Hello, Lancer families,

This week our school transitioned to a late-arrival schedule. Moving forward, Thursdays, school will begin at 8:50 am. Teachers use this time to collaborate in a professional learning community (PLC). PLCs are designed to create regular time for course- alike teachers to create common lessons, assessments, and scope and sequence to improve student learning. For example, all Algebra I teachers work together to create common assessments and lessons, and spend time reflecting on student performance in order to identify overall areas of strength and growth. Research on PLC culture is very clear, collaboration works and has a massive impact on student learning, which is why we protect this time.

As a school, we are a professional learning community. This is who we are. We collaborate in every aspect of our professional lives. This time makes it possible for our school culture to be reflective, student-centered, and action-oriented.

Please be aware that next week is a 4-day week with no school on Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Principal
Jason Peres

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SCHEDULE CHANGE NEXT WEEK!

Next Friday, Sept. 17th, is a Professional Learning Day for teachers. Our schedule for the week will be as follows:

Monday -- Odd Block
Tuesday -- Event Block
Wednesday -- Odd Block
SENEMAR PERIOD IS NOW “WIN” (What I Need)

See details regarding our revised weekly schedule, including Lancer Connect on Mondays, WIN period on Tuesdays and Advisory on Late-Start Thursdays.

Coming Up! Click here for the SME Calendar.
Click here for the Athletics Calendar!

This is the Sunflower League Calendar, including all athletic events.

Attendance Hotline! 913-993-6645

Please remember to allow 30+ minutes of lead time for your student to be released. Thank you!

FROM SME'S STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Please click here for the Student Services website to find information about:

- College Application FAQ
- College Resources
- Financial Aid & Scholarships FAQ
- Financial Aid & Scholarships Resources
- AP Exam Registration
- College Now (concurrent / dual enrollment at JCCC) – enrollment deadline is September 17!
- Real World Learning opportunities (Internships, Job Shadowing, Career and Technical Training and more!)

OCTOBER 13TH -- SME TESTING DAY

Click on this button for details.

PANORAMA SURVEY

Students will complete the Panorama survey during the month of September. For more information click HERE (English), or HERE (Spanish).

BUS INFORMATION -- ALL RIDERS, PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the week of September 20, DS Bus Lines, the district's transportation service provider, will be implementing a new schedule. Drivers will be implementing this change to ensure a smooth transition. Please note the new schedule and start times for your child’s bus. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact DS Bus Lines at 913-993-6645.
transportation services. For any student riders not yet registered for transportation, please note that parents will be contacted by school offices to arrange alternative (parent provided) transportation.

To register students for transportation, visit DS Bus Lines website. You can contact DS Bus Lines at 913-384-1190.

For schools that offer regular education transportation, families who may qualify for free transportation should consider completing the online Household Economic survey (HES) located in Skyward (Online Verification Link). Please contact your child’s school office for assistance in completing this form.

BILINGUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT
¡Evento bilingüe de regreso a clases!

When

Wednesday, Sep. 22nd, 5-7pm

Where

8200 West 71st Street Overland Park, KS

More information

¡Evento bilingüe de regreso a clases!
Familias bilingües de Shawnee Mission, Por favor, ven a nuestra evento bilingüe de Regreso a clases...
La información del evento esta en el pdf apegado. Brindamos conexiones con servicios del distrito y de la comunidad. Es un evento bilingüe. ¿Preguntas? comuníquese con <> conniespringfield@smsd.org

Yearbook Photo Re-Takes and Orders

- If you're able to attend Lancer Launch or Senior Portrait Day (or you aren't happy with your photo proofs), please plan to have your photo taken in the SME library on Sept. 23rd.
- If you have questions regarding photo orders, please contact our Inter-State representative, Bethany Houser bhouser@inter-state.com for assistance.

ATTENTION: SENIORS! All you need to know...

can be found on this link to the senior page on the SME website.
New: Group Yearbook Ads!
Due Friday! Order here!

SME Homecoming is October 9th!
Did you know a Dance Contract is required for outside guests? Find it here!

The Latest News from SHARE!
See the latest from SHARE here.
SHARE for SPORTS starts NOW! See opportunities for this initiative in the links below:

- Birdies for Betes
- Touchdowns for Tots
- Goals for Global FC
RENOVATION SENSATION HOMES TOUR IS COMING UP!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND!

The sole fundraiser for SHARE at SME, Renovation Sensation, is coming up 10am-7pm on Wednesday, September 22nd! We realize many of you are new to SME so here is some info to bring you up to speed:

- SHARE is one of the largest student-led, school based service programs in the country! SHARE creates community service and leadership opportunities for students at SME while benefitting the entire Kansas City area.
- Renovation Sensation is a tour of four stunning homes that have been renovated or newly built in the SME area. Known...
Join SME PTSA Today!
Join the Lancer Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to support students, teachers, parents, and school staff. Your membership makes a difference allowing for school-wide programs that enhance the Lancer community.
Questions: triciastephens13@gmail.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS SEPT. 28TH

ATTENTION STUDENTS!
Interested in having a voice in planning and execution of PTSA events at SME? Do you think you have great ideas and can help bring the students’ voices to our meetings? Would you like to help in meetings about Instructional Grants for teachers? We need your help to make our events even more successful!! Email Michelle Schmidt michelleschmidt1993@gmail.com with the following:
1. Name
2. Grade level
3. Phone number
4. What are your reasons for seeking this role? (3-4 sentences)
5. Any particular areas that peak your interest?
**NOTE You must be a current member of PTSA to serve this board.

UPDATES FROM THE EAST FUND
Don't miss the East Fund's annual party and fundraiser--SME Shindig, a Western Party to Benefit East! The party will take place on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 6:30pm at Indian Hills Country Club with plenty of outdoor space! No assigned seating, no fancy clothes, no auction--just a night out with friends in the East community to help the East Fund continue to support our students, teachers and staff. We will have great raffle items and a chance to sign up for grade-level parent parties! Did we mention live music from Perpetual Change?? For tickets and more information, please visit https://www.theeastfund.org/sme-shindig
The City of Prairie Village is accepting applications for 2021-2022 Teen Council.

The mission of the Teen Council program is to give area teens an opportunity to learn and actively participate in municipal government, positively impact our community, and gain leadership experience. This program coincides with the academic school year. Participation will begin mid-fall and conclude with a recognition ceremony in May.

Teen Council members will have an opportunity to work closely with City Council representatives, join Council members on the dais (or via Zoom) and participate in discussions during the Council Committee meetings, tour and learn about our Public Works Department, do a ride-along and learn about our Police Department, attend committee meetings, a school board meeting, and work together on a presentation to the City Council. We are excited to offer this very hands-on learning experience for our youth in Prairie Village.

**Applicants must be Prairie Village residents.** The program is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school.

Learn more or apply online.
Contact SME

@SMEOffice

Attendance: (913) 993-6645

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