

## Welcome to Shawnee Mission East



### 2020-2021 8th Grade Information Night for 9th Grade Enrollment Monday, January 27, 2020 from 6:30-7:45pm 913-993-6600      smeast.smsd.org

#### EVENING AGENDA

6:30—6:45pm—General Overview Session in Auditorium

*(Please use the Gym Entrance or the Performing Arts Entrance)*

Dr. Scott Sherman, Principal

Brenda Tretbar, Counseling Coordinator

Dr. Ryan Flurry, Principal of Career Education Campuses

6:50—7:05pm—Session 1

7:10—7:25pm—Session 2

7:30—7:45pm—Session 3

#### Subjects/Locations

Art .....	Adam Finkelston .....	Room 205
Band .....	Alex Toepfer .....	Room 210
Business .....	Jennifer Hair/Amanda Doane .....	Room 500
Computer Programming.....	Jamie Kelly .....	Room 503
Debate/Speech & Drama/Mock Trial.....	Trey Witt.....	Room MCC (Library)
Family & Consumer Sciences.....	Samantha Abel/Janel Cates.....	Room 227
Gifted.....	Mary Holsworth.....	Room 319
Engineering (Industrial Technology) .....	Vincent Miller .....	Room 105
International Baccalaureate.....	Monique Goodeyon.....	Room 412
Journalism.....	Dow Tate.....	Room 413B
Language Arts.....	Michelle Abshire .....	Room 517
Legal Studies.....	Fred Elliott.....	Room 316
Math.....	Jennifer Horn.....	Room 411
Orchestra (1st session only) .....	Adam Keda.....	Room 212
Physical Education .....	Shawn Hair.....	Gym
Science .....	Miles Martin.....	Room 406
Social Studies.....	Stephen Laird .....	Room 306
Theatre.....	Brian Cappello/Tom DeFeo .....	Auditorium
Video Production .....	Jennifer Hunter .....	Library Computer Lab
Choir .....	Ken Foley .....	Room 211
World Languages-Latin,Spanish,French,Chinese .....	Laure Losey .....	Room 511

#### District Signature Programs—Library

Animation & Game Design · Biotechnology · Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Project Blue Eagle (Law, Public Safety and Security)

Engineering-Project Lead the Way · Medical Health Sciences · Naval Science JROTC

# 9th Grade Enrollment Schedule at Indian Hills

## Presentation of Enrollment Materials

Wednesday, January 22 , 2020

Finalize Enrollment with SM East Counselors

Friday, January 31, 2020

### Enrollment for 2020-2021

The SME counselors are looking forward to helping each current 8<sup>th</sup> grade student with enrollment for next year. The enrollment schedule for Indian Hills is posted above. Each student will receive an enrollment card and a list of courses available to freshmen at SME. Students will need to turn in the enrollment card to their 8th grade science teacher prior to the East counselors returning for the final enrollment sessions.

### Honors Placement

We encourage all students to challenge themselves appropriately. To that end, we offer the following honors courses for 9th graders: English Language Arts 1 Honors, World Regional Studies Honors, Biology 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, and Algebra 2 Honors.

A student may self-select any honors course for which they meet the prerequisite, except for math which must be Teacher recommended. Typically, students who have been most successful in honors courses at the high school are students who have performed well in middle school classes, have strong standardized test scores, and possess good study habits and the motivation to be in a more rigorous class. The honors courses are taught at a faster pace and cover more materials in greater depth than the standard courses. Because honors students are expected to take on more personal responsibility with regard to their success in class, those students who successfully complete the course with an A, B, or C will receive an extra grade point. In addition, students are expected to complete an assignment in the summer prior to beginning an English honors course.

Overall, teachers of honors courses have indicated that students who select honors courses should be prepared for the following: accelerated pace and difficulty, increased nightly homework (30-45 minutes more per class), and more independent study and work.

### How Parents Can Assist During the Enrollment Process

- Parents play a very important role in the enrollment process. Please encourage your student to take advantage of the variety of courses offered at East.
- We request that all parents sign their student's enrollment card.
- Help your student to select his/her courses carefully, considering prerequisites for future courses. This will help avoid schedule change requests in the future. For a variety of reasons, it is sometimes impossible to change a schedule once the courses have been selected. This is a cooperative effort. With your support we can help your student enroll in the courses s/he wants. We will make schedule changes if there is an error.

### Administrators and Counselors

Dr. Scott Sherman Principal		Traci Ybarra, Counselor	A-Fo
Dr. Susan Leonard, Associate Principal	A-G	Michele Burns, Counselor	Fr-L
Mr. Jeff Storey, Associate Principal	H-O	Susan Barr, Counselor	M-R
Mr. Britt Haney, Associate Principal	P-Z	Brenda Tretbar, Counselor	S-Z

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where can I get summer school information?

Summer school information is available on the district website (smsd.org). Enrollment begins February 3, 2020. Brochures will be available at enrollment at Indian Hills MS and in the counseling office at SME. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders do not need a high school counselor signature in order to enroll in Foundations of PE, art, or health. Enrollment in summer school, including online courses, must be done in person at SME. Summer School will be held at SM North.

### Can changes be made after enrollment forms are turned in?

We make every effort to get students the classes they initially request. If circumstances affect your student's choices or placement and you think a change is appropriate, please contact his/her academic counselor as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the spring semester for the best chance of making a change. NO changes are permitted after August 5th.

### Can I request a particular type of teacher for my student?

The counseling department cannot accommodate teacher requests.

### How does my student sign up for a "try-out" course like drill team or cheerleading?

Students should list any try-out course in the try out section of the enrollment card and indicate which elective s/he would like to drop if selected for the class/team.

### Will my student get all the courses s/he requests?

We try to make sure that students have schedules that meet their needs and include their elective requests. Unfortunately, sometimes classes conflict with one another, or there are simply not enough spaces for all the students who request a particular course. In addition, some courses are "enrollment-based", meaning they will not be offered if we do not have enough students request them. The alternate course selections become vitally important at this point. We urge students and parents to give careful thought to the alternates and put them in order on the enrollment card because some students will end up being enrolled in these courses.

### Can I get an individual appointment with my student's high school counselor?

We welcome phone calls, emails, and appointments from parents who still have questions and concerns after reviewing the enrollment materials and attending the Information Night. Please call the counseling secretary at 993-6630 to get in contact with your counselor. Short questions may be best addressed via email. Please be aware that counselors may be out of the office enrolling students for much of the month of January and February so it may be difficult to get appointments during those months.

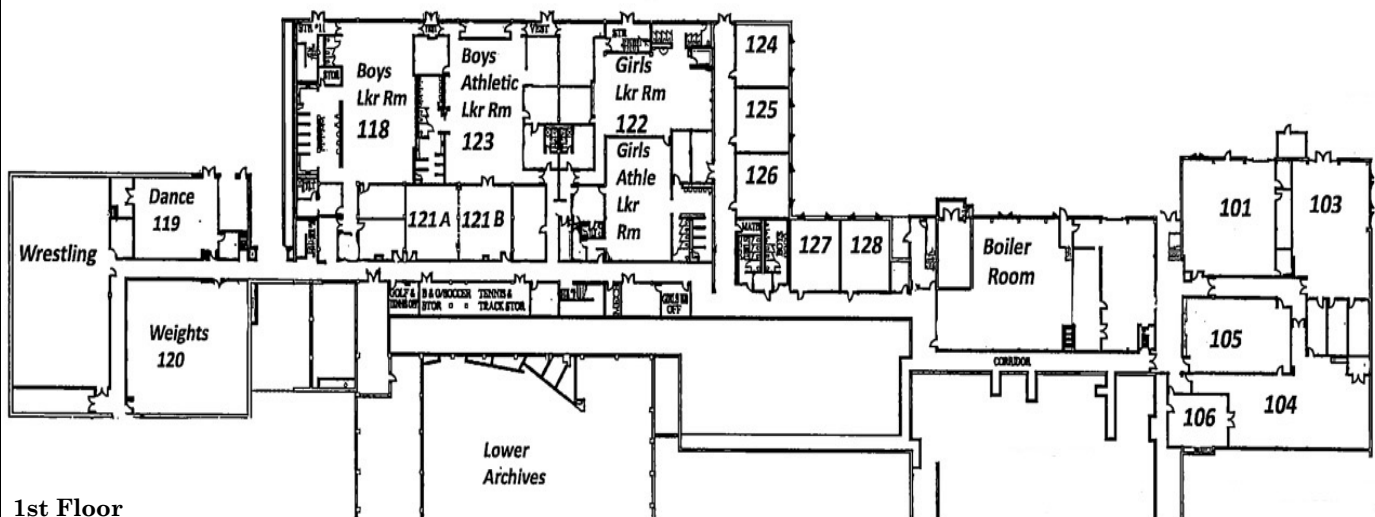
### I have a special needs student. How does this affect the enrollment process?

The middle school case managers will be meeting with high school representatives to discuss placement needs of students with IEPs.

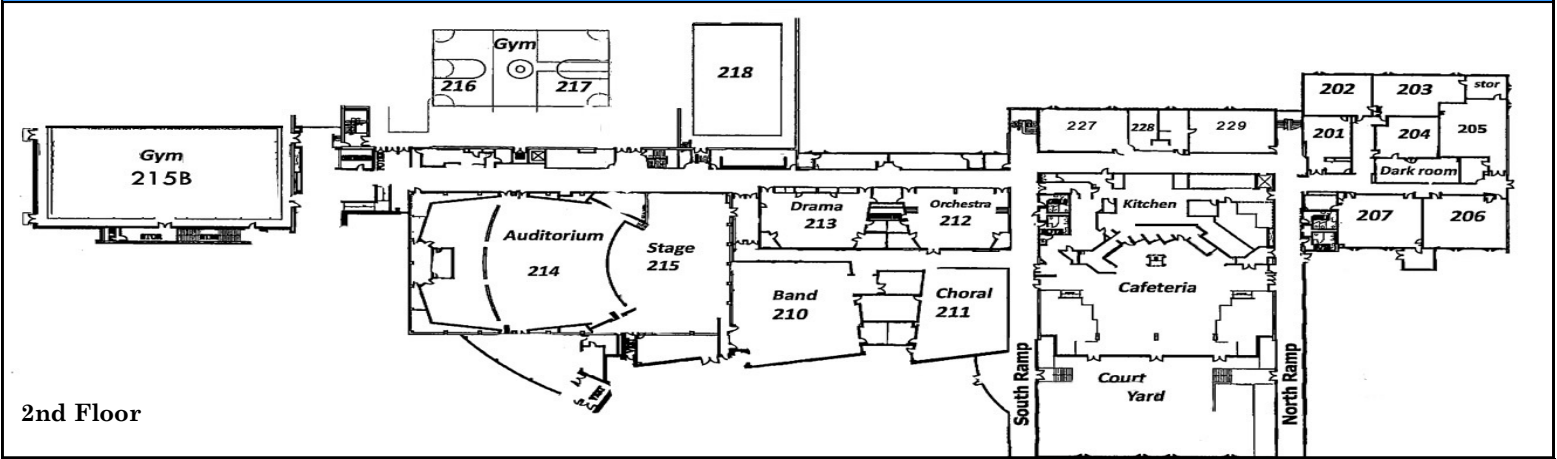
### How do I decide how many honors courses are appropriate for my student?

Please consider your student's previous performance in classes, as well as his/her aptitude, work ethic, and motivation. We would suggest that parents attend the Information Night to receive information about honors courses from the various department coordinators and individual teachers. You should also review the information regarding honors placement in the previous section.

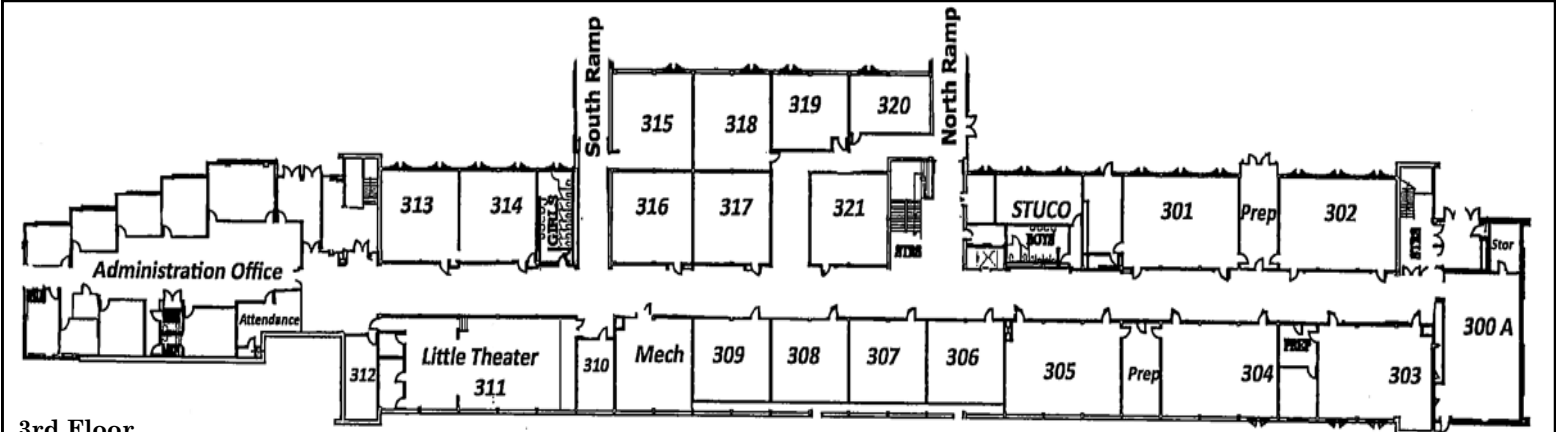
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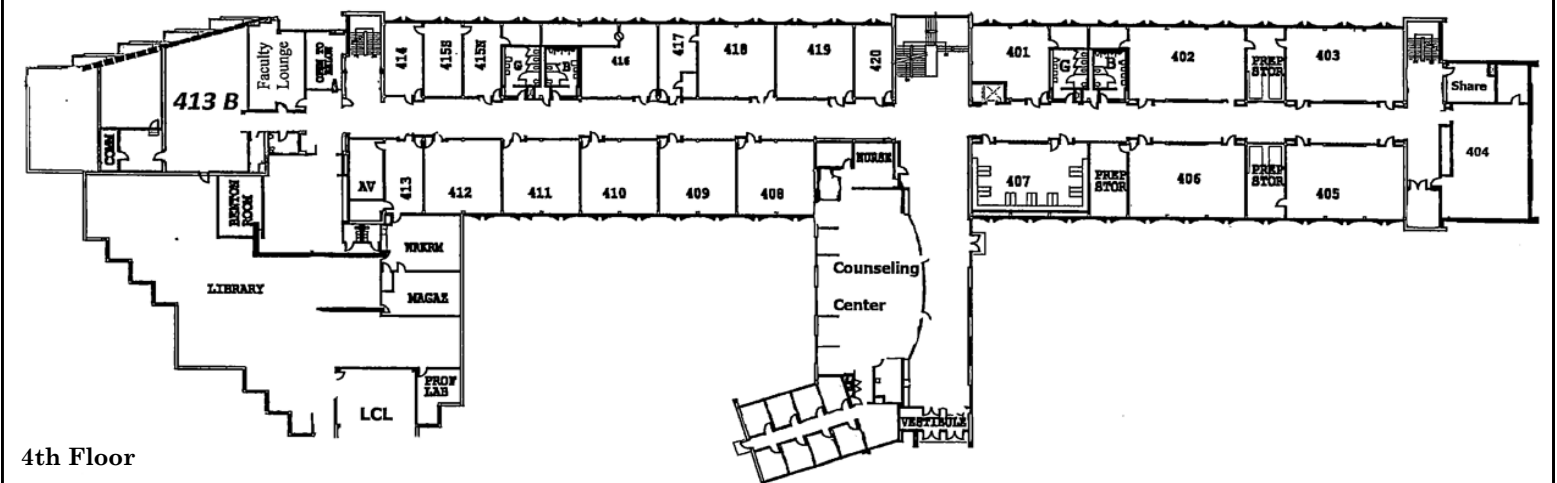
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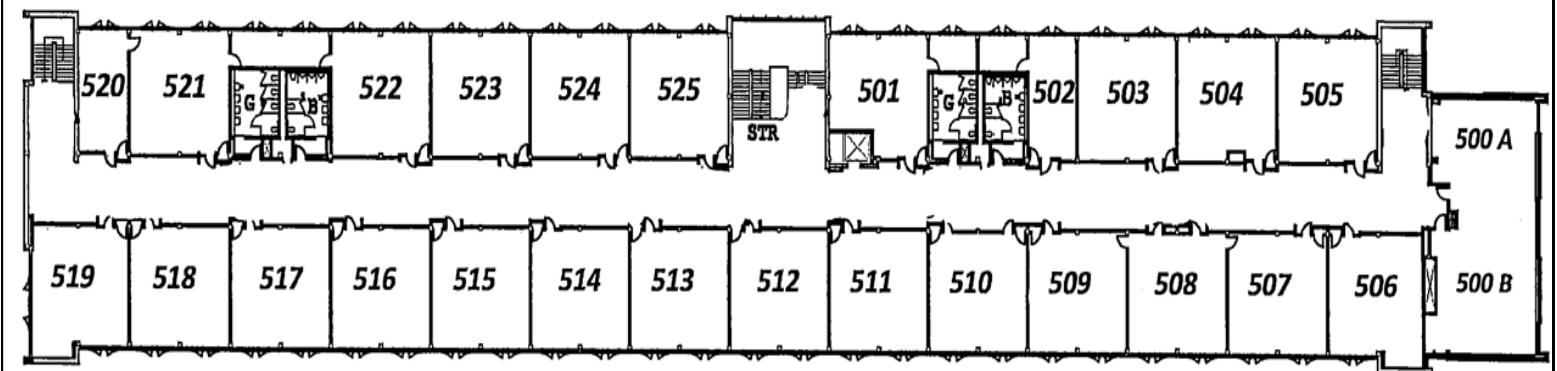
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### 3rd Floor



## 4th Floor



## 5th Floor