

# SM WEST NEWSLETTER

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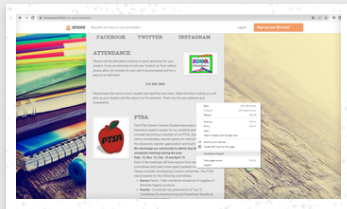


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# ATTENDANCE

Please call the attendance hotline to report absences for your student. If you are planning to pick your student up from school, please allow 30 minutes for your call to be processed and for a pass to be delivered.



**913-993-7845**

Please leave the name of your student and spell the last name. State the time in which you will pick up your student and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



## IMPORTANT REMINDER - ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The first class of the day STARTS promptly at 7:40am. Students are welcome to arrive after 7am and breakfast is served starting at 7:15am.

**We need EVERYONE'S cooperation to be here on time.**

Students who understand the value of punctuality and attend school on time, **get better grades and enjoy a greater sense of well-being and confidence**

The school day ends at 2:40pm. Students should be off campus after 3:00pm unless they are under the direct supervision of a coach or sponsor.

Regular attendance is vital for student success.

- Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year or about 18 days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it.
- Some absences are unavoidable. We understand that children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. The important thing is to get your children to school as often as possible.
- Sporadic absences, not just those on consecutive days of school, matter. Before you know it – just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.
- If too many absences occur, it is still a problem whether they are excused or unexcused because they represent too much lost learning time in the classroom.

We appreciate our students, parents, staff and community helping to prioritize the importance of coming to school and then making sure to arrive on time to each class throughout the day.

Thank you.

## STAFF DIRECTORY

Please use this link to access the Staff Directory on our Webpage.

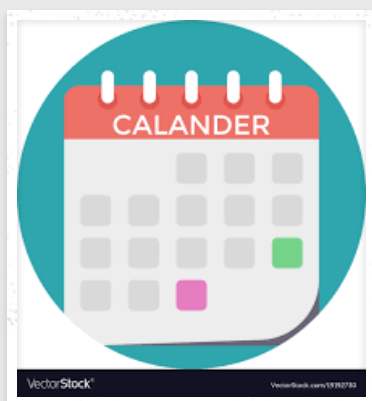
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## SM WEST CALENDAR

Please use this link for our SM West Calendar.

[CALENDAR LINK](#)



# ATHLETIC WEBPAGE

Please use this link to access the SM West Athletic Webpage.

[West Athletic Page](#)

For the most up to date athletic schedule please use the Sunflower League page.

[Sunflower League Webpage](#)



## BELL SCHEDULE

Below is an image of our SM West weekly bell schedule. Our Late Start Thursdays will not begin until Sept. 14th. This is the updated schedule that reflects this late start Thursdays. Occasionally, throughout the year, there might be changes in our bell schedule. Days in which we host pep assemblies will have a different schedule as well as during Finals.



**MONDAY**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Period | 7:40 - 8:30   | 50 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period | 8:35 - 9:25   | 50 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period | 9:30 - 10:20  | 50 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Period | 10:25 - 11:15 | 50 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Period | 11:20 - 12:50 | 55 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Period | 12:55 - 1:45  | 50 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Period | 1:50 - 2:40   | 50 |

**5<sup>th</sup> Block Lunch**

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| Lunch A | 11:20 - 11:50 |
| Lunch B | 11:50 - 12:20 |
| Lunch C | 12:20 - 12:50 |

**TUESDAY**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period  | 7:40 - 9:15  | 95 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Seminar | 9:20 - 10:55 | 95 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Period  | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Period  | 1:05 - 2:40  | 95 |

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| Announcements | 9:20-9:30  |
| Advisory      | 9:30-9:55  |
| Seminar       | 9:55-10:55 |

**4<sup>th</sup> Block Lunch**

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| Lunch A | 10:55 - 11:25 |
| Lunch B | 11:45 - 12:15 |
| Lunch C | 12:30 - 1:00  |

**WEDNESDAY**

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period | 9:20 - 10:55 | 95 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Period | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Period | 1:05 - 2:40  | 95 |

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**THURSDAY**

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| LATE START- PLC         | 7:30-8:30    | 60 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period  | 8:40-10:15   | 95 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Seminar | 10:20-10:55  | 35 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Period  | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
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#### ADJUSTED WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sept 11th - Sept. 15

**Monday** -Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, and 7

**Tuesday** - Even Block Day - 2, 8, 4, and 6. Pep Assembly during Seminar

**Wednesday** - Odd Block Day - 1, 3, 5, and 7

**Thursday** - LATE START THURSDAY - Classes begin promptly at 8:40am Even Block Day - 2, 8, 4, and 6

**Friday** - NO SCHOOL for Students - Professional Development for teachers

## LATE START THURSDAY'S BEGIN

Please be aware that our LATE STARTS will begin on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023.

Late Start Thursdays are designed to allow for a time for our teachers to work with team members in our building and the other high schools to collaborate and share ideas to improve instruction and assessment.



The beginning time has been adjusted from last year, so please know that all students should plan to arrive to school at 8:30 am on late start Thursdays for an 8:40 beginning of the day.

Busses will run on a normal schedule and students arriving before 8:30am should plan to stay in the cafeteria, bridge, or gymnasium areas. Once a student arrives on campus by a bus, parent drop off, or on their own, they must remain on campus and in those designated areas. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria.

These late starts are set to run from 9/14 – 4/4 and at that time we will return to a no late start schedule.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your student be on time and present each day.

## HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY

Our Homecoming Pep Assembly will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. Our fabulous pep club will be hosting the assembly. Nominations for our Homecoming Royalty Court are taking place now and the candidates will be introduced at the assembly. All students and staff are encouraged to support West by wearing the spirit wear for your group. See image below.







## HOMECOMING BONFIRE

Come join our SM West Homecoming Bonfire Event. See flier below.

We will have a DJ, food trucks, cheer, dance and band will perform. Float decorating will be in the back of the Antioch lot for any one that wants space to work on their float before the parade on Thursday.

**SEPTEMBER  
20TH**

**5:30-8:00PM**

**BONFIRE CHECK LIST**

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**WEAR YOUR CLASS COLOR**

Freshmen - gray  
Sophomores - yellow  
Juniors - black  
Seniors - white

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**FOOD TRUCKS**

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**FLOAT DECORATING**

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**MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES**

# Westapalooza

HOMECOMING PARADE - SEPT 21ST



Join StuCo as we host our 2023 Westapalooza Homecoming Parade on Thursday, Sep 21 at 1:30 with Grand Marshal Kelly Gill leading our Vikings. We will end up in Thompson Park in downtown OP for a short rally.

Clubs/Teams/Classes and Staff will be working to create thematic floats and our Homecoming Royalty will be introduced as we cheer on our Viking Football players! All sponsors were emailed a link to complete in order to participate in the parade.



A poster for a homecoming football game. At the top is a photo of the Shawnee Mission West Vikings football team on the field, holding large flags. Below the photo is a yellow banner with the word 'HOMECOMING' in black. Underneath are the logos for Shawnee Mission West Vikings (a yellow helmet with a 'W') and Olathe South Falcons (a blue helmet with a falcon). Between the logos is a minus sign. Below the logos, the text reads: 'SMSD South Stadium', 'September 22nd, 2023', and 'Time: 7pm'. At the bottom, it says 'FRI, SEP 22 AT 7 PM CDT' and 'Homecoming Football Game'.



## HOMECOMING DANCE

The dance will take place on Saturday, Sep 23 from 7-10pm. Tickets will go on sale the week of Homecoming. \$15 single/\$25 double, on sale during lunches on the bridge. We'll also sell at the door, but encourage students to buy early to avoid lines.

VERY IMPORTANT:


If a West student is planning on bringing a guest that is not a West Student - a Dance Guest Contract must be completed and returned to the front office on the Wednesday before the dance - Sept. 20th.

A pdf of the contract is below - please print or have your student come by to pick up the form in the front office. Please read ALL of the directions. The guest MUST have the signature of an administrator from "THEIR" school on the form. Parents of the West student must also sign the form. If the guest is no longer a student - they need to include a picture of the ID with the contract. Guests MUST be at least in 9th grade and no older than 20 years of age.

Forms can be emailed to [jennifersilverstein@smsd.org](mailto:jennifersilverstein@smsd.org) or faxed to 913-993-8099 ATTENTION: Jennifer Silverstein.



OUTSIDE GUEST FORM FY24.pdf

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## WEST READS

SM West is so very excited to share with our community our West Reads selections.

Each week a different student that might represent one of our clubs/organizations/teams here at West is asked to choose a children's book to read aloud and be recorded. The recording is shared with our elementary feeder schools. This is such a great way to showcase some of the amazing leaders we have in our community and I know the elementary students love seeing the high schoolers sharing literature with them.



We hope you enjoy these editions and will forward to future editions.

This week we are highlighting Football! Jace Morales reads "The Night the Kingdom Rose Again" by Jason Sivewright. This book fits with the Read Across America Theme, Tackling Challenges Together. [Here is the video!](#)

And, we are also highlighting soccer. Bryce Bean and Phillip Mutantika read "Froggy Plays Soccer" by Jonathan London. This book fits with the Read Across America Theme for September, Tackling Challenges Together. [Here is the video!](#)



## PTSA EVENT

Free Parent & Student Event - College & Career Readiness

Is your student on track? What do you need to know from Freshman to Senior Year?

Join us Monday, September 11th @ 6:30pm in the West Library

Evento gratuito para padres y estudiantes - Preparación universitaria y profesional

¿Su estudiante va por buen camino? ¿Qué necesita saber desde el primer año hasta el último año?

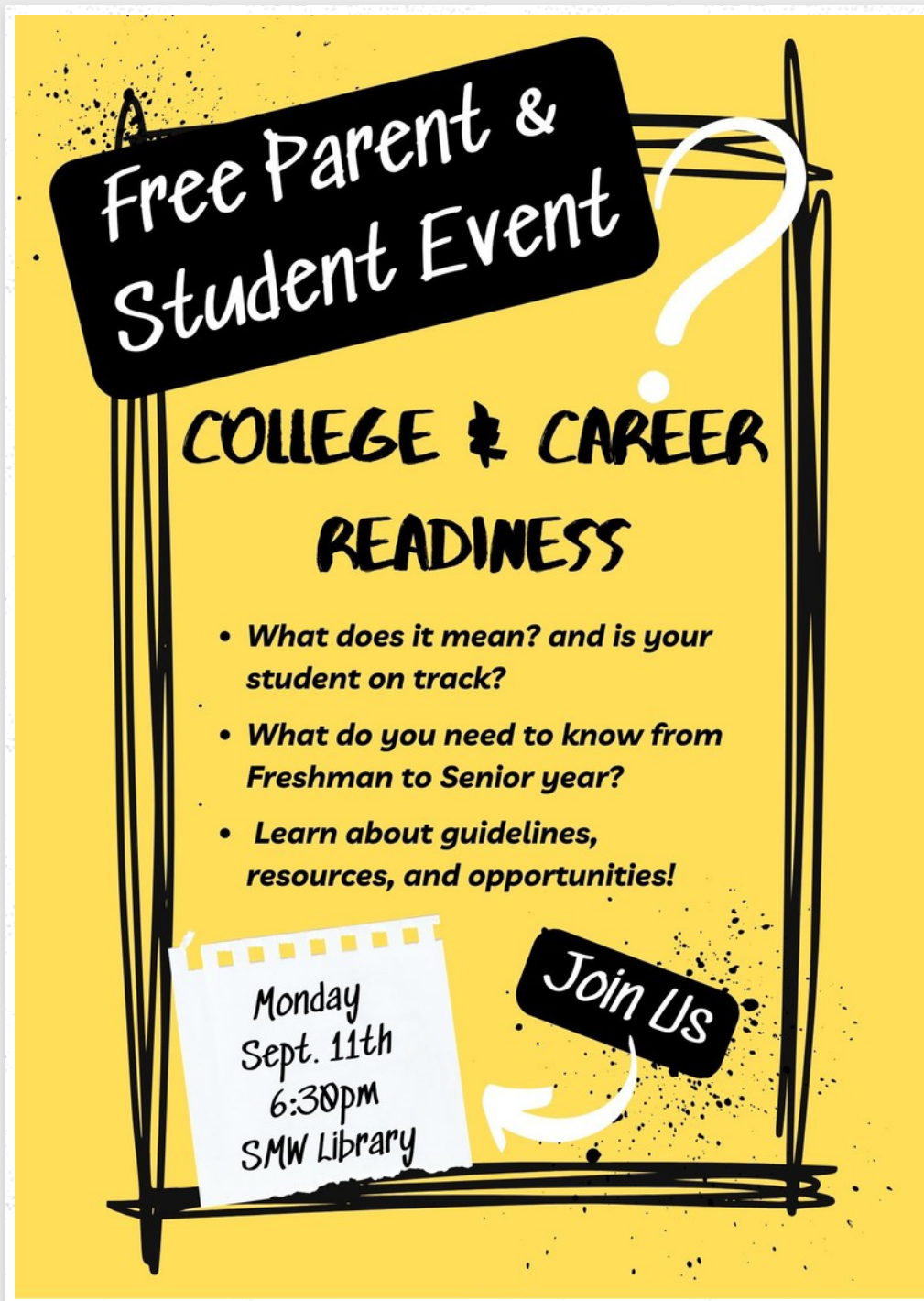
Únase a nosotros el lunes 11 de septiembre @ 6:30pm en la Biblioteca del Oeste

Now is the time to order PTSA Spiritwear as well. Use this link to purchase your gear to support our PTSA and our West community.

[SPIRITWEAR ORDER.](#)

<https://smwestptsa.itemorder.com/shop/home/>





## STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

### Scholarships:

Scholarships are now available to West Seniors! [This](#) list is updated throughout the school year, and we recommend students check it on a regular basis.



West students also have access to this link through the Student Services Canvas page.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Allen, the College Adviser, at [AubreighAllen@smsd.org](mailto:AubreighAllen@smsd.org)

Step-by-Step Through the FAFSA

Sponsored by the Johnson County Public Library



Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 6:30-8 p.m.

**Meeting Location: Zoom**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the federal application necessary to get free and low-cost money for college. Join Jason Anderson, CPA, CFP®, Managing Member and Senior Consultant at Gradmetrics, as he walks line-by-line through the FAFSA form and explains the ins-and-outs of the college admissions and financial aid process. Registration is required for this program. Please register at [jocolibrary.org/events](https://jocolibrary.org/events) or call 913-826-4600.

**COLLEGE VISITS:** Sign up in Student Services w/Ms. Allen, College Adviser

We have several college admissions representatives who come to our high school in person to share information about their college. This [link](#) will lead you to a spreadsheet where new schools are signing up daily. ***Please consider signing up in Student Services to get a pass during seminar for these visits.***

- TUESDAY, SEPT 12th – Oklahoma State University & University of Kansas
- THURSDAY, SEPT 14th – Truman State University & Missouri State University @ Springfield
- TUESDAY, SEPT. 19th – Washburn University & Quincy University
- THURSDAY, SEPT. 21st - William Woods University
- TUESDAY, SEPT 26th – Pittsburg State University & Donnelly College
- THURSDAY, SEPT 28th – Wichita State University
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We are looking forward to helping you navigate your future plans!

Presidential Service Awards: Students have until the end of March to record their volunteer time. Please have your student come to student services if they need a log or information about the service categories. Call Mrs. Holmes with questions (993-7832)

***This is not a required activity.***



SHAWNEE  
MISSION

SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENTS

# SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

**October 4th, 2023**

**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Shawnee Mission West  
High School**

**Come hear from scholarship  
foundations in the KC Metro  
Area and learn about how  
these scholarships can help  
your student!**

*\*Open to all Grade Levels\**

**6:00pm** **Rudd Foundation**

**6:30pm** **KC Scholars**

**7:00pm** **Hispanic  
Development Fund**

**7:30pm** **KS Promise**



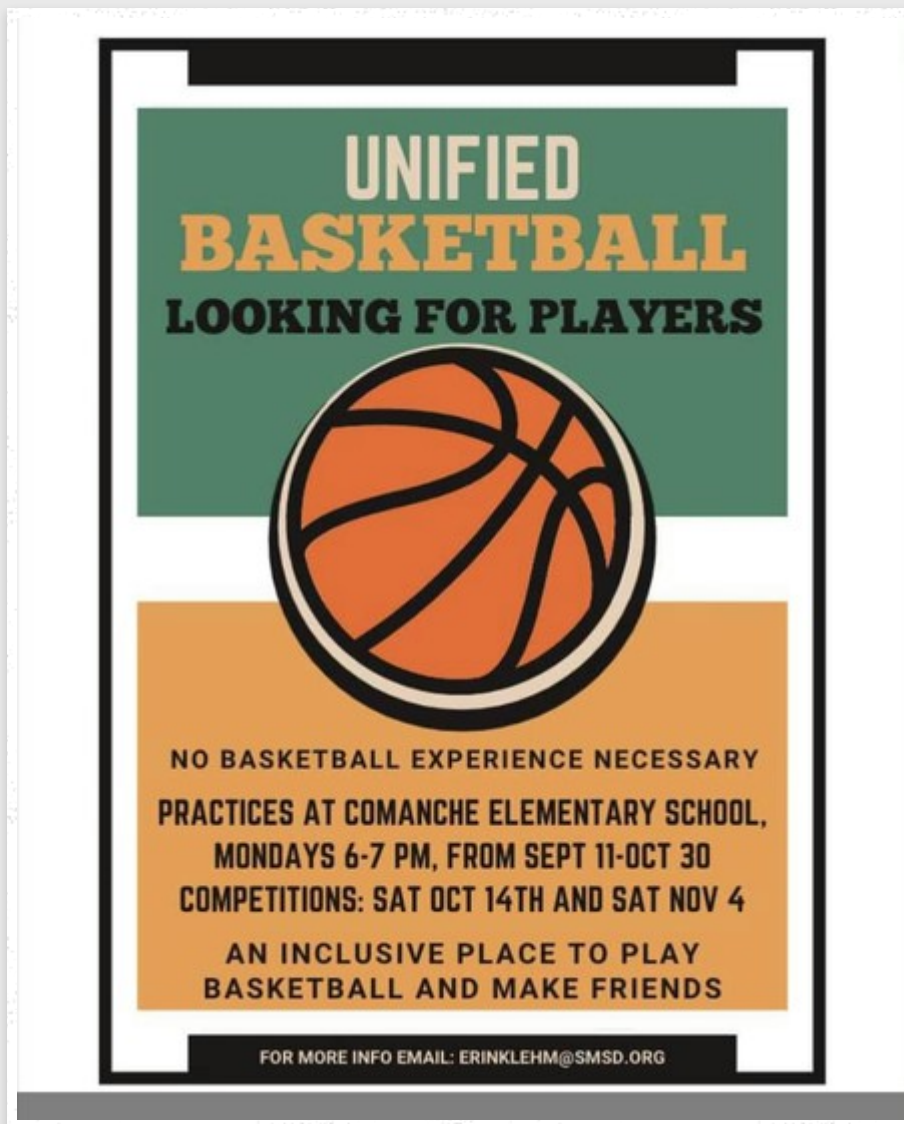
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## UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Our Unified sport could use some support. It is special education students playing with the help of their friends. We need friends. First up is basketball. Practice dates and competitions are on the flier. Please see room 107 for questions or more details. There is also bowling. Spring will host soccer and bocce. Participating is a great community service and does count for NHS volunteer hours as well. Plus... it's just a lot of fun.





## REMINDER FROM SPOTLIGHTERS

Tryouts this week for those students who have signed up with Eric Magnus.



Musical Auditions!!

Monday - September 11th, from 3-6pm



## DISTRICT PERFORMING ARTS NEWSLETTER

Below is the link to the SMSD Performing Arts newsletter to kick off the school year. We are so glad to celebrate our teachers and students.

[September 2023 Performing Arts Newsletter](#)



# #ADVENTUREON

## Meet the Troops

**Thursday, Sept 21 6:30-7:30pm**

**Old Mission United Methodist Ch**

5519 State Park Rd, Fairway, KS 66205

**Troops in this area:**

**Troop 98 St Ann's Catholic Church**

**Troop 192 D Cowles Am Legion Post 370**

**Troop 199 St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church**

**Troop 256 Overland Park Lutheran Church**

**Tuesday, Sept. 26 6:30-7:30pm**

**Shawnee Am. Legion Post 327**

6521 Nieman Rd, Shawnee, KS 66203

**Troops in this area:**

**Troop 93 Shawnee Am. Legion Post 327**

**Troop 167 St Joseph Catholic Church**

**Troop 185 Shawnee Presbyterian Church**

**Troop 194 St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**Troop 247 Merriam Christian Church**

**Troop 299 American Legion Post 327**

**Troop 358 Hope Lutheran Church & School**

**Troop 393 D. Cowles Am. Legion Post 370**

**Troop 394 Good Shepherd Catholic Church**

**Wednesday, Sept 27 6:30 – 7:30pm**

**Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church**

9300 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS 66207

**Troops in this area:**

**Troop 91 & 6091 Village Presbyterian Church**

**Troop 251 Church of the Holy Cross**

**Troop 257 & Troop 6257 Atonement Lutheran Church**

**Troop 265 Holy Spirit Catholic Church**

**Troop 282 & Troop 6282 Leawood United Methodist Church**

**Troop 284 Christ Church Anglican**

**Troop 295 Queen of the Holy Rosary Church**

**Troop 354 Knox Presbyterian Church**

**Troop 387 Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church**

**Troop 395 Cure of Ars Catholic School**

**Wednesday, Sept 27 7:00-8:00pm**

**Community Covenant Church**

15700 W 87th St Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66219

**Troops in this area:**

**Troop 67 & 6067 S. M. Unitarian**

**Universalist Church**

**Troop 123 Community Covenant Church**

**Troop 181 Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

**Troop 186 Michael L White Am. Legion Post 407**

**Troop 428 Salem Lutheran Church**



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## FREE FAFSA EVENT HOSTED BY JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

I wanted to let you know about an upcoming program at the library, Step by Step through the FAFSA, on September 26, 2023 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The program will be online and is completely free. Here's a little information about the program:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the federal application necessary to get free and low-cost money for college. Join Jason Anderson, CPA, CFP®, Managing Member and Senior Consultant at [Gradmetrics](https://www.gradmetrics.com), as he walks line-by-line through the FAFSA form and explains the ins-and-outs of the college admissions and financial aid process.

This program will be hosted using the meeting software Zoom. A Johnson County Library staff member will contact registrants via email the day before the meeting with instructions on how to access the Zoom meeting. You do not need to download any software or create an account.

For inquiries about accessibility and accommodations, please contact us at [ask@jocolibrary.org](mailto:ask@jocolibrary.org) or 913-826-4600 at least two weeks before the event.

I've attached a pdf of our other Career and Finance focused library programs this fall.

To register for the FAFSA program, click [here](#).

See flier below as well as a PDF.

# CAREER & FINANCE PROGRAMS

Johnson County Library offers an array of programs and resources to support your career development and financial well-being. Whether you're creating your first resume, exploring new career options, brushing up on your networking or interviewing skills, or expanding your certifications, you'll find helpful resources on our **Career Development** webpage. Learning to successfully manage money is a lifelong process. Our **Personal Finance** and **Consumer Information** pages contain resources to help you learn to budget, manage your credit, plan for retirement and make wise purchasing decisions. Additional resources are posted on the Career & Finance Board or Binder at your local Library location. Registration is required for these programs. Please register at [jocolibrary.org/events](http://jocolibrary.org/events) or call 913-826-4600.

### Prevent Scams, Fraud & Identity Theft

**Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 2-3 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

In 2022, people reported to the FTC that they lost \$8.8 billion to fraud – an increase of more than 30% over the previous year. Losses racked up from scams also keep rising. Carol Kando-Pineda, Counsel in the Federal Trade Commission's Division of Consumer and Business Education, will address how to spot a scam, ways to protect your information and your devices, what to do if you paid a scammer, and the steps to take immediately if you suspect identity theft.

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### Taking the Mystery Out of Retirement Planning

**Tuesday, Oct. 3 • 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

Do you know how much money you need in order to retire? Sarah Guericcagotia and Grace Williams, Benefit Advisors with the U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), will explain how to use the "Taking the Mystery Out of Retirement Planning" online tool to help you better secure your future.

### Making the Move to Medicare

**Saturday, Oct. 14 • 10 a.m.-Noon**  
**Central Resource Library**

Learn more about Medicare and walk through the maze of coverage options. This presentation by Joy Miller, Family and Community Wellness Agent from the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Office, covers Parts A, B, C (Medicare Advantage), D and Medicare supplements (Medigap). Benefits, costs, enrollment process and periods will be discussed.

### Permission to Withdraw: Enjoying Your Retirement Savings Without Outliving Them

**Wednesday, Oct. 18 • 10-11 a.m.**  
**Central Resource Library**

You've accumulated retirement funds during your working years and now it's time to retire. The key question is: just how much can you afford to withdraw each year without incurring the risk of running out of money? It depends in large part on your investment strategy. Emerson Hartzler, retired business executive, will address that key question so that you can enjoy your retirement years!

### The Five Basic Estate Planning Documents


**Tuesday, Oct. 24 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Central Resource Library**

Do you know which basic estate planning documents all adults need to have? Have you created yours? Evie P. Curtis, Development Officer at Assured Trust Company, will explain what each of the documents are, how they work together, where you should keep them, and whether you need an attorney to draft these documents for you.

### Get It All Together Now!

**Saturday, Oct. 28 • 10 a.m.-Noon**  
**Central Resource Library**

Regardless of your age – whether you're just starting your career, raising a family, preparing for retirement or enjoying your "golden years" – you need to have your important financial information and legal documents organized. In this program, Joy Miller, Family and Community Wellness Agent at Johnson County K-State Research and Extension, will help you "get it all together!" You'll leave this session with a USB drive to store the digital copy of your All Together Organizer AND the peace of mind of knowing that you're on your way to getting it all together!




Sign up for the Career & Finance bi-monthly newsletter at [jocolibrary.org/enewsletters](http://jocolibrary.org/enewsletters)

**JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY**



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## JOB FAIR - COME WORK FOR SMSD



Upcoming SMSD Job Fair, that will convene Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Center for Academic Achievement.

[LINK FOR VIDEO](#)

A video thumbnail for a recruitment video. It features the Shawnee Mission School District logo, which is a blue circle with a stylized 'S' made of colorful arrows pointing outwards. The text 'SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT' is written around the circle, and '>HR<' is at the bottom. A red play button is overlaid on the logo. In the top left corner, there is a small circular icon with a person and the text 'We Want You on Team 512'. In the top right corner, there is a 'Copy link' button. On the right side, the text 'Twitter #Team512 @theSMSDHR @theSMSD' and 'Instagram SMSDRecruit theSMSD' is displayed. In the bottom left corner, there is a 'Watch on YouTube' button.

We Want You on Team 512

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## NOTE ABOUT DISMISSAL PROCEDURES AND REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT PARKING

Please help us keep our school dismissal safe.

Our school busses line up along the circle drive in the front of the building and leave approximately 7 minutes after the 2:40

bell rings.

For the safety of all our students, we would ask that parents that are driving to pick up their students plan to arrive after the busses leave the premises. Cars lining up on 87th street waiting to enter the front driveway does not create a safe situation.

Thank you for your support in telling your students that you will pick them up after the busses leave the circle.

REMINDER: ALL students who park in the WEST student parking lot need to have purchased a parking sticker and that sticker should be placed on their car. Students should make sure that they are parking only in the designated student parking areas and not staff parking. Please refer to the information below.

## PARKING PERMITS

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are able to park on campus at SM West. A parking permit must be purchased and a parking sticker picked up from our Security personnel in the front entrance.

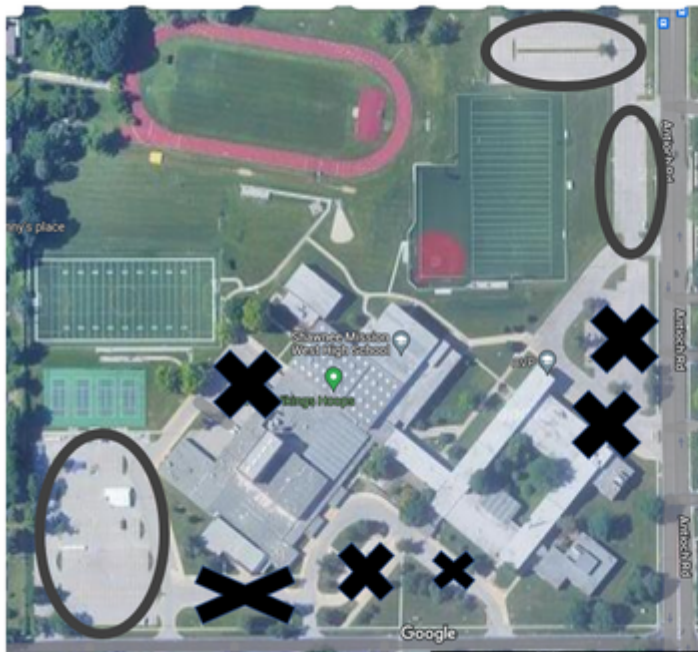
Parking is \$50 for the year.

It is extremely important that students only park in assigned areas for students, and not staff parking. Tickets will be assessed by our security staff. All rules and regulations are listed with the parking application. See the PDF below.

Also included is a map of West parking.







The circled spots on the map are where students can park.

The X's indicate STAFF parking.

Students are excluded from parking in the staff spaces.

Please refer to parking guidelines and fee structure for parking enforcement.



PARKING PERMIT.pdf

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## VIKING PAGEANT - TIME HONORED TRADITION AT SM WEST

Hey Vikings!

Who will be crowned Senior Viking 2024 on October 21? It is time to find out! Our Senior Viking candidates compete in a fun event where they tell their favorite Dad jokes, answer interview questions, and showcase their talents. Best of all, they get to raise funds, along with their chosen escort, to support Senior Sizzle, a safe celebration for all graduating seniors. Would you like to be a Senior Viking candidate? Applications are out now and due September 8.

<https://forms.gle/cHob7n6bin2FFbbX9>



## SENIOR YEARBOOK TRIBUTE ADS

Inter-State studios has already taken photos of our seniors for the senior class yearbook pages (Make Up on Oct. 30th).

This opportunity is for your family to purchase ad space for a tribute to your senior. The yearbook staff works with clients to create an individualized layouts for interested senior families. Families could purchase 1/4, 1/2, or full page ads.

Please view the pdf below for instructions on how to purchase an ad in the yearbook for your senior.



2024 SENIOR TRIBUTE (ads) - Google Docs.pdf

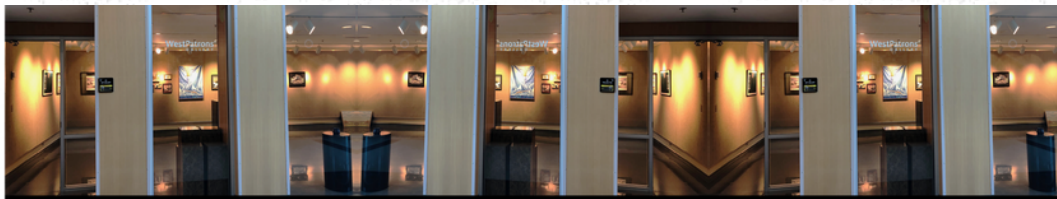
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## SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

• **September 10-16 is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week.** This week is a time for each of us to renew our focus on suicide prevention, and to ensure we are taking care of ourselves & others. Please encourage conversations and spread awareness as we continue to care for SMSD students, families, schools and communities. For more information about Suicide Prevention Month, Week or World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, please visit [this site](#).





WestPatrons'  
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Welcome to our **first exhibit of the 2023 - 2024 school year**. The **West Patrons' Gallery** is **officially OPEN & viewable from Aug. 31 - end of September '23**.

My name is **Melinda Heaton, Director of the West Patrons' Gallery & one of 4 art teachers here at West**. I am excited to share our **first exhibition** which includes photography from **Ben Mesa, Amanda Sherraden, Rose Lawler, Sarah Gonzalez, Grant Dreiling, Alaina Case, Kay Rolls, Cristina Seyler, Amy Morgan, Donna Holmes & myself**.

This exhibition is titled: **"Oh the places we've been"**. I enjoy incorporating our staff in our first show of the year.

The idea for this show is based on the Dr. Suess book, "Oh the places you'll go". While it's exciting to consider our future, I thought it would be fun to learn about several of our staff by where they went this past summer. Who did we hang out with & what did the artist/photographers think about the places they went (artist/photography statements included with each collage).

These collages are just a brief snippet of each represented staff members summer fun. Can you tell where they went or what they were doing before reading their artist's statement?

Photography is a wonderful way to capture important experiences in your life and also a wonderful way to express yourself through your camera lens.

### September - "Oh the places we've been" Summer of '23

**Guests are welcome to stop in, between 7:30 - 3:30 most days, Monday through Friday. If you invite someone up to view the show, please check in the front office before heading down to 65, our West Patrons' Gallery space.**

Please feel free to bring your students down to see what their teachers/coaches & staff at West were up to this past summer. Photo collage is a great way to bring everything together in a single viewing experience.

**Remember:** We have 3 ways to see what's happening in our gallery & in the art hallways downstairs.

We will rotate up to 6 exhibitions throughout the year, in the West Patrons' Gallery & you will also be able to view each gallery exhibition, within approximately one week of the physical show going live in 65 @ <https://www.smwpatronsgallery.com>.

The physical gallery shows will feature NEW artworks approx. every 6 - 8 weeks.

More extensive bodies of work, from our students as a whole from our art classes, will rotate every 2-3 weeks. In our art hallways, each art teacher's classes (Drawing, Painting, Graphic Design, AP/Drawing 2, Digital Photography, Analog Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture & Intro to Studio Art) will change out shows in the art hallways & on our **instagram: SMWVisualarts**

**We would love for you to start following us.**

West Patrons' Gallery • 8800 West 85th St. • Overland Park, KS • 66212  
Melinda Heaton / Gallery Director • <https://www.smwpatronsgallery.com> • Instagram: SMWVisualarts

Here's how you  
**HOCO!**

JCPenney

Sat. September 9th, 10am-9pm  
JCPenney @ Oak Park Mall  
11801 W 95th St,  
Overland Park, KS 66214



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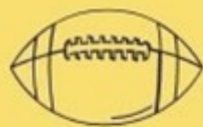
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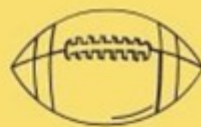
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# SMW



## FOOTBALL THEMES

**9/1 vs SM Northwest**

THEME: COUGAR HUNT

HOME



**9/29 vs SM East**

THEME: USA

AWAY



**9/8 vs Mill Valley**

THEME: TROPICAL

HOME



**10/5 vs Olathe North**

THEME: NEON

AWAY



**9/15 vs SM South**

THEME: WHITEOUT

AWAY



**10/12 vs Olathe NW**

THEME: PINKOUT

AWAY

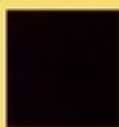


**9/22 vs Olathe South**

THEME: BLACKOUT

HOME

HOMECOMING GAME



**10/20 vs Lawrence**

THEME: GOLDRUSH

HOME

SENIOR NIGHT







EducaTec te equipará con herramientas que te ayudarán a comunicarte con personas, escuelas y servicios de manera digital.



**Horario de clases:** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, sábados

**Dirección:** 8200 West 71st Street, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204



### Orientación del programa | 16 de septiembre

Crearás una cuenta de gmail y aprenderás más información sobre el programa. Requerido para participar en todas las clases.



### Clase: Conociendo la computadora | 30 de septiembre

Aprenderás lo básico sobre navegar en la computadora y practicarás el uso del ratón, el teclado y más!



### Clase: Utilizando tu nuevo correo electrónico de Gmail | 7 de octubre

Aprenderás a utilizar, manejar y monitorear tu cuenta de correo electrónico de Gmail.



### Clase: Organízate con el Calendario Google | 14 de octubre

Aprenderás a crear y compartir fechas importantes para toda la familia, citas y recordatorios.



### Clase: Escribe documentos | 21 de octubre

Aprenderás a crear un documento.



### Clase: Envía e imprime cartas y documentos | 28 de octubre

Aprenderás a compartir e imprimir un documento.



**¡Regístrate hoy!**

[leackc.org/EducaTecSMSSD](https://leackc.org/EducaTecSMSSD)

envía un mensaje de texto al 816-200-1377  
o escanea el QR

Cuidado de niños disponible al  
confirmar su asistencia.



## FROM OUR SM WEST NURSE

Hello,

I wanted to share a "refresher" on Covid Guidelines for everyone as we head into this fall. These are also guidelines that apply to Influenza A & B.

- Day 0: the 1st day of symptoms or test positive day
- Counting from Day 0—a person is then out of school for 5 days.
- Day 6—may return to school if no ongoing symptoms and no fever in the previous 24 hours.
- Day 6-10—highly recommended and encouraged to mask.
- Students do not need to stay home for exposure to Covid —only if they have symptoms or test positive.

For more information you can refer to the following link:

<https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/health-services/coronavirus-or-covid-19-information>

- Please reach out with any questions or concerns—sometimes email is the best:

[kimberlytennissen@smsd.org](mailto:kimberlytennissen@smsd.org) or [aciamorely@smsd.org](mailto:aciamorely@smsd.org)

Questions: call 913-993-7960

Kim Tennissen, RN, FNP-BC

Shawnee Mission West Nurse

8800 West 85th Street

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Phone: 913-993-7816

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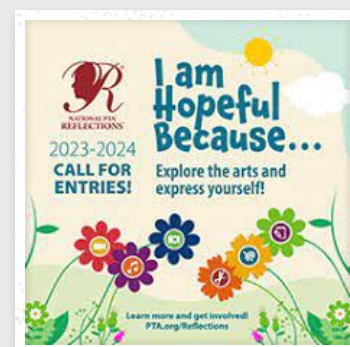
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## PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Each year the National PTSA organization sponsors a Reflections Contest to highlight the many talents that students have in multiple areas.

### 2023-24 PTSA Reflections Call For Entries

This year's theme is: **I am Hopeful Because....**



#### Dance Choreography

Video file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.

#### Film Production

Video file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.

#### Literature

Writing must not exceed 2,000 words and may be handwritten or typed. Accepted formats: Single-sided print on 8 1/2x11" paper, PDF file.

#### Music Composition

Audio recording must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size. Accepted audio file formats include: MP3 and WAV. Notation (score/tablature) in PDF format is required.

#### Photography

Print image dimensions must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Digital image dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution). Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

#### Visual Arts

Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts,

drawing, fashion clothes.

Entries are due on **October 16**. To receive an entry form or request more information regarding the categories email: [smwreflections@yahoo.com](mailto:smwreflections@yahoo.com).



## OUR NURSE'S OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please use the link below to sign up to donate items for our nurse's pantry.

Thank you so very much for your help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AADA92BA13-smwnurses>

Parents, don't forget to join the Shawnee Mission West Booster Club and purchase your Season Passes. Use your Season Pass to get into all Shawnee Mission West regular season home football, soccer, basketball and volleyball games while supporting all West athletes, cheer and dance teams.

Use this Link for the Go. Fan page:

<https://gofan.co/event/1004910?schoolId=KS18136>







## PICTURE DAYS

### Picture Days:



All students have had the opportunity to have a photo. Students will have one more opportunity for a yearbook photo:

Oct. 30 Last Chance Retakes

If a student did not take a picture for an ID card, those can be taken in the Student Services office.

If a student loses their ID, replacements can be paid for in the bookkeeping office (\$5) and then take their receipt to the Student Services office.

# ***FUTURE VIKINGS DANCE CLINIC***

**WHEN: SEPT 19, 2023, 6-8PM**

***Register  
Now!***



**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPT 8**

## **SPOTLIGHTERS**

If your student is involved in choir or is interested in being a part of our Thespian troupe, then you will be interested in joining Spotlighters. We have amazing talent here at West, and this organization of parents and family members does all things to support their performances and all their efforts.



It's time to renew your Spotlighters membership for 2023-2024. We're looking forward to another great year of performing arts at Shawnee Mission West!

<https://smwspotlighters.com/join-spotlighters/>



## **NEW STAFF AT SM WEST**

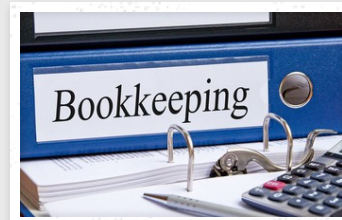
We are so very excited to welcome many new staff members to SM West. View this link below to see who is new at West.

[New Staff Introduction Video.](#)

## **BOOKKEEPING NEWS**

We strongly encourage and recommend our patrons pay fees online. Below is the link to pay for fees:

<https://www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees>



Our office will be able to take walk-in payments during our normal business hours.

PDF's are linked below for an explanation of fees (English and Spanish version) please make sure that all your fees are getting paid now.

- The online fee payment portal can be found at <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/55790>.

You can set up an account or pay as a guest using the student's ID number. There is a \$3.00 fee to pay on line. Or you can call us and pay over the phone, send a check or pay in person without paying a fee

- Families that qualify for free and reduced lunch can get a waiver for part of the school fees by showing a copy of the Food Services letter to the Bookkeeper.
- You can request a payment plan with the bookkeeper, Cristina Seyler at (913)993-7810 or emailing Cristina at [cristinaseyler@smsd.org](mailto:cristinaseyler@smsd.org).

Thank you.

**Cristina Seyler**

**SM WEST HS Bookkeeper**

**8800 W 85th Street**

**Overland Park, KS 66212**

**913-993-7810**



Fee Payment FY24.pdf

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Fee Payment FY24 Spanish.pdf

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190.7 KB



## MACBOOK/IT - IMPORTANT

Many of our students were able to pick up their MacBooks during our Early MacBook Rollout.' If you received your device on July 25th, then please make sure to set Chrome as your default browser. Here is a link for instructions:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UCo7L5B9PwmqDECiL\\_ayyb7r965hd9M1WxJfgynQgWqU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UCo7L5B9PwmqDECiL_ayyb7r965hd9M1WxJfgynQgWqU/edit?usp=sharing)



Please make a diligent choice to take care of your MacBook each and everyday.

- **Cracked Screens**

- The screens to the new devices are very delicate. Please remind students not to pick up the device by the screen and do not close the device with something in it.

- **Tech Resource Page**

- We have a Tech Resource Page that assist students with tech issues that arise. Please bookmark this page. Link =>  
<https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issue>

## ICT Updates

We want to remind you of a few things now that we are back in the swing of the school year:

1. Your MacBook must have the district issued case on it at all times. (Failure to have the cover in place will result in confiscation of the MacBook.)
2. Please only carry your MacBook with the screen shut and with both hands to keep the machine secure.
3. Do not ever pick up the MacBook by the screen. The LCD is very sensitive and the pressure of your grip will break the screen.
4. Keyboard covers should not be used since non-Apple keyboard covers might be too large and can put pressure on the screens and cause damage.
5. Please don't leave your MacBook in a car overnight.
6. Needed programs can be found on Manager. You will not be able to download programs from the App Store for use on these devices.
7. Downloading VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) or other programs that mask your device on the network are a violation of the Responsible Use Policy you have agreed to. Use of these will result in the confiscation of the MacBook and you may MacBook access for the semester/school year for consistent violations.
8. Due to the MacBook refresh this summer and the cost of the new hardware, the replacement device cost has gone up. Although, the charger cost has dropped. The incident fees have stayed the same (fees reset in high school).
  1. 1st Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$100.00
  2. 2nd Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$150.00

3. 3rd and Subsequent Incident/Damage Device fee:

Actual cost of repair/replacement or \$300.00

whichever is greater.

4. Apple MacBook Air M1 USB-C Cable Replacement -  
\$19

5. Apple MacBook Air M1 Charger Replacement - \$39

6. Apple MacBook Air M1 Adapter Set Replacement -  
\$58

7. Apple MacBook Air M1 Replacement/Lost Device fee  
- \$1,117.95

9. If you ever need help or support with your device, please  
review our Tech Rescue Page

(<https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issues>). If you are still experiencing issues, then you can

submit a Web Help Desk Ticket

(<https://support.smsd.org>).

Please reach out if there are any questions or issues. We do  
work with students and families through this process.

Below you will find some helpful images to assist with  
Skyward and Canvas.



# Don't Know Your Username and/or Password?

SKYWARD®  
Shawnee Mission School District  
Student

Login ID:

Password:

[Sign In](#)

[Forgot your Login/Password?](#)

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1 Click on "Forgot Your Login/Password?"

SKYWARD®

**Forgotten Login/Password Assistance**

Please enter your email address or user name. If it matches the email or user name the district has on file, you will be sent an email containing your login and a link that can be used to reset your password.

Email or User Name:

[Submit](#) [Back](#)

2 Enter your email address



3 Check your email and follow the prompts to reset your password and identify your username.



# Getting started with Canvas

## #1 Accessing Canvas



Parents/Guardians can access Observer accounts to view grades, resources and activities posted in their child's courses. An account can be created within the app for mobile devices ([iOS](#), [Android](#)) or via the URL <https://smsd.instructure.com/login/canvas>

## #2 Logging In



If using the URL [click here](#). If using the [Canvas Parent App](#), you will be asked to find your school. Begin typing Shawnee Mission and select **parent/guardian**. At the login page, select "parent of a canvas user- create account." Enter information and [pairing code](#).

## #3 Observer Accounts

Observer accounts can:

- View student grades
- Read announcements
- View the calendar
- See the course syllabus
- View list of assignments
- Set up email or text notifications

## #4 Navigating the Courses

Students will have course cards for each subject area (math, science, reading, etc.). Each course card will contain resources, assignments, and other information important to that subject area.



## #5 View Announcements



As an observer, you have the option to set your preferences for how you'd like to receive notifications. Observers can receive an email, a push notification with the Canvas Parent app, or a text message when announcements are posted.

## #6 Check Grades



**Open the course>Click on "Grades"**

This will access grades by assignment, overall grade and late or missing work. Canvas will have the most up to date grade, however, Skyward is still the official documented course grade that will be on a student's transcript. If Canvas and Skyward differ, and you have questions, reach out to your child's teacher.

## #7 Message the Teacher



Parents can send a message to the teacher within a [Canvas course](#) or directly from an [assignment](#).

## #8 Use the Calendar



Click on the Calendar icon to view upcoming assignments in all courses, undated items and even add personal calendar events.

For more resources: <https://community.canvaslms.com/15/Observer-Guide/tkb-p/observer>

Scan here to access this document digitally for links embedded.



# Primeros pasos con Canvas

## #1 Accediendo a Canvas



Los padres/tutores pueden acceder a las cuentas de Observer para ver las calificaciones, los recursos y las actividades publicadas en los cursos de sus hijos. Se puede crear una cuenta dentro de la aplicación para dispositivos móviles (iOS, Android) o a través de la URL  
<https://smsd.instructure.com/login/canvas>

## #2 Iniciando sesión



Si usa la URL, haga clic [aquí](#). Si usa la [aplicación Canvas Parent](#), se le pedirá que busque su escuela. Comience a escribir Shawnee Mission y seleccione padre/tutor. En la página de inicio de sesión, seleccione "principal de un usuario de lienzo: cree una cuenta". Introduce la información y el [código de emparejamiento](#).

## #3 Cuentas de observadores

Las cuentas de observador pueden:

- Ver las calificaciones de los estudiantes
- Leer anuncios
- Ver el calendario
- Ver lista de asignaciones
- Configurar notificaciones por correo electrónico o mensajes de texto
- Ver el programa del curso

## #4 Navegando por los cursos

Los estudiantes tendrán tarjetas de curso para cada área temática (matemáticas, lectura, etc.). cada curso la tarjeta contendrá recursos, tareas y otra información importante para esa materia.



## #5 Ver anuncios



Como observador, tiene la opción de establecer sus preferencias sobre cómo le gustaría recibir notificaciones. Los observadores pueden recibir un correo electrónico, una notificación automática con la aplicación Canvas Parent o un mensaje de texto cuando se publican anuncios.

## #6 Verificar calificaciones



**Abra el curso > Haga clic en "Calificaciones"**  
 Esto accederá a las calificaciones por tarea, calificación general y trabajo atrasado o faltante. Canvas tendrá la calificación más actualizada, sin embargo, Skyward sigue siendo la calificación oficial documentada del curso que estará en el expediente académico del estudiante. Si Canvas y Skyward difieren y tiene preguntas, comuníquese con el maestro de su hijo.

## #7 Mensaje al maestro



Los padres pueden enviar un mensaje al maestro dentro de un curso de [Canvas](#) o directamente [desde una tarea](#).

## #8 Usa el Calendario



Haga clic en el ícono Calendario para ver las próximas tareas en todos los cursos, elementos sin fecha e incluso agregar eventos de calendario personales.

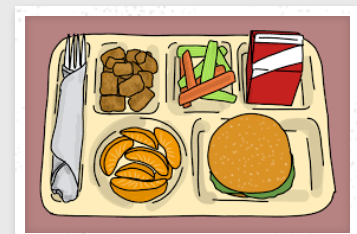
Para más recursos: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Observer-Guide/tkb-p/observer>

Escanee aquí para acceder a este documento digitalmente para ver los enlaces incrustados.



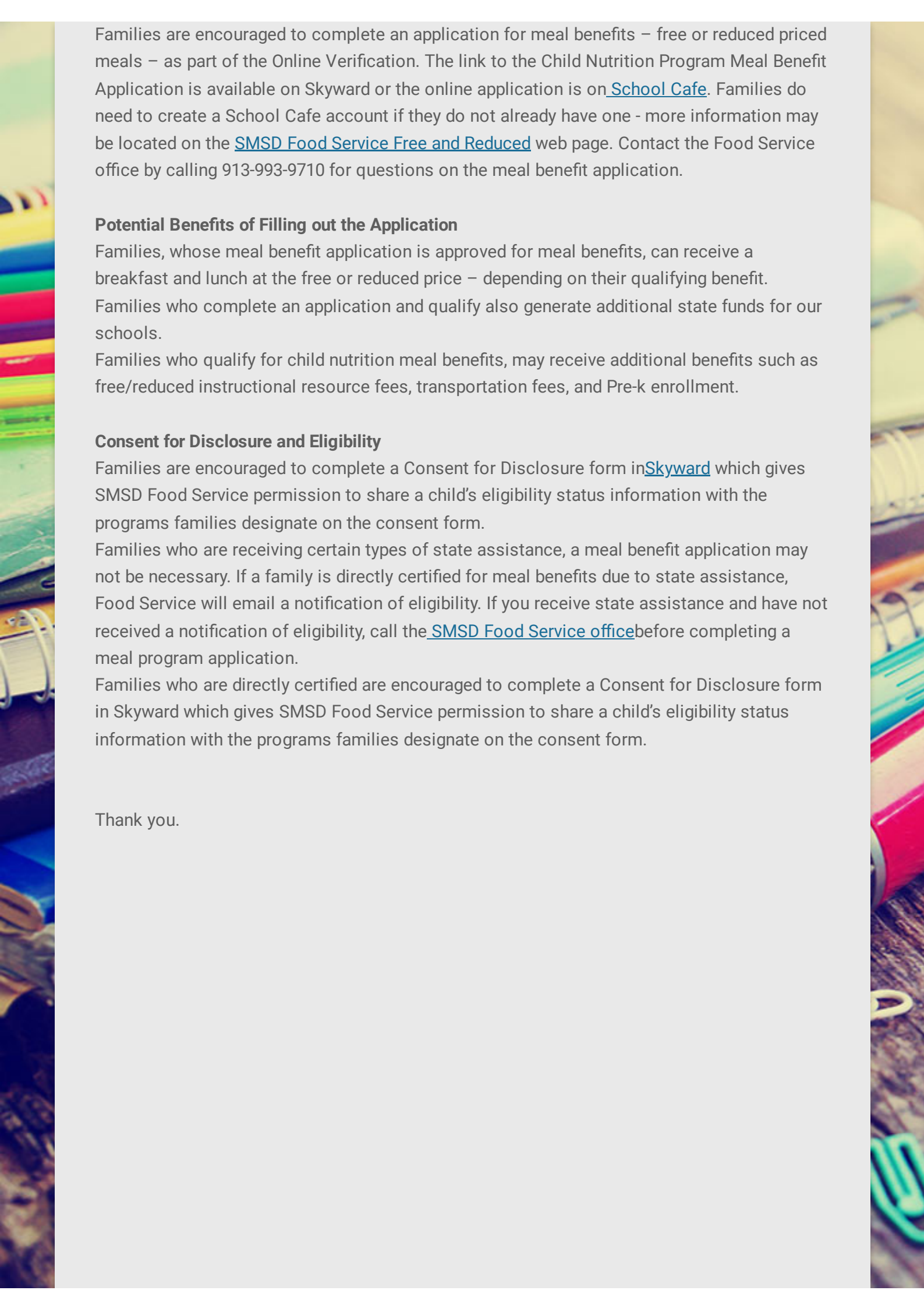
## MESSAGE FROM FOOD SERVICE

Students are able to purchase breakfast and lunch prepared by our food service staff. Students may also bring sack lunches from home.



**SM West does not allow for Door Dash deliveries or for fast food to be delivered to students during the school day.**

**ONLY SENIORS are allowed to leave campus for lunch** - WITH Parent Permission. More information about this privilege will be communicated to seniors soon, but will not begin until potentially after Labor Day.



Families are encouraged to complete an application for meal benefits – free or reduced priced meals – as part of the Online Verification. The link to the Child Nutrition Program Meal Benefit Application is available on Skyward or the online application is on [School Cafe](#). Families do need to create a School Cafe account if they do not already have one - more information may be located on the [SMSD Food Service Free and Reduced](#) web page. Contact the Food Service office by calling 913-993-9710 for questions on the meal benefit application.

### **Potential Benefits of Filling out the Application**

Families, whose meal benefit application is approved for meal benefits, can receive a breakfast and lunch at the free or reduced price – depending on their qualifying benefit.

Families who complete an application and qualify also generate additional state funds for our schools.

Families who qualify for child nutrition meal benefits, may receive additional benefits such as free/reduced instructional resource fees, transportation fees, and Pre-k enrollment.

### **Consent for Disclosure and Eligibility**

Families are encouraged to complete a Consent for Disclosure form in [Skyward](#) which gives SMSD Food Service permission to share a child's eligibility status information with the programs families designate on the consent form.

Families who are receiving certain types of state assistance, a meal benefit application may not be necessary. If a family is directly certified for meal benefits due to state assistance, Food Service will email a notification of eligibility. If you receive state assistance and have not received a notification of eligibility, call the [SMSD Food Service office](#) before completing a meal program application.

Families who are directly certified are encouraged to complete a Consent for Disclosure form in Skyward which gives SMSD Food Service permission to share a child's eligibility status information with the programs families designate on the consent form.

Thank you.



## FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

### Why Apply?

Filling out the Free or Reduced Lunch Application helps with more than meals. Applying and qualifying can benefit families and students across the Shawnee Mission School District in multiple ways.

For more info and links to apply:  
<https://bit.ly/3QaDJwZ>

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## SCHOOL FUNDING

Increased state and federal money for staff and school resources at your child's school.

## REDUCED FEES

Eligible families may receive free/reduced instructional resources and Pre-K enrollment fees.



## TRANSPORTATION

Families may qualify for free/reduced transportation. Consent document must be completed.

## DISCOUNTS

Discounts on college application fees and on SAT, ACT, and AP testing fees.



## BROADBAND ACCESS

Discounts to improve internet and technology access in the home.

## SOLICITUD DE ALMUERZO GRATUITO O PRECIO REDUCIDO

### ¿Por qué Aplicar?

Llenar la solicitud de almuerzo gratuito o precio reducido ayuda con más que las comidas. Solicitar y calificar puede beneficiar a las familias y estudiantes en todo el Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission de múltiples maneras.

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## FINANCIAMIENTO ESCOLAR

Aumento del dinero estatal y federal para el personal y los recursos escolares en la escuela de su hijo.

## TARIFAS REDUCIDAS

Las familias elegibles pueden recibir recursos de instrucción gratuitos / reducidos y tarifas de inscripción de Pre-K.



## TRANSPORTE

Las familias pueden calificar para transporte gratuito / reducido. El documento de consentimiento debe completarse.

## DESCUENTOS

Descuentos en las tarifas de solicitud universitaria y en las tarifas de las pruebas SAT, ACT y AP.



## ACCESO DE BANDA ANCHA

Descuentos para mejorar el acceso a internet y tecnología en el hogar.



# MEAL ACCOUNTS



## > Meal Prices

|            | Full Price |        | Reduced   |        |
|------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
|            | Breakfast  | Lunch  | Breakfast | Lunch  |
| Elementary | \$1.55     | \$2.85 | \$0.30    | \$0.40 |
| Middle     | \$1.65     | \$3.00 | \$0.30    | \$0.40 |
| High       | \$1.65     | \$3.00 | \$0.30    | \$0.40 |
| Staff      | \$2.35     | \$3.95 |           |        |
| Visitor    | \$2.55     | \$4.30 |           |        |

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- Parents are encouraged to pay for meals in advance by making prepayments into their student's meal account. A meal account is automatically set up with a zero balance for each student upon enrollment in SMSD.
- Cost of school meals by month is available on the Food Service Prices web page.
- Payments can be made multiple ways.
  - Send a check or cash to the school with the student marked as lunch money
  - Pay online via eFunds - Choose Pay for Optional Fees to add funds to meal accounts
  - Pay by phone by calling Food Service office - 7am to 4pm - 913-993-9710
- Students will be served a reimbursable meal whether the meal account balance is positive or negative
- Ala carte options are available but varies per school level. Students will not be permitted to purchase ala carte items if their account is negative.



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## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



ALL Students must be registered with DS Bus Lines in order to ride the bus.

Please note the following important information for 2023-24 busing:

- Bus registration may be found at the following link: [DS Bus Lines registration](#)
- 2023-24 bus fees will remain the same as the prior year.
  - \$185/semester/student or \$370/year/student
- Any student attending their home school and living 2.5 miles or more from the school qualifies for free busing.  
**Registration is required.**
- Students who qualify for the Child Nutrition Meal Benefits – free and reduced priced meals may also qualify for free transportation, and enroll to ride existing routes. When registering, please provide a copy of the Child Nutrition Meal Benefits Eligibility letter to DS Bus Lines to complete the enrollment process. SMSD families can apply for Child Nutrition Meal Benefits after July 1st on School Café - <https://www.schoolcafe.com/SHAWNEEMISSION>.
- Transportation changes put in effect during the 2022-23 school year will remain in effect for the 2023-24 school year. This includes limiting high school routes to students residing over 2.0 miles from their school.



- Bus routes and stop locations will be determined based on those who register for busing. A minimum number of registrations (50 paid) is required in order to offer a route.
- **Annual transportation registration is required for students to receive bus service.**

For more information on Shawnee Mission School District transportation, please visit <https://www.smsd.org/families/transportation> or call DS Bus Lines at 913-384-1190.

In the event there are times throughout the year when routes are running late and notification is needed at the school and family level, we want to encourage you to sign up for Textcaster notifications. We have previously pushed a number of communications about this to families via school newsletters (with your assistance) as well as through district communications reminding of the availability to sign up for text notifications when routes are running late *or compressed with other buses*. **We encourage you to also sign up to receive text notifications as it is the fastest way to provide notice of any changes.**

Sign up for notifications at the following link:

<https://my.textcaster.com/asa/2795> where you can select the route numbers pertaining to your school (you may select multiple bus routes). Additionally, we will do our best to provide you with updates as we receive them.

## PTSA

The PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student-Association) is an important support system for our students and staff. Please consider becoming a member of our PTSA. Dues go to support senior scholarships, teacher grants for instructional support in the classroom, teacher appreciation and much more.

Thank you to our PTSA for all of the wonderful things you have been able to provide for our staff and our students.

### **PTSA Officers for 2022-2023 academic year:**

Presidents - Erin VanDyke and Jean Baucom

Past President - Sean Campion



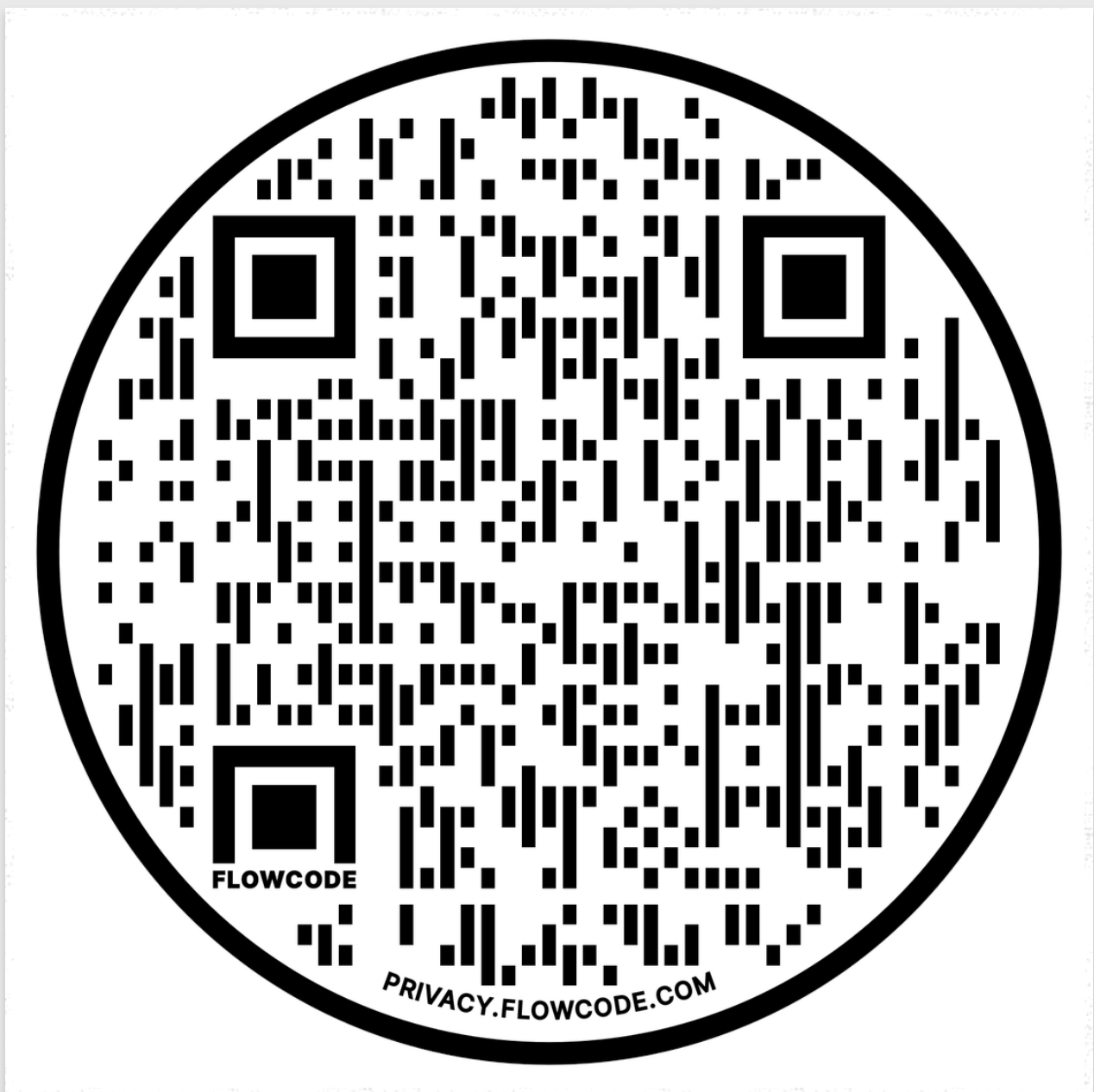
Membership - Michelle Morales  
Secretary - Christina Middleton

Programs - Gwen Dill

Treasurer - Darci Robinson

Ways & Means - Angie Gunion

Please view the attachment below so that you and your family can become members.  
Thank you for your support.





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## FOOD SERVICE, CUSTODIAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL OPENINGS AT SM WEST

West Families,

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, SM West has immediate openings in several departments: Food Service, Custodial and our Paraprofessional Workers

You can use the link below to take you to the SMSD Human Resources page to apply.

[SMSD PAGE](#)

Thank you for your support.