

SM WEST NEWSLETTER

ISSUE #6 FRIDAY, SEPT 15 2023



SHAWNEE MISSION WEST
HIGH SCHOOL

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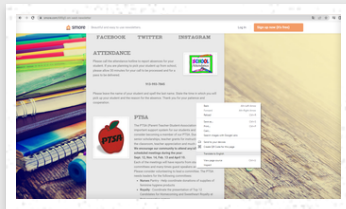


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TRANSLATE THIS NEWSLETTER

Did you know that Google will translate almost any document that is on your web browser. If you are using Chrome as your web browser, you can 'right click' anywhere on this document and choose a translation.

See images below.



STEP 1

Right click on the page. Find in the box command for "TRANSLATE"



STEP 2

Click translate and then the 3 dots to "CHOOSE ANOTHER LANGUAGE"



STEP 3

Choose the language you prefer and hit "DONE". The document will now be in your chosen language. It is not perfect, but a fair representation.

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.

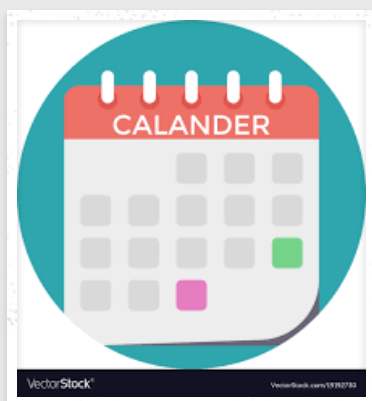
[STAFF DIRECTORY](#)



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

**5th 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 nd Period | 7:40 - 9:15 | 95 |
| 8 th Seminar | 9:20 - 10:55 | 95 |
| 4 th Period | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
| 6 th 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 |

4th 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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|------------------------|--------------|----|
| 1 st Period | 7:40 - 9:15 | 95 |
| 3 rd Period | 9:20 - 10:55 | 95 |
| 5 th Period | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
| 7 th Period | 1:05 - 2:40 | 95 |

5th Block Lunch

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

THURSDAY

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|-------------------------|--------------|----|
| LATE START- PLC | 7:30-8:30 | 60 |
| 2 nd Period | 8:40-10:15 | 95 |
| 8 th Seminar | 10:20-10:55 | 35 |
| 4 th Period | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
| 6 th Period | 1:05 - 2:40 | 95 |

4th Block Lunch

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

FRIDAY

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|------------------------|--------------|----|
| 1 st Period | 7:40 - 9:15 | 95 |
| 3 rd Period | 9:20 - 10:55 | 95 |
| 5 th Period | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
| 7 th Period | 1:05 - 2:40 | 95 |

5th Block Lunch

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

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HOMECOMING - REMINDER

Next Week is Homecoming Week – Lots of great things happening at West. This email is a reminder of all of these events – this information is also listed in our newsletter.

Tickets for the homecoming dance (Saturday, Sept. 23rd - 7-10pm) will go on sale in the cafeteria next week on the bridge. Tickets are \$15 for a single ticket and \$25 for double.

SM West Homecoming Bonfire Event on Wed. Sept. 20th

Come join us in the West Antioch Parking lot. Start time 5:30pm to work on floats and then bonfire near to the end at 8:00pm.

Wear your Class Color:

- Freshman – Gray
- Sophomores – Yellow
- Juniors – Black
- Seniors – White

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.

HOMECOMING PARADE: "Westpalooza"

Homecoming Royalty Top 12 and all of the floats from classes, clubs, and staff members will line up in front of our SM West building in the circle drive. At 1:30 participants followed by spectators will make their way to Downtown Overland Park to the Thompson Park Pavilion. They will head East on 87th and then continue on Sante Fe to reach the park. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 to walk behind the floats. Busses will run as normal and leave West at 2:47pm.

Homecoming Game is Friday, Sept. 22 at 7pm. Come join us at SM South Stadium as we face the Olathe South Falcons. Theme is BLACKOUT. Wear your black spirit wear to cheer on our team. The Top 12 Royalty candidates will be announced and this years Homecoming King and Queen with attendants will be announced at halftime.

Homecoming Dance, Sat. Sept. 23 7-10pm.

- The "Westpalooza" dance is sponsored by our SM West StuCo. Doors will open at West at 7pm. Coat check will be available for students to check purses or jackets..etc. The dance will end promptly at 10pm, so please have a plan for transportation home on or before 10pm. Students that do not attend West must be invited by a West student and a guest contract must have been completed and returned to Jennifer Silverstein. Form is attached to this email and copies are available in the front office. The guest **MUST** have THEIR OWN school administrator sign the form, or if they are not in school they must provide a copy of their ID turned in with the form. Please read all the directions on the form. These are due by next Wednesday – Sept. 20th, so do not wait.

It is going to be a great week to celebrate our SM West Student Body, Staff and Community! Thank you so all of the sponsors and parents that help to make this a great memory for our students.

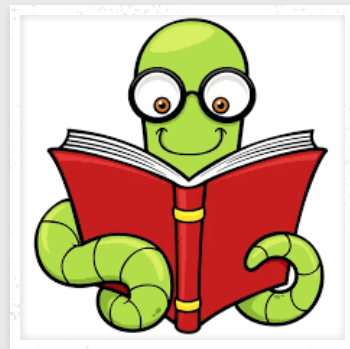
Thank you for your continued support of SM West.



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 Volleyball! Campbell Walbert and Kaitlin Weineke read "That Fruit is Mine" by Anuska Allepuz. This book fits with the Read Across America Theme for September, Tackling Challenges Together. [Here is the video!](#)

JAG-K

Take a look at our JAG-K newsletter!!!!

<https://sway.office.com/ebMasbC4NnEbra80?ref=email>



KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR WEST NOMINEE

SM West is proud to nominate one of our finest teachers for Kansas Teacher of the Year....
Dylan Carter.

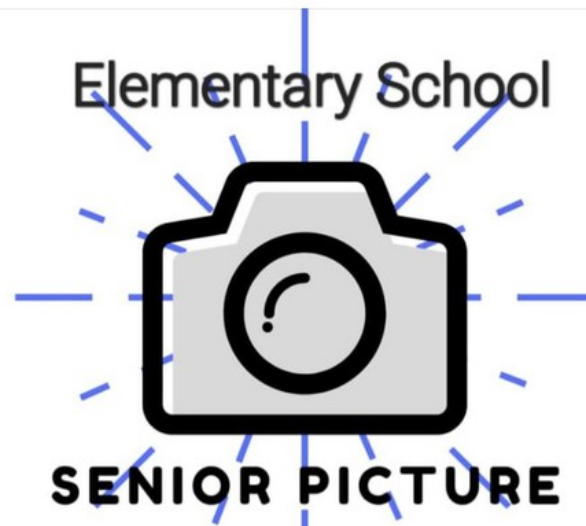


Senior's Elementary School Group photo:

Fyi...yearbook does not arrange the Senior elementary photos for the yearbook.

If you'd like a group photo of Seniors from your elementary school->

- you'll need a senior parent to arrange it.
- contact elementary school to arrange a time for the photo.
- spread the word to seniors from your elementary school of when to be there (late start Thursdays work well)
- ask each student to pay a portion of the cost to cover the cost of the yearbook ad
- submit yearbook ad via the info in the comments section.
- early bird due 10/6
- deadline 11/3



Seniors who are **Apache Elementary Alum meet at the Apache Elementary school sign on 9/28** at 8:15 am (late start day) for a photo for the SMW yearbook!* Donuts will be provided!**

*If you are able, please bring \$10 to share in the cost of the Senior Tribute

**Rain date 10/5

**GET
CAMERA
READY!**



**CHRISTA
MCAULIFFE
GRADUATES**

CLASS PICTURE OF ALL
SENIORS WHO ATTENDED
CHRISTA MCAULIFFE
ELEMENTARY

**SEPTEMBER 21
7:30 AM**

DONUTS AT AD ASTRA
SHELTER AFTER THE
PHOTO

PLEASE PARK AT THE POOL NOT AT THE SCHOOL

Sunflower Senior Photo!

Calling all Sunflower Seniors! Meet [Wendee Lauver Egbert](#) at Sunflower on September 28th at 7:30 am for your Senior Elementary Group Photo!

Please bring \$5 each to help cover the cost of the yearbook ad. Thank you!



SUNFLOWER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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

**Student
Services**
We're here to help

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 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.

FALL CAREER & COLLEGE EXPO



SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

WHERE: CENTER FOR ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT

2 SESSIONS AVAILABLE

**BUS TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED
DUE TO LIMITED PARKING**

WHO WILL BE THERE?

50 IN ATTENDANCE

Companies from:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| • Engineering | • Manufacturing |
| • Construction | • Automotive |
| • Architecture | • Biotechnology |
| • Healthcare | • Education |
| • Finance | • Hotel Management |
| • Mental Health | • Information |
| • Trades | • Technology |
| • Public Service | • Cosmetology |

15+ Colleges:

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| • KU | • JCCC |
| • Baker | • Truman |
| • UMKC | • Rockhurst |
| • U of Tulsa | • William Jewell |
| • MidAmerica Nazarene | • Drury |
| • Oklahoma State | • Bethel |

WHAT IS IT?

- For junior and senior students who are interested in a job shadow or internship
- Explore career opportunities
- Talk to colleges about potential majors

WHAT TO BRING:

- Resume and Business Casual Dress Recommended

HOW TO SIGN UP?

Sign up needs to be completed
through a SMSD student account

bit.ly/3P6BBYh





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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2023

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

NOCHE PARA PADRES DE ESTUDIANTES SENIORS



**October 25th, 2023
6:00pm-7:45pm
Shawnee Mission
South High School
Flex Theater**

**25 de Octubre, 2023
6:00pm-7:45pm
Preparatoria de
Shawnee Mission
South Teatro Flex**

Financial Aid Presentation

By the University of Kansas Financial Aid Office

6:00PM-7:00PM

Presentación de Ayuda Financiera

Por la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera de la Universidad de Kansas

College Application Presentation

By the SMS & SMW College Advisers

7:00PM-7:45PM

Presentación de Solicitud de Ingreso a la Universidad

Por los Asesores Universitarios de SMS y SMW



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SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE

August - December 2023



The Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA Clothing Exchange offers gently used clothing and shoes from infant to adult sizes. The Exchange is a free service open to those who live within the SMSD boundaries. All are welcome. If school offices are closed, the Clothing Exchange is closed. www.smsd.org

SCHEDULE

| 4:30pm-6:30pm | 10:00am-12:00pm |
|----------------|-----------------|
| | FRI, SEPT 8 |
| THURS, SEPT 14 | |
| | FRI, SEPT 22 |
| THURS, SEPT 28 | |
| | FRI, OCT 6 |
| CLOSED | |
| | FRI, OCT 20 |
| THURS, OCT 26 | |
| | FRI, NOV 3 |
| THURS, NOV 9 | |
| | FRI, NOV 17 |
| CLOSED | |
| | FRI, DEC 1 |
| THURS, DEC 7 | |
| | FRI, DEC 15 |

UNDERWEAR & SOCKS PROGRAM

- Each child enrolled in the Shawnee Mission School District can receive 5 new pairs underwear and socks each semester.
- **Proof of enrollment is required:** Skyward account on phone, letter from the school, student ID card.

HOW TO DONATE & VOLUNTEER

Go to www.smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange for donation options and volunteer sign-up links.

Follow us on
Facebook here:



LOCATION & CONTACT

SMSD Early Childhood Education Center
6701 West 83rd St.
Overland Park, KS 66204
Enter at back of the building at Door #7
Web: smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange
Email: smacce@smac-pta.org

Website Link:





SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Agosto - Diciembre 2023



El intercambio de ropa de la PTA del Consejo del Área de la Misión de Shawnee ofrece ropa y zapatos usados con cuidado, desde tallas para bebés hasta adultos. Exchange es un servicio gratuito abierto a quienes viven dentro de los límites de SMSD. Todos son bienvenidos. Si el edificio de la escuela está cerrado, el intercambio de ropa está cerrado. www.smsd.org

Calendario

| 4:30pm-6:30pm | 10:00am-12:00pm |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Viernes 8 de septiembre |
| Jueves 14 septiembre | |
| | Viernes 22 de septiembre |
| Jueves 28 septiembre | |
| | Viernes 6 de octubre |
| CERRADO | |
| | Viernes 20 de octubre |
| Jueves 26 de octubre | |
| | Viernes 3 de noviembre |
| Jueves 9 de noviembre | |
| | Viernes 17 de noviembre |
| CERRADO | |
| | Viernes 1 de diciembre |
| Jueves 7 de diciembre | |
| | Viernes 15 de diciembre |

Nuevo Ropa Interior y Calcetines

Cada niño inscrito en el SMSD puede recibir 5 nuevos pares de ropa interior y calcetines cada semestre. **Se requiere comprobante de inscripción:** Cuenta Skyward en el teléfono o Carta de la escuela.

Como donar y ser voluntario

Ir www.smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange para conocer las opciones de donación y registrarse como voluntario.

Enlace de Facebook:



Ubicación y Contacto:

SMSD Early Childhood Education Center
6701 West 83rd St.
Overland Park, KS 66204
La entrada esta en la parte trasera del edificio en la Puerta #7
Web: smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange
Email: smacce@smac-pta.org

Enlace al sitio web:





SHAWNEE MISSION
WEST BAND

\$12 MUM SALE

SAT. SEPT. 30TH @ 9A - 2P

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MARCHING BAND TO HELP PAY
FOR UNIFORMS, LESSONS, EVENTS, STUDENT NEEDS,
LOGISTICS, MEALS, & MORE!

PREPAYMENT WILL GUARANTEE YOU A MUM FROM THE
LIMITED INVENTORY. ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE
PICKED UP ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH AT THE HIGH
SCHOOL PARKING LOT ON ANTIOCH.



PRE-ORDER WITH THIS QR CODE!
VENMO
@BANDAIDES-WEST



PTSA

We need adult volunteers to help our "Westpalooza"
Homecoming run smoothly!

Please review the available slots below and click on the button
to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AADA92BA13-44358017-smwhomecoming>

Shawnee Mission West Yard Signs and Riders!

Orders are due by October 6th.

Click the link to order yours now!

<https://smwest.memberhub.com/store>

PTSA Spirit Wear -

Did you know we use funds raised from our Spirit Wear to fund
great programs like SMW Teacher Grants and Scholarships?

You can help by looking great in our Viking Colors while supporting a great cause!

Orders are due by September 24th.

Click the link to order yours now!

<https://smwestptsa.itemorder.com>

Join PTSA for our next meeting on November 6th at 6:30 PM.

Libby Davis will share about her son, Cooper, and provide eye-opening education for parents and students about the dangers of Fentanyl and fake pills.

This will be one PTSA meeting you won't want to miss!



SHAWNEE MISSION WEST
YARD SIGNS

\$50/SIGN \$10/RIDER

SM WEST


Rider #1

Rider #2

ORDER BY
OCTOBER 6TH

SCAN ME



The advertisement features a black and white background with a large yellow circle on the left. Inside the circle is the SM West logo, which includes the text 'SM WEST' above a stylized 'W' with a Viking head. Below the logo are two white rectangular boxes labeled 'Rider #1' and 'Rider #2'. To the right of the circle is a yellow rectangular box containing a QR code and the text 'SCAN ME'. Above the QR code box is the text 'ORDER BY OCTOBER 6TH'. The top of the advertisement has the text 'SHAWNEE MISSION WEST YARD SIGNS' and '\$50/SIGN \$10/RIDER'. A yellow and black curved graphic element is in the top right corner.



SMW YARD SIGN

**\$ 50
Each**

***Rider #1**

***Rider #2**

**18" x 18" white PVC
sign with Steel
T-bar stake**

***Riders sold separately - \$10 each**

Add a rider to your SMW YARD SIGN!

**\$ 10
Each**

Add any school activity to your rider!

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| Band | Dance | Journalism |
| Cheer | Debate | Orchestra |
| Choir | Drama | Student Council |
| Class of 2027 | Football | Volleyball |

SMW VIKING SPIRIT WEAR

Get your Viking T-Shirts,
Hoodies, & Bleacher Seats
Now! Orders due September
24th!

[Order Now](#)



ONE PILL CAN KILL

#OnePillCanKill

FENTANYL AWARENESS

Preventing Loss through Education and Awareness by educating the young people, parents, and the community about the dangers of illicit fentanyl and fake pills.

Libby Davis will talk about her son Cooper who died from an overdose of fentanyl that was in counterfeit pills.



MONDAY
6 NOVEMBER
6:30PM



ONE DECISION . ONE PILL. ONE TIME IS ALL IT TAKES.

SENIOR VIKING

Preparations for Senior Viking Pageant are going strong.

We are excited to announce this year's Senior Viking candidates. Senior Viking will be held Saturday, October 21. Candidates will fundraise leading up to Senior Viking and participate in a fun, pageant-style competition. All funds go towards Senior Sizzle, a celebration for graduating seniors.

This year's candidates are:

Bryce Bean
Alvin Gonzalez
Harrison Holt
Ryder Kirby

Jace Morales
Watson Porter
Nick van Deventer
Nathan Phillips
Kortez Washington
Noah Winans

Please take some time to view the images below to see how you can help support Senior Viking and Senior Sizzle.



SENIOR VIKING
2023-2024

**OCTOBER 21,
2023
SHAWNEE
MISSION WEST
AUDITORIUM
7PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE
SOON**

**ADULTS \$7
STUDENTS/CHILDREN \$5**

**SENIOR VIKING IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE
GENEROUS SPONSORS**

**CONSULTING & TESTING
TITAN
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
ABATEMENT & DEMOLITION**

ROCKETBOOK

Jason's deli®

**MTA
Martin-Tines Agency, LLC
Insurance Solutions for Home, Auto, Business and Life**

**AMERICAN FAMILY
INSURANCE®
PAT KELLY**

**Edward
Jones
CASEY CLARK**

SMW SILENT AUCTION

Featuring items from KC Mavericks, KC Zoo, City of Lenexa, Bark Box, The Rub, KC Improv, KU Basketball, Zarda BBQ and more!

OCTOBER

21

7pm

**SHAWNEE
MISSION WEST**

Brought to you by Shawnee Mission West PTSA

West is Best is a local organization that helps provide funds to neighboring students for extracurricular activities. Please show your support by donating on Sept. 23rd. 🧡🖤



West is Best Scholarship Fund

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One Day. 09.23.2023

🔥 One Viking Nation.

West is Best Scholarship Fund

Come together with alumni and friends,
show your pride in our Viking students,
and donate to this one day campaign
supporting West is Best!

**Empowering Dreams
@ West is Best.**

> JOIN THE SMSD TEAM!



SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB FAIR

- > 4 to 6 p.m.
- > Thursday, September 21, 2023
- > Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st

Non-teaching career opportunities in the Shawnee Mission School District including:

- > Food Service
- > Operations and Maintenance
- > Paraeducators and Aides
- > Information and Communication Technology

Benefits include: Increased salaries, school hours, paid holidays, health insurance, retirement plan, free fitness center access, onsite health facility, and paid sick leave.



SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOLS JOB FAIR



**FERIA DE
TRABAJO**



**Se Habla Español
Bienvenidos**

SEPT. 21 ☼ 4-6 PM
CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

**NON-TEACHING
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Feliz Independencia/Happy Independence Day & it is also the start Hispanic Heritage Month. Sept 15th and 16th mark Independence Day for much of Central America and Mexico. These days are filled with parades, celebrations, and lots of (loud) fireworks.

Here is a [list of ways](#) to celebrate here in the KC Metro.

Here are some ways these countries celebrate their independence:

[Mexico](#)

[El Salvador](#)

[Guatemala](#)

[Honduras](#)

... and many more

Prosperity, Power, and Progress



**NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH**



**SEPT. 15-OCT 15.
2023**





HISTORY:

National Hispanic Heritage Month takes place annually between September 15 to October 15 and provides a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.

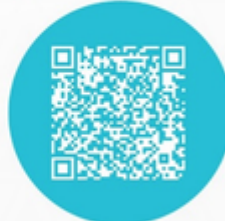
The 2023 theme is 'Prosperity, Power, and Progress,' recognizing the significant achievements of the Hispanic community in the economic and political industries. Along with recognizing the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month, it is equally important for us to raise awareness and further our own learning and depth for understanding.



RESOURCES



UPCOMING EVENTS



Repeat Information

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 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



WEAR YOUR CLASS COLOR

Freshmen - gray

Sophomores - yellow

Juniors - black

Seniors - white



FOOD TRUCKS



FLOAT DECORATING



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.



HOMECOMING



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SMSD South Stadium
September 22nd, 2023
Time: 7pm

FRI, SEP 22 AT 7 PM CDT
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 or faxed to 913-993-8099 ATTENTION: Jennifer Silverstein.



OUTSIDE GUEST FORM FY24.pdf

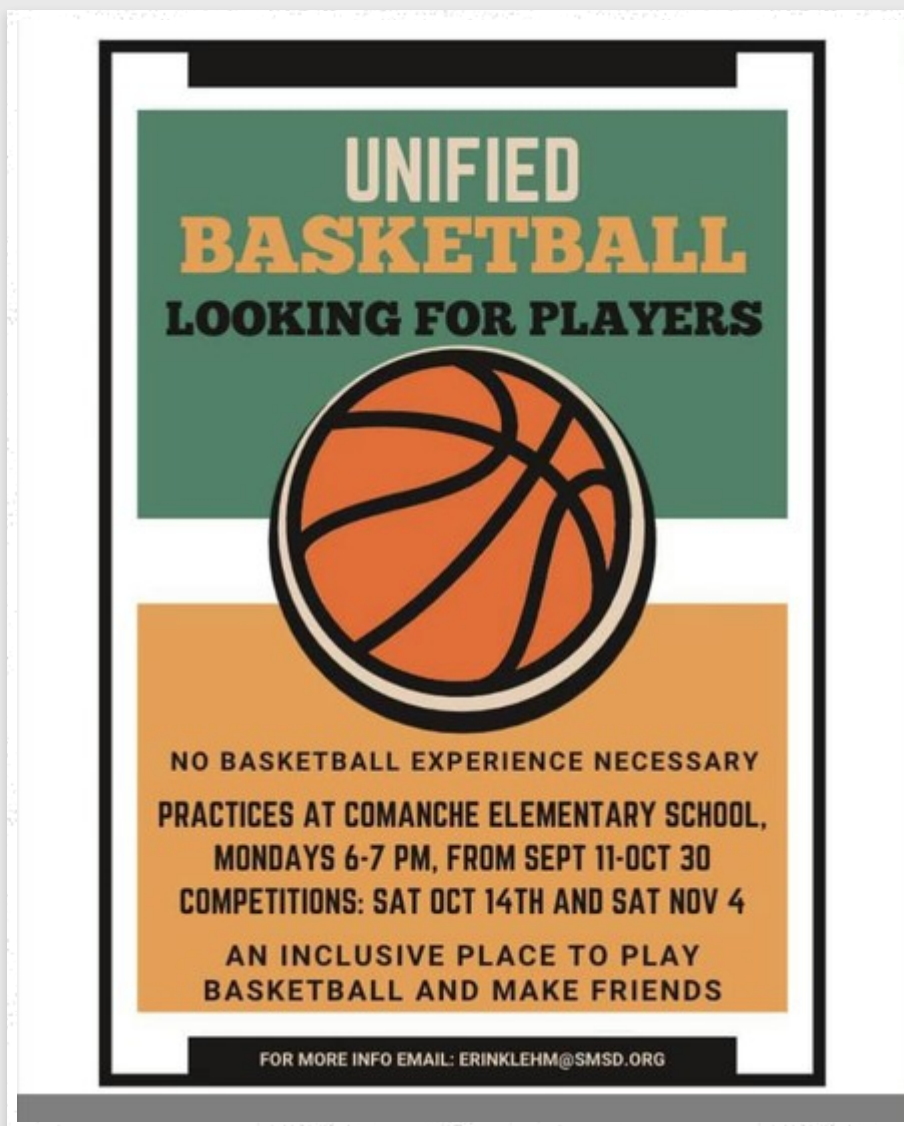
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UNIFIED BASKETBALL

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.





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

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

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 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



SCOUTS | BSA

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 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 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.

Step-by-Step Through the FAFSA

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Zoom

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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

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](#)



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.

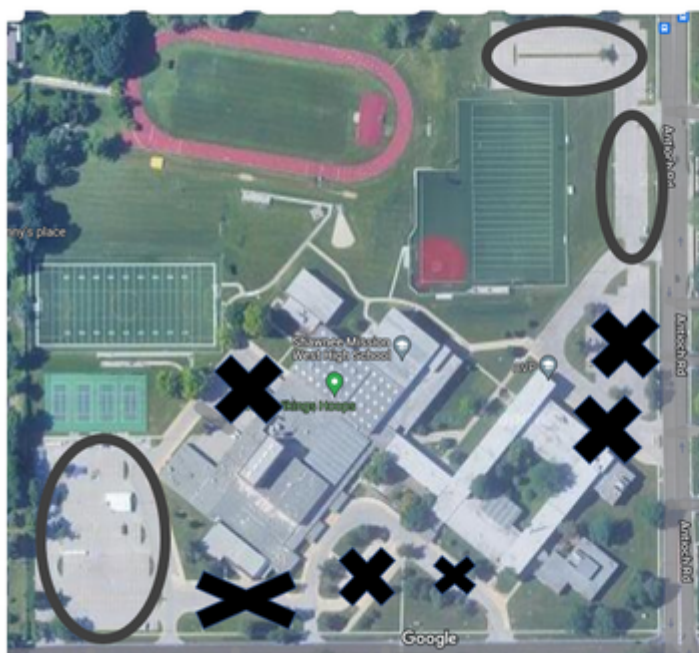
PARKING PERMITS

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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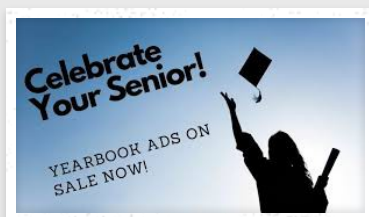


VIKING PAGEANT - TIME HONORED TRADITION AT SM WEST

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.

Senior Ads

SMW 2023-2024



DEADLINES

(NOT TOO LATE FOR EARLY BIRD!!!)



DEADLINES

• early bird price Friday, Oct. 6

* In order to receive the early bird price, you must pay in full and have your complete ad (including ALL photos) ready by Oct. 6.

• regular price Friday, Nov. 3

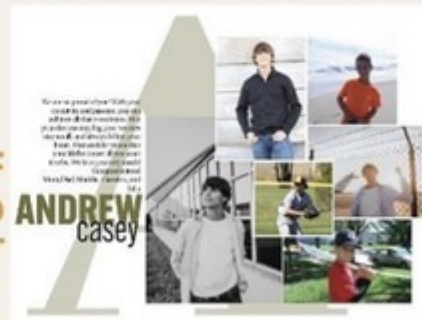
*After Nov. 3, we will take ads if space is available.

SIZES AND PRICES

| size | dimensions | early bird price | regular price |
|-----------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1/8 page | (4.1509" x 2.6667") | \$75 | \$95 |
| 1/4 page | (4.1509" x 5.3333") | \$105 | \$125 |
| 1/2 page | (8.3175" x 5.3333") | \$145 | \$165 |
| full page | (8.3175" x 10.6667") | \$225 | \$245 |



A HALF
PAGE AD
FROM LAST
YEAR





WHAT IS AN AD?

As the parent of a senior, you have the special opportunity to place a congratulatory tribute for your child in the 2024 yearbook. Even though the book doesn't come out until May, **now is the time to prepare your senior tribute.**

HELPFUL HINTS

- Please submit high quality digital images/scans... a JPEG or PDF in at least 300 ppi.
- Smaller ads will look better with one great photo. Submit two or more photos for larger ads (five for a 1/2 page ad, no more than 10 for a full page).

ORDERING PROCESS

1. Go to the site for online ordering
<http://bit.ly/3L4RqNY>
2. Follow the directions to order your ad, submit photos and pay online.

- We will download the files, design your ad, and contact you with a proof.
- You may also submit your own ad already designed.
- Yearbook staff members take a great deal of pride in personally designing an ad specifically for your student. They are trained to display your photos and message as professionally as possible and to treat your ad as if it were their own.
- If we have any questions, we will contact you.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW



2024 SENIOR TRIBUTE (ads) - Google Docs.pdf

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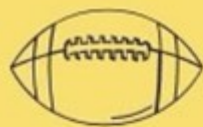


SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

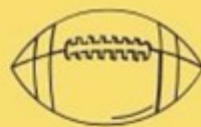
• **September 10-16 is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week.** This week is a time for each of us to renew our focus on suicide prevention, and to ensure we are taking care of ourselves & others. Please encourage conversations and spread awareness as we continue to care for SMSD students, families,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



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



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

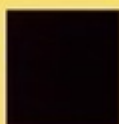


9/22 vs Olathe South

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, sabados

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

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 or aciamorely@smsd.org

Questions: call 913-993-7960

Kim Tennissen, RN, FNP-BC

Shawnee Mission West Nurse

8800 West 85th Street

Overland Park, KS 66212

Phone: 913-993-7816

Fax: 913-993-1483

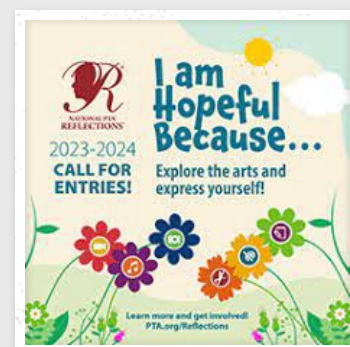
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PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST

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.



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/>



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

Member

\$10 per person

- Name listed in every choir & theatre program during the year, by membership level.

Patron of the Arts

\$35 per family

- Name listed in every choir & theatre program during the year, by membership level.
- One complimentary ticket to attend each of the 3 main stage productions.

Angel of the Arts

\$60 per family

- Name listed in every choir & theatre program during the year, by membership level.
- Two complimentary tickets to attend each of the 3 main stage productions.
- Early entrance to Spotlight Spectacular.

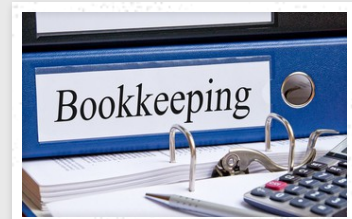
Your membership dollars are used to support both the choir and theatre programs, as well as for the annual scholarships presented to seniors in the spring.

BOOKKEEPING NEWS

FEE PAYMENT

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.

Thank you.

Cristina Seyler

SM WEST HS Bookkeeper
8800 W 85th Street
Overland Park, KS 66212
913-993-7810



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Fee Payment FY24 Spanish.pdf

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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/1UCo7L5B9PwmqDECiLayyb7r965hd9M1WxJfgynQgWqU/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.)

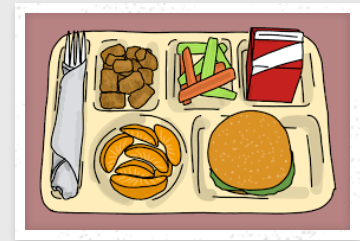
2. Please only carry your MacBook with the screen shut and with both hands to keep the machine secure.
3. Do not ever pick up the MacBook by the screen. The LCD is very sensitive and the pressure of your grip will break the screen.
4. Keyboard covers should not be used since non-Apple keyboard covers 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 lose 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.

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.

2023-24 - Child Nutrition Program Meal Benefit Application

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>

QUALIFYING APPLICATIONS CAN HELP WITH:



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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.

Para obtener más información y enlaces para aplicar: <https://bit.ly/3QaDJwZ>.

LAS SOLICITUDES QUE CALIFICAN PUEDEN AYUDAR CON:



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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 | | |

SCAN HERE



- 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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- > *RETIREMENT PLAN*
- > *UNIFORM ALLOWANCE*
- > *PAID SICK LEAVE*



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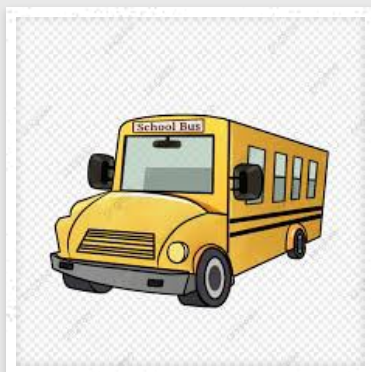


TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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

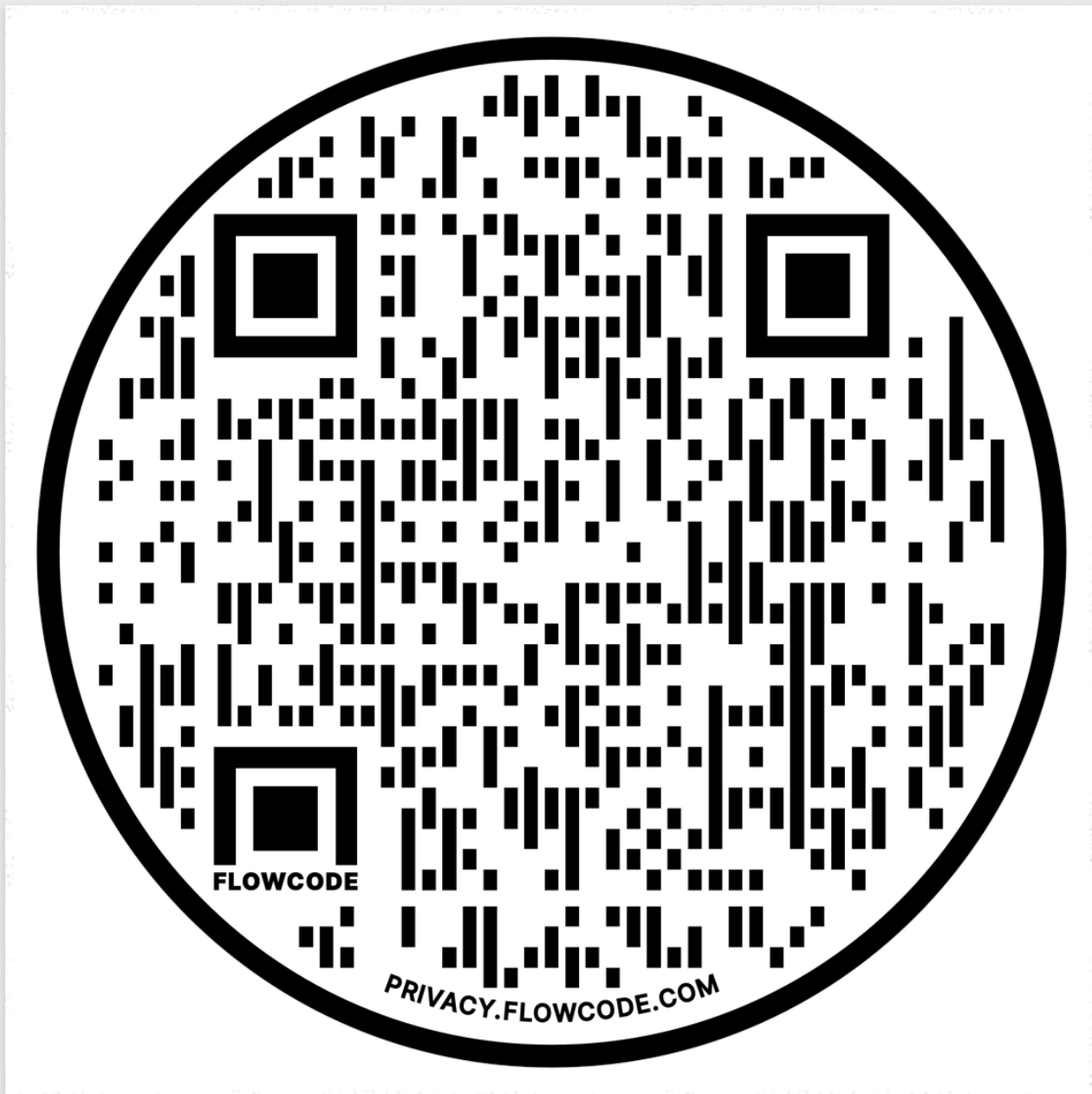
Secretary - Christina Middleton

Programs - Gwyn Dill

Treasurer - Darci Robinson



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



PTSA Application 2023-2024[71].pdf

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