



NEWSLETTER



THIS WEEK

**April 20–28: STAR Testing
Soccer District Tournament
@ SMMS**

April 20–24: BOGO Book Fair

**April 23: Family Engagement
Night
Soccer District Tournament
@ SMMS**

**April 24: School Smiles
Teen Cafe
Senior Walk**

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28: Band Concert 6:30

**April 29: SBDM
Last Tutoring/ESS**

April 30: Reading Reward Trip

**May 1: Last Chicago Payment
Team Time – Murphy meet with
Chicago group**

**May 4–8: State Testing
Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8: Yearbooks handed out**

**Library Books Due
May 15–17: Chicago Trip
May 18: Mike Miller Park**

**Promotion Practice
May 19: No School
May 20 Promotion Practice
Report Cards 6th & 7th**



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SMMS Students will be taking the Kentucky Summative Assessment during the week of May 4-8.

Your student must be at school on time during those days. Please try to schedule appointments and check-outs at another time.

SMMS STUDENT SHOWCASE

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

FEATURING STUDENT WORK



THE BOOK FAIR



SESSIONS

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH



Strategies for wellness



Title 1

HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES



Understanding instructional resources



FOOD TRUCKS IN THE PARKING LOT!



CAN'T JOIN US FOR SHOWCASE?

Thursday, April 23 5:00-6:30 SMMS Parking Lot

*Come by and
purchase food.*



**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS
WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL.**

SAVE THE DATE

*8th Grade
Promotion
Ceremony*

Thursday, May 21st, 9:00 a.m.


SMMS Gymnasium



<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southmarshallmiddleschool>

THE SMMS SPEAK LIFE VIDEO CAPTURES THE TRUE HEART OF SMMS AND THE IMPACT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WHILE IT HIGHLIGHTS MEANINGFUL MOMENTS, THESE ARE JUST A FEW CLIPS FROM A MUCH LARGER PROJECT THAT REFLECTS THE DAILY EXPERIENCES OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. WHAT MAKES THIS ESPECIALLY POWERFUL IS THAT IT WAS ENTIRELY STUDENT-CREATED AND STUDENT-LED, SHOWCASING THEIR VOICE, CREATIVITY, AND PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT MAKES SMMS SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE.

CLICK THE IMAGE BELOW TO WATCH



Our school district asked teachers to choose students who inspire them and others on a daily basis.



Babysitting Basics

Safety - Child Development - Responsibilities

**MAY 28TH 9:00-1:00
MARSHALL COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY @ BENTON
MEETING ROOM B**

Sign up today! Space is limited.

glenda.byers@marshall.kyschools.us

Free lunch and snacks provided!

SOUTH MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

SBDM Nomination Form

In Kentucky, each school is led by a council composed of the principal, elected teachers, and elected parents who make many of the most important decisions about how our school will operate. The council is an opportunity to get involved and help improve the learning experience for all our students. We are currently accepting nominations for parent representatives to serve a one-year term on the School Based Decision-Making Council at South Marshall Middle School. Any parent, stepparent, or foster parent with a child attending SMMS during 2026-2027 school year is eligible to run for SBDM. SBDM representatives are required to attend a training session (six-hours for a new member/ three-hours for an experienced member at the Marshall County Board of Education) and monthly meetings. Two parents will be elected to serve on the council.

If you would like to nominate a candidate or yourself for SBDM, please complete this form and return it to school by April 16, 2026.

Elections will be held at South Marshall Middle School on April 23, 2026, from 7:30 am till 6:00 pm. Ballots will be in the main office from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm and then in the gym lobby from 4:10 to 6:00 pm.

I would like to nominate _____ as a candidate for SBDM at SMMS.

He/She is the parent of: _____.

I certify that I am the parent or guardian of (student)

_____ who will be attending SMMS during the 2026-2027 school year. I am neither an employee nor a relative* of an employee of SMMS, nor the Marshall County district administrative office(s). Additionally, I am not a board member, nor a board member's spouse. I do not have a business interest with the district nor SMMS. If elected, I agree to serve on the SMMS SBDM Council. Pursuant to KRS 160.380, I understand that I will need to submit to a national and state fingerprinted criminal background check within thirty days of taking office.

**Relative is defined, pursuant to KRS 160.380 (1)(b), as father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.*

Nominee's Signature

Date



SMMS VOLLEYBALL

OPEN GYMS

DATES:

APRIL 22, 29

MAY 6, 13, 20

3:00-4:30



**IF IT RAINS, OPEN GYM WILL BE CANCELLED
INCOMING 6TH GRADERS WELCOME**

**CONTACT: COACH PARHAM OR COACH LOCKER
WITH QUESTIONS**

MADLINE.PARHAM@MARSHALL.KYSCHOOLS.US

KELLY.LOCKER@MARSHALL.KYSCHOOLS.US



Marshall County High School Color Guard Tryouts



Who can attend? ANY CURRENT 7th or 8th GRADE STUDENT!

Where will we meet? MCHS Band Room

When? April 27-May 1 (3:30-5:00)
(Auditions will be on May 1st)

Do I have to come every day?
Attendance is strongly encouraged. The more you learn during the week, the better your chance of making the Color Guard!

Do you have to have experience? No
Dance or Equipment Experience is needed...we will teach you!

What do I bring? Comfortable clothes, tennis shoes, a great attitude

and a smile!

Who do I contact if I have questions?

-Jesus Lara is the Color Guard Director at MCHS. He would love to hear from you if you have any questions. You can send him an e-mail at jesus.lara@marshall.kyschools.us

-Mr. Ronnie Payton, Head Director of Bands

(Ronnie.payton@marshall.kyschools.us)(270-527-1453), is also available in the band room if you have any questions. Just call or email him!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!

FIELD TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY!

April 5 - 8, 2027



Join Ms. Stewart for an "Arts" Tour

INFORMATION MEETING



APRIL 30TH

**MCHS
ROOM 1509
6:30 PM**



OPEN TO INCOMING 9TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE AND FAMILIES!

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2026

Today's Date: _____

CAMPER INFORMATION

Camper's Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Is this your first time attending camp? Yes No

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: Male Female

Any Disability? If so please describe needs: _____

Food Allergies: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

ATTENDING CAMP IN MEMORY OF

First and Last Name of Deceased: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Cause of Death: _____ Date of Death: _____

Was the death expected: Yes No

Please attach a separate sheet of paper to describe any changes in your child's thoughts, feelings, or behaviors that you have noticed since the death. (or send an email to tamra.dodson@compassus.com)

T-SHIRT SIZING

Youth: YM (8-10) YL (10-12) YXL (14-16)

Adults: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4X



ABOUT CAMP ROBIN

HELPING CHILDREN TO HEAL

Camp Robin is a free day camp for children 4 through 18 years of age who have experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or anyone who has been important in their life.

Losing a loved one is difficult at any age, but it is especially hard on a child. Founded in 2006, Camp Robin helps children who are struggling with the difficult emotions of a loss. At camp, children are able to express themselves and meet others their age dealing with similar situations.

Camp includes confidence building programs and age based support that helps kids to break the isolation that grief often brings. At camp, children find a place where they have a voice and can start to heal in a safe and fun environment.



CONTACT US

If you know someone who would benefit from Camp Robin's services or if you or your company would like to learn more about volunteering or making a donation, please contact us today.

CAMP CONTACTS

Tamra Dodson
Email: Tamra.Dodson@compassus.com
Phone: (270) 349-7910

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM

Camp Robin/Compassus
225 Medical Center Drive, STE 203
Paducah, KY 42003

SCAN REGISTRATION FORM

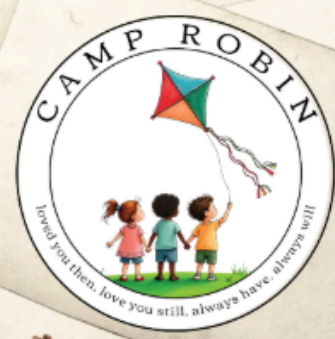
Tamra.Dodson@compassus.com

REGISTER ONLINE AT

https://compassuslivingfoundation.org/

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2026

A Parent/Guardian letter containing needed details will be mailed to you approximately 1 week before camp.



CAMP SUMMARY

MEALS

Lunch and snacks will be provided to all campers and parents/guardians

STAFF

Camp Robin's volunteer staff, which is led by a team of grief and loss professionals, is carefully screened and receives specialized training on children's grief issues. Group leaders encourage children to process their grief in a healthy and constructive way.

LOCATION

Reidland Baptist Church
5559 Benton Rd.
Paducah, KY 42003

DATE AND TIME

Camp will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026
Doors open and check-in begins at 8:30am
Camp 9:00am - 4:00pm



Scan QR code to register

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

April 10, 2026

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please list any allergies and/or dietary restrictions that your child may have: _____

In the event of an emergency or sickness, I authorize the camp nurse to render necessary first aid. While we do have nurses available for first aid, we do want parents/guardians to stay with their children for the day. In the event that appropriate treatment cannot be provided at the campsite, I consent for my child to be taken to the Emergency Department where the physician will exercise his or her best judgment as to the diagnosis or treatment and hospital service that may be rendered. I understand that should the need for medical care arise, I will be financially responsible for all costs incurred in rendering and providing medical attention to my child and neither Compassus, Compassus Living Foundation nor Camp Robin is obligated to provide insurance or assume financial responsibility for medical assistance provided.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

CONSENT FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

By signing below, I consent to the following: I give Compassus, Compassus Living Foundation and Camp Robin staff permission to photograph, video and/or interview my child and to use these images, recordings, and/or quotes in staff training and in the promotion of camp in the community via brochures, ads, newspaper articles, and other forms of publication.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



"I believe that these children will carry the love and concern that was shown to them for the rest of their lives."

-Grandmother of Camper



JOIN US

SUMMER CAMPS

MARSHALL COUNTY ARTS CENTER

WWW.MARSHALLCOUNTYARTS.COM

Marshall County Arts Center

Youth on Stage Camp

Disney · PIXAR

FINDING NEMO

KIDS

June 1-13

MARSHALL COUNTY ARTS CENTER

SMART CAMP

JUNE 29 - JULY 3

Perfect Camp to be introduced to live theatre

Marshall County Arts Center

TEENS on Stage

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

JR

July 20 - August 1



REGISTER HERE

Marshall County Schools 2025-2026 Calendar

Version 2

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	No School
	Holiday
	District PD

	Educator Learning Day
	Opening/Closing Day
	Make Up Day

	Flex PD
	First Day/Last Day Students

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.

January

Belts (new or gently
used in any size)
Ear buds

February

Toothpaste
Floss

March

Lens cloths and
cleaning spray (for
prescription glasses)

April

Laundry detergent
Shout wipes/
Tide pens
Deodorant

May

New underwear
or sports bras
(any size)

June

Household
cleaning
supplies

July

Body wash
Deodorant

August

Hair brushes
Hair ties
Dry shampoo

September

Hoodies (14/16
children's-3X
adult)

October

Socks
(new in any size
accepted)

November

Wired ear buds

December

Garbage bags

thank you