SM WEST NEWSLETTER

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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.

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.

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



5th Block Lunch

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

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TUESDAY

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

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

4th Block Lunch

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

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2 nd Period	8:40-10:15	95
8 th Seminar	10:20-10:55	35
4th Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
6th Period	1:05 - 2:40	95

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(With Late Start Schedule)



Schedule Update

SCHEDULE UPDATE

This Week - Oct. 2 - Oct. 6

Mon. 10/2 - All Classes 1-7

Tue. 10/3 - Even Block Day. Seniors will have a Senior Class meeting during seminar. A representative from Jostens will be in attendance and share information about ordering graduation regalia (caps/gowns/tassel and SM West Stole). If unable to attend - seniors should make sure to read their email with updates and may go to Student Services for the Jostens packet.

Wed. 10/4 - Odd Block Day

Thurs. 10/5 - Late Start and Even Block Day

Fri. 10/6 - Odd Block Day

Next Week - Oct. 9-13

Mon. 10/9 - Odd Block Day

Tues. 10/10 - Even Block Day

Wed. 10/11 - Please view email from Kim Urenda - Many students will choose to take a standardized test (PSAT, ACT, practice ACT, or SAT). Seniors will have an opportunity to choose an activity off campus as well. All other students will follow an ALL CLASS schedule day.

Thur. 10/12 - NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS (Teacher have

Professional Development)

ATTENTION SENIORS

Your May 21st Graduation Day seems far away, but the time will go by quickly.

There will be a variety of tasks that seniors need to complete so that our graduation ceremony is a success.

There will be a senior class meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 10:00am to talk about some of these tasks. A Jostens

representative will be in attendance with information on how to order a cap/gown. Yes, these need to be ordered now. Orders will be submitted and manufacturing will take place so that each one of our graduates has regalia to wear at the ceremony.

There will be MANY other options of souvenir items that may be purchased, but the only mandatory item will be the cap/gown/stole/tassel unit. With tax and shipping the total will be approximately \$35.00. All cap/gown units will be delivered to the school in May and will be distributed at our Graduation Rehearsal event.

See below for more information from Jostens.

Senior Parents,

Welcome to Jostens. We will be working with your school next week to help seniors order graduation products. Please watch the short video for important info and a schedule of events.

GRAD ORDER DUE DATE: OCTOBER 18th

Congratulations, Seniors...see you this week!!

Grad Info and Schedule of Events:

https://welcomesmwhs.jostensteam.com/

SMSD MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

All five SMSD high schools are working hard as they prepare for the upcoming competition season.

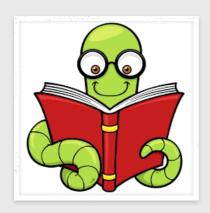
On Monday, all 5 school's band and dance/color guard teams will perform their marching field shows.

Admission is FREE

Everyone is encouraged to come cheer on all the bands.







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 SMW National Honors Society! Madeline Ampleman and Alayna Beck read "Goodnight Lab" by Chris Ferrie. Here is the video!

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

West Parents and Guardians: The Student Services Center has a resource page for you! If you have concerns about your students mental/emotional health, how to help with the college application process, or questions about scholarship and financial aid, please visit https://smsd.instructure.com/courses/22341 and scroll down the page to the Parent Guardian Resources button.



ACT PowerPrep

Shawnee Mission West students are able to attend an ACT test prep class through PowerPrep on Friday, October 13th at Shawnee Mission West. The cost is \$65.

Register here

http://actprep.info/shawneemissionwest

Scholarships:

Scholarships are now available to West Seniors! <u>This</u> 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 <a href="https://doi.org/inchess-1006/nchess-1

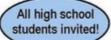
<u>COLLEGE VISITS:</u> Sign up in Student Services w/Ms. Allen, College Adviser We have several college admissions representatives who come to our high school in person to share information about their college. This <u>link</u> will lead you to a spreadsheet where new schools are signing up daily.

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 COLLEGE CLINIC

Wednesday, October 11, 2023



6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Shawnee Mission East High School 7500 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS

The largest COLLEGE FAIR in the Kansas City area.

Colleges & universities from across the country.

Talk to college representatives in person.

Ask questions & get answers first hand!

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS.

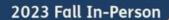
More info & list of colleges registered: THECOLLEGECLINIC.COM

Free Admission. Free Parking. Free Shuttle.

Sponsored by: Shawnee Mission East PTSA & Shawnee Mission East High School

SME's Annual College Clinic is on Wed night, Oct 11. If you can't make it to that, here is another large college fair the day before on Oct 10!

NACAC's National College Fair is coming to downtown Kansas City on Tuesday,... See more



STEM / PVA

NACAC National College Fair – Kansas City

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

Kansas City Convention Center (Kansas City, MO)

NACAC >

National College Fairs

REGISTER NOW! nacacattend.org/fairs



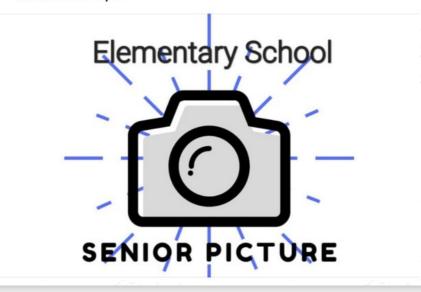


Senior's Elementary School Group photo:

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



Attention Shawnee Mission West Seniors who attended Pawnee Elementary!

Please meet at Pawnee for a yearbook photo on Thursday, October 19, at 7:30 a.m.

We'll take a couple of quick pictures. Donuts will be provided.

Please bring \$10 if you can to help pay for the yearbook ad.





CANDIDATE MEET & GREET

SMSD Board of Education Candidates

The event will kick off with each candidate sharing why they are running for school board. Attendees will then have the opportunity to meet and mingle with candidates.

Four school board seats on the 2023 ballot

At-Large

- SM North
- SM Northwest
- SM South

All candidates have been invited

Thursday, Oct 5 6-7pm

SMSD Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st St.



Repeat Information

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 18TH 5-8PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED IN PERSON ONLY ARENA STYLE - IN GYMS & CAFTERIA

OCTOBER 20TH 7:30AM-3PM

APPOINTMENT NEEDED
WEBEX OR IN-PERSON IN THE
TEACHER'S CLASSROOM



SAIL TUTORING EACH WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Starting Wednesday, September 27th, **SAIL Tutoring Program**.

Who: Open to all students.

What: SAIL Tutoring is an after school tutoring program for all students.

When: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-4:20pm (see

Calendar below)

Where: The Cafeteria

Why: Providing space, time and adult support to catch up on

work and support learning.

Additional Information: A meal is provided and there is a late bus after tutoring that will run along 87th Street only. Students

must have a pass to get on the bus.

SAIL TUTORING

About SAIL Tutoring

SAIL Tutoring is an after school tutoring program for all students.

Days of the Week

Tutoring will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-4:20pm. It starts in the cafeteria.

Content Area Assistance

On specific days, there will be content assistance in specific areas. Although, students can work on any content on any day.

Wednesdays

ELA Social Studies Electives

Thursdays

Math Science Electives



Teacher Encouraged

Teachers encourage students who are struggling to attend tutoring by giving students a pass and putting the carbon copy in the mailroom.

Additional Information

Bus transportation and a snack will be provided.

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

Sail Tutoring

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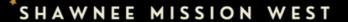
Math

Science

Electives

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OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS



Tutoria de SAIL

TUTORIA SAIL ES UNA PROGRAMA DESPUES DE CLASES PARA TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES.

MIERCOLES

Literatura Estudios Sociales Electivas

JUEVES

Matematica Ciencia Electivas

Las sessiones de tutorías se llevan a cabo los miércoles y jueves de 2:50 a 4:20 p. m. Comienza en la cafetería.]Se proporcionará transporte en bus y un refrigerio.

ABIERTO A TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES

SAIL TUTORING DATES

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OCT. 11TH - NATIONAL TESTING DAY

On Wednesday, October 11, 2023, your student(s) in grades 10, 11, and 12 will have several different opportunities for learning. We need your help to complete this OCTOBER 11th FORM so we



know where your student will be that day. *Please submit your responses by Sunday, October 1,* 2023 by 11:59 pm.

All Freshmen and those not using the other opportunities available will follow a normal 1-7 period day - but with shortened blocks. (Schedule coming soon).

All students will be dismissed at 1:10pm.

ACT Workshops

For October 28th National Test

In-person or Zoom Connection
Workshops expected to be at Oak Park High School
This workshop isn't registration for the ACT test

\$175 =Full ACT class* 5 days, 12 hrs:

6-8:20 PM

Meets: Thur Oct 12, Mon 16, Thur 19, Tues 24, Thur 26

English: grammar, rhetoric, mechanics, punctuation, voice, tense, etc. Math: tips and tricks to find answers, increase speed and accuracy. Reading: How to read for meaning and speed - find the best choice. Science: Keys to reading charts, graphs and tables, where to focus.

\$75 =Math Mania* One day, 5 hrs:

8:30am-1:30 PM

Meets: Sat, Oct 21

Valuable review in Geometry, Algebra, and Advance Alg/Trig. Many have not had to look at these concepts for two or more years—students get a packet of 80+ ACT problems for additional practice.

Discount:

\$220 = Full Class + Math Mania (\$30 discount!)

Private Tutoring: for full tutoring course please send for information

*All offerings require minimum of 4 pre-paid students. All funds returned if class doesn't make.

Previous students are eligible for discounted tutoring and re-takes.

E-mail for enrollment form: ACT_tutor256@yahoo.com Call (preferred) or text with questions: 816-835-3072

Dec 9 test: Register by Nov 3. Classes start Nov 14 || Feb 10 test: Reg by Jan 5. Classes start Jan 25

Successfully Improving Test Scores for over 17 years! Private Sessions: chemistry, math and science are also available



CLASS RING ORDER INFORMATION - DISPLAYS AND INFORMATION ON THE BRIDGE THIS WEEK.

mportant!! Class ring week in our school will be this week. Here is what you need to know...

- While usually a sophomore event, Covid has set us back a couple of years and we want to make sure juniors and seniors also have a chance to order their rings.
- Please watch the short video below, introducing the process and giving you important due dates.

https://welcomeshawneemw.teamjostens.com/

This is a great tradition and a fun week at our school. If you have any questions or need anything, please contact our Jostens partner (jeff.heline@jostens.com / 785-843-2967).



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.



SMW SILENT AUCTION
OCTOBER 21, 2023,
7PM
SHAWNEE MISSION WEST
AUDITORIUM

senior parents: we need you

Do you own a business, offer a service? You can donate! Please consider donating something to our silent auction. Can't think of anything? Monetary donations will be put towards auction packages.

Sign up through live link above type in browser:
https://tinyurl.com/5du7uvp6





JAG-K

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

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





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





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 Prepatoria de Shawnee Mission South Teatro Flex

Financial Aid Presentation

By the University of Kansas Financial Aid Office

6:00PM-7:00PM

Presentatción de Ayuda Financieria

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





SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE





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. <u>All are welcome</u>. 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/clothingexchange 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







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 nino inscrito en el SMSD puede recibir 5 nuevos pares de ropa interior y calcentines cada semester. Se require comprobante de inscripcion: Cuenta Skyward en el telefono o Carta de la escuela.

Como donar y ser voluntario

Ir www.smac-pta.org/clothingexchange para conocer las opciones de donacion y registrarse como voluntario.

Enlace de Facebook:



Ubicacion 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









PTSA

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!

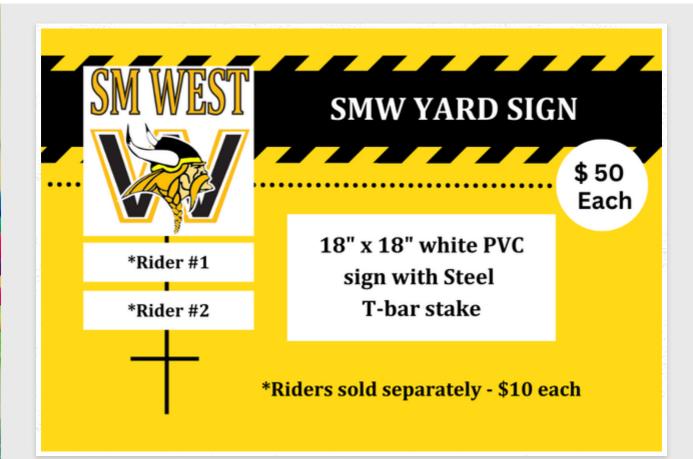
Orders are due by September 24th. Click the link to order yours now! https://smwestptsa.itemorder.com

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

Libby Davis will share about her son, Cooper, and provide eyeopening 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!





Add a rider to your SMW YARD SIGN!

\$10 Each

Add any school activity to your rider!

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



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



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:

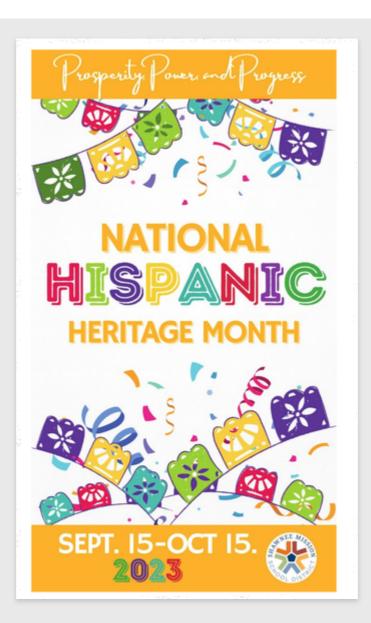
<u>Mexico</u>

El Salvador

Guatemala

Honduras

... and many more

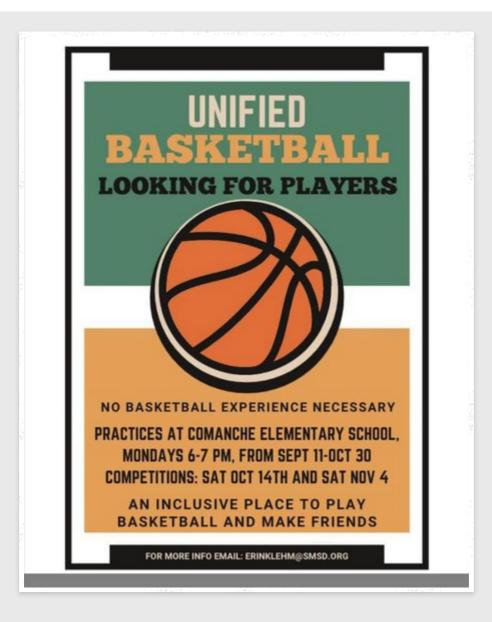




UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Our Unified sport could use some support. It is special educaiton 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 detials. 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

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 Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 6:30-8 p.m.

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.

Taking the Mystery Out of Retirement Planning

Tuesday, Oct. 3 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Zoon

Do you know how much money you need in order to retire? Sarah Guerricagotia 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!



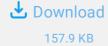
Sign up for the Career & Finance bi-monthly newsletter at jocolibrary.org/enewsletters





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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 created 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.

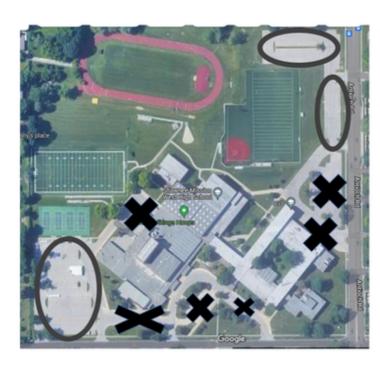
Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are able to park on campus at SM West. A parking permit must be purchased and a parking sticker picked up from our Security personnel in the front entrance.

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





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.



DEADLINES





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/s page	(4.1509" x 2.6667")	\$75	\$95
1/4 page	(4.1509" x 5.3333")	\$105	\$125
½ page	(8.3175" x 5.3333")	\$145	\$165
full page	(8.3175" x 10.6667")	\$225	\$245





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

- Go to the site for online ordering http://bit.ly/3L4RqNY
- 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





9/1 vs SM Northwest 3/29 vs SM East THEME: COUGAR HUNT HOME



THEME: USA AWAY



9/8 vs Mill Valley





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.



■ iRegístrate hoy!
Leckc.org/EducaTecSMSD
Leckc.org/EducaTecSMSD

Cuidado de niños disponible al confirmar su asistencia.

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







Revolución EDUCATIVA



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/healthservices/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

kimberlytennissen@smsd.org

PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST

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



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

Lam Hopeful Because... 2023-2024 CALL FOR Explore the arts and express yourself! Lean monor and get involved! Ph.org Barbectons

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 $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11^n$ 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 donates items for our nurse's pantry.

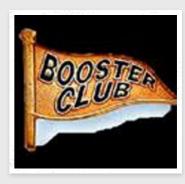
Thank you so very much for your help.

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

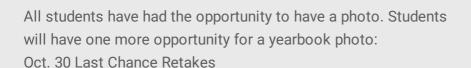






PICTURE DAYS

Picture Days:





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.

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.

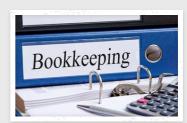
Your membership dollars are used to support both the choir and theatre programs, as well as for the annual scholarships presented to seniors in the spring.

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

- 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



Fee Payment FY24.pdf





Fee Payment FY24 Spanish.pdf





MACBOOK/TT - 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 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/techissues). 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.

<u>ONLY SENIORS are allowed to leave campus for lunch</u> - 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 <u>School Cafe</u>. Families do need to create a School Cafe account if they do not already have one - more information may be located on the <u>SMSD Food Service Free and Reduced</u> 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.

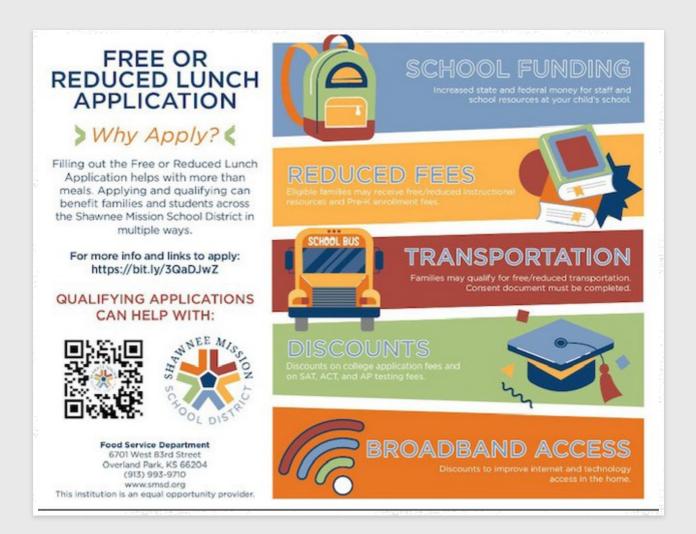
Consent for Disclosure and Eligibility

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 <u>SMSD Food Service office</u> 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.



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:





Food Service Department

6701 West 83rd Street Overland Park, KS 66204 (913) 993-9710 www.smsd.org



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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		



- 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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FOOD SERVICE POSITIONS --- NOW OPEN!

- > SCHOOL HOURS (no evenings or weekends and summers off)
- > PAID HOLIDAYS
- > HEALTH INSURANCE
- > RETIREMENT PLAN
- > UNIFORM ALLOWANCE
- > PAID SICK LEAVE



Scan code for the current openings

Help our students achieve unlimited possibilities!





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: <u>DS Bus</u>
 <u>Lines registration</u>
- 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.

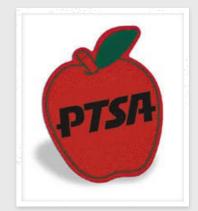
Sign up for notifications at the following link:

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

