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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NWEA Testing Window** Dec. 5—16
- **Skate Night/PTO** Dec. 8 6:00/6:30
- **Last Day for AR** 1st Semester Dec. 9
- **Grade 4-5 Program** Dec. 12 6:30
- **AR Reward Day**—Dec. 16
- **Christmas Break** Dec. 21 Jan. 3
- **School Resumes for Students** Jan. 4

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South News

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3 Time Geography Bowl Champions

This year the South Vikings became the champions of the Geography Bowl world by defeating a worthy Washington team in the final round of the 19th annual Geography Bowl. Students had to answer various questions related to geography from all around the world.

A special thank you goes to Jim Chelsvig and the JHS Geography Club for their help in coordinating this event. Another thank you goes to the JHS technical department, Mediacom and Capital Sound and Light for

making arrangements to carry the program live on Mediacom. Prizes were



2011 Geography Bowl Champions!!!

provided by Bound to Stay Bound, ergAdoo, Perma-Bound Books, Rand McNally, Sonic, Dairy Queen, and the Jacksonville Journal Courier. The students who participated in the Geogra-

phy Bowl include Jacob H., Jerad S., Shelby C., Dante P., Luke H., and Alyssa S.

The winning team consisted of Riley H., Camille B., Chloe H., Dawson G. Jayse W., and Kameron C.

We are very proud of all of our Geography Bowl students.

A huge thank you also goes to Mrs. Agner and Mrs. Rainey. They were our coaches and spent many hours in preparation with the students. Their dedication and hard work was a great example to the students and staff at South!!!

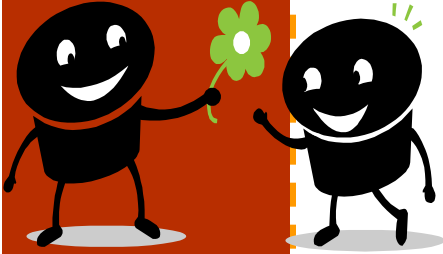
NWEA Testing Begins December 5

The second round of NWEA testing begins December 5 and will continue through December 16. Students will be challenged to demonstrate what they have learned since their baseline test in August. We test students 3 times a year. We test in August, December and again in May. The

NWEA test sets targets for growth. Each student has this information in his or her Quality Tools binder. Students should be able to tell you how they scored, how much they improved from the first test to their current test, and what goals they have to achieve ongoing growth. As with

all testing, we are asking that your child eat a nutritious breakfast each day during this testing window. If your child is eating breakfast at South, we have you covered. We are also asking that you try to make sure your child gets a good 8 hours of sleep. Thank you for helping !!!

Core Essential Goal For December



The Core Essential Goal for December is Generosity. We define generosity as “Making someone’s day by giving something away.”

We emphasize that students can give something away in many ways. We discuss giving away tangible items as one way of helping others. A great example of that was our Thanksgiving Tur-

key Basket program.

We also talk about intangible ways to be generous. Small things like giving an extra compliment, holding a door open for a friend, including another student in a game or activity or just saying an extra kind word to someone can be excellent examples of being a generous person.

We are very fortunate to

have many young boys and girls who understand and demonstrate generosity.

You can find more information on the website at www.south.jsd117.org.

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Midterm Grades and Skyward

South provides midterm grades for all students. While not all schools provide midterm grades for every student, I feel that a midterm update is important for parents to gain an understanding of the progress their child is making in each of the subject areas.

It is my hope that every parent will sit with their child and ask them how they feel they are

doing regarding their school work. Students are capable and will bring accurate information on strength and weakness areas to you.

From that point you will be able to establish a plan to help your child reach their highest achievement.

If you have looked over your child’s midterm grades and feel a need to contact the teacher

or arrange a conference, please email or call the teacher. He or she will be happy to help you gain more information and build a plan to support further growth.

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Holiday Break December 21-January 3

The semester break will take place beginning **December 21 with a 1:35 dismissal.** We appreciate you making plans to have your children picked up on time that day. Students frequently get upset if they feel someone is

not coming to pick them up. Having a conversation on December 21 prior to sending your child to school may help alleviate their stress. Also, we ask you to contact the office if a student is going to go home with someone other than their normal rides. We want to make sure all students are

accounted for and safe .

Teachers will have an institute on January 3. Students will return to school on January 4.

We hope all of you have an enjoyable and blessed holiday!!!