCIPAL

**Lauren Anderson**
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Angela Morris**
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

**Amy Waddell**
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Week of 11/23/2026

Hello South Marshall Middle School families,

This week, we are taking a break from our regular CharacterStrong lessons to focus on bullying, kindness, and the difference between laughing with someone and laughing at someone.

Middle school should be a time for laughter, friendships, and fun. However, when students encourage others to do embarrassing things for entertainment, laugh at someone's expense, or stand by while someone is being mistreated, the situation can quickly become hurtful.
Our lessons will focus on recognizing bullying, understanding the impact of our actions, and learning how to be an upstander instead of a bystander.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child about kindness, empathy, and treating others with respect.

Our students are still learning and growing, and we appreciate your partnership in helping them become people who laugh with others, stand up for others, and never make someone else the joke.

As always, if you have any other questions please don't hesitate to visit our family page to learn more OR visit our Counseling Corner .

Sincerely,

Amy Waddell/Angela Morris

School Counselors




# SMMS Attendance

## 11/16/2026-11/20/2026

### ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE PER GRADE LEVEL

6th Grade- 94.26%

7th Grade- 92.91%

8th Grade-92.91%

***Laura James***
*Principal*

***Lauren Anderson***
*Assistant Principal*

***Angela Morris***
*School Counselor*

***Amy Waddell***
*School Counselor*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As school counselors, we help students navigate friendships, emotions, and the challenges of growing up. One concern we are seeing more frequently is the impact of cell phones and social media on students' daily lives.

Technology offers wonderful opportunities, but it also presents challenges that families and schools are learning to navigate together. Three concerns we frequently encounter include:

**Mental Health:** Students may encounter online content related to depression, self-harm, and suicide. While some content encourages seeking help, other content can normalize dangerous behaviors.

**Cyberbullying:** Group chats, screenshots, and social media posts can quickly turn small disagreements into larger conflicts. These situations often continue beyond the school day, affecting students' emotional well-being.

**Social Media Influence:** Social media can expose children to unrealistic expectations, inappropriate content, and pressure to compare themselves to others during an important stage of self-discovery.

## How Can We Help?

Every family's approach to technology looks different, but a few simple steps can help:

- **Explore parental controls** to manage screen time, app downloads, and content.
- **Consider age and readiness** before allowing access to apps like Snapchat, TikTok, and Instagram.
- **Stay involved** by asking about your child's online experiences and friendships.
- **Keep communication open** so your child feels comfortable sharing concerns.

Just as we guide children when learning to drive, they also need patience, support, and gradually increasing independence as they learn to navigate technology.

Our goal is to partner with families to help children develop healthy digital habits and make safe, responsible choices online.

SMMS Counselors,

Amy Waddell and Angela Morris

# BASKETBALL

## TICKET INFORMATION

**PRICE**: $5 CASH ONLY
**ACCEPTED PASSES**: STUDENTS, COACHES CARDS, AND 65+
**SEASON PASSES**: $40- SOLD AT THE GATE

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SMMS AD- DANIEL MURPHY
DANIEL.MURPHY@MARSHALL.KYSCHOOLS.US

# Reading Challenge



Earn **15 AR pts.** or pass **15 AR tests**
by Mon., **11/30** to qualify
for the **reward trip**
to **Kentucky Oaks Mall**!

# YOUTH SERVICE CENTER NEWS




https://sites.google.com/marshall.kyschools.us/youthservicecenter/home

## Youth Service Center

2026 DONATION CALENDAR

*Thanks For Your Support*

Donations may be dropped off at North Marshall Middle School or South Marshall Middle School. We are also happy to pick up donations. Please email glenda.byers@marshall.kyschools.us to make arrangements.

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| **January**<br>Belts ( new or gently used in any size)<br>Ear buds | **February**<br>Toothpaste<br>Floss | **March**<br>Lens cloths and cleaning spray (for prescription glasses) |
| **April**<br>Laundry detergent<br>Shout wipes/ Tide pens<br>Deodorant | **May**<br>New underwear or sports bras (any size) | **June**<br>Household cleaning supplies |
| **July**<br>Body wash<br>Deodorant | **August**<br>Hair brushes<br>Hair ties<br>Dry shampoo | **September**<br>Hoodies (14/16 children's-3X adult) |
| **October**<br>Socks (new in any size accepted) | **November**<br>Wired ear buds | **December**<br>Garbage bags |

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