

# SM WEST NEWSLETTER

ISSUE #9 FRIDAY, OCT 6, 2023



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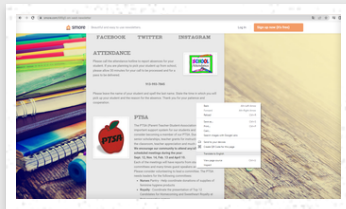


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See images below.



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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.

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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

[STAFF DIRECTORY](#)





## IMPORTANT REMINDER - ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Viking Families,

One of our goals at SM West this year is to improve student attendance, especially our chronic absenteeism.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% of the school year, or just 2-3 missed days a month.

Chronic absenteeism is NOT truancy.

*Chronic absenteeism includes both excused and unexcused absences, whereas truancy includes only unexcused absences (truancy is filed at 10 unexcused absences) .*

Please click this link for definitions of excused and unexcused absences: [SMSD Definition of Excused and Unexcused Absences](#)

Last year SM West's chronic absenteeism was at 38%, while the state average was at 19%. We can and must do better. Please take a few moments and read through [THIS LETTER](#) to find out how you can help us improve our chronic absenteeism.

Each month we will share with our community our chronic absenteeism data beginning at the end of September.

Thank you.

Familias SMW (Vikings),

Uno de nuestros objetivos en SM West este año es mejorar la asistencia de los estudiantes, especialmente nuestro ausentismo crónico.

El ausentismo crónico se define como perder el 10% del año escolar, o solo 2-3 días perdidos al mes.

El ausentismo crónico NO es ausentismo escolar.

El ausentismo crónico incluye ausencias justificadas e injustificadas, mientras que el ausentismo escolar incluye solo ausencias injustificadas (el ausentismo escolar se presenta a las 10 ausencias injustificadas)

Haga clic en este enlace para ver las definiciones de ausencias justificadas e injustificadas: : [SMSD Definition of Excused and Unexcused Absences](#)

El año pasado, el ausentismo crónico de SM West fue del 38%, mientras que el promedio estatal fue del 19%. Podemos y debemos hacerlo mejor. Por favor, tómese unos minutos y lea a través de esta carta [THIS LETTER](#) para saber cómo puede ayudarnos a mejorar nuestro ausentismo crónico.

Cada mes compartiremos con nuestra Comunidad nuestros datos de ausentismo crónico comenzando a finales de Septiembre.

Gracias.

## 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

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



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

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

LATE START- PLC	7:30-8:30	60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:40-10:15	95
8 <sup>th</sup> Seminar	10:20-10:55	35
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
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(With Late Start Schedule)

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## Schedule Update

### SCHEDULE UPDATE

#### **Next Week - Oct. 9-13**

Mon. 10/9 - Odd Block Day - A representative from Jostens will be on the bridge during lunch to confirm class ring orders.

Tues. 10/10 - Even Block Day

Wed. 10/11 - National Testing Day - Many students have signed up for ACT, PSAT, or SAT, and seniors could also choose a college visit, job shadow, or community service. All other students will go to all classes on a shortened schedule.

Students will have an opportunity to have lunch at 12:40 at school and dismissal will be 1:10 and busses will leave at approximately 1:17pm. See schedule below.

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

Fri. 10/13 - NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS (Teacher Work Day for END of the QUARTER)

#### **Oct. 16 - Oct. 20**

Mon. 10/16 - Odd Block Day

Tues. 10/17 - Even Block Day

Wed. 10/18 - Odd Block Day - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE NIGHT 5-8pm

Thurs. 10/19 - Late Start and Even Block Day



## EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

(ALL CLASS SCHEDULE)

PERIOD 1	7:40 – 8:20 AM
PERIOD 2	8:25 – 9:05 AM
PERIOD 3	9:10 – 9:50 AM
PERIOD 4	9:55 – 10:35 AM
PERIOD 5	10:40 – 11:20 AM
PERIOD 6	11:25 AM– 12:00 PM
PERIOD 7	12:05 – 12:40 PM
LUNCH	12:40 – 1:10 PM

This schedule will be used on Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Students were directed to complete a google form sent by Kim Urenda indicating their choice for Testing Day.**

All Freshman will go to all classes according to this schedule.

Sophomores have the choice of taking a Practice SAT/PSAT or to attend class according to this schedule.

Juniors have the choice of taking the PSAT – cost \$20, a practice ACT or to attend class according to this schedule.

Seniors have the choice of taking the ACT (without accommodations), Attend Class- according to this schedule, or be off campus for college visit, job shadow or self-directed community service project.

**PARENT  
TEACHER  
STUDENT  
CONFERENCES**

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**OCTOBER  
18TH  
5-8PM**

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED  
IN PERSON ONLY  
ARENA STYLE - IN GYMS & CAFETERIA**

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**OCTOBER  
20TH  
7:30AM-3PM**

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

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

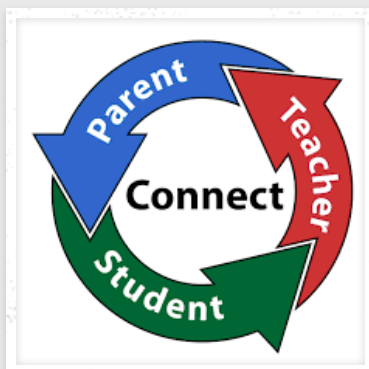
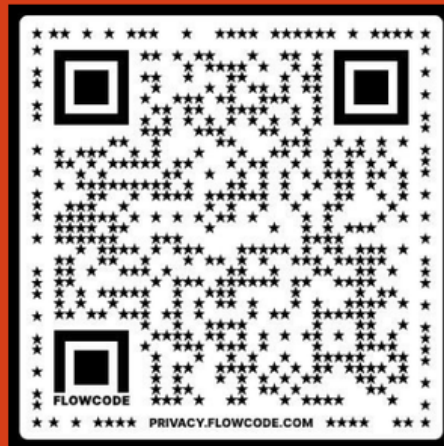


**HELP SPONSOR A MEAL FOR OUR TEACHERS ON  
CONFERENCE NIGHT**

**OCT. 18, 2023**

**PTSA IS SPONSORING A PIZZA MEAL FOR  
OUR TEACHERS**

**- PLEASE USE THE QR  
CODE BELOW TO PROVIDE  
A SMALL DONATION.**



## **CREATING THE SCHOOL- STUDENT-HOME RELATIONSHIP.**

As a parent of an elementary student, volunteering to help the school seemed easy: Bring treats to a classroom party, help chaperone a field trip, chip in for a school fundraiser...etc. But is it still necessary when my student in high school?

The answer is Yes!

It is important that the school and families work together to create the best educational experience for our students.

One great way to provide that support is to make it a priority to attend parent teacher conferences. If you are unable to come in

person, then reach out to your children's teachers to schedule a phone call or a WebEx meeting.

Another way is to come to a Shawnee Mission West event like a concert or a sporting event or the Senior Viking Pageant. Even if your student isn't performing, playing, or competing, show your student the importance of creating a school culture and support their fellow students.

Many parents find great satisfaction in volunteering to support the school. If your student is involved in an extracurricular activity, chances are they have a parent group that supports the activity. Maybe you will sign up to help coat check for the dances or provide a food item for a team dinner or for the West Staff. Some of you might even be interested in becoming a [SMSD MVP](#).

Many parents think they may not have time to come to an event or to volunteer to help, but even small contributions can make a big impact.

Research shows that being a parent volunteer positively impacts schools in various ways – it strengthens school-home partnerships, improves student academic performance and behavior, fosters a sense of community, and boosts teacher morale. Schools with higher parental involvement also report lower rates of absenteeism and dropout and higher graduation rates.

As our year continues to progress, take time to read the newsletters to find out how you can support our Viking Nation. We can't wait to see you.

## ATTENTION SENIORS

Your May 21st Graduation Day seems far away, but the time will go by quickly. Here is a message that was sent to all senior families.

Seniors and Families of Seniors

Graduation information was passed out to seniors on Oct. 3rd.

Please know that the only item that students must order is the cap/gown/tassel/stole unit. You DO NOT need to purchase the Viking Package that is listed for the \$266 or any of the other packages. The only mandatory item is the cap/gown/tassel/stole unit which is listed for \$30 and will have tax/shipping added at checkout.

If you go to the Josten's website and follow along the steps that are listed in the attachment you can pick just the cap/gown unit. [SEE ATTACHMENT](#)



Please order before Oct. 18, 2023.

All cap/gown units will be delivered to SM West in May and will be distributed to students at the graduation rehearsal the week before graduation.

Each senior also needs to complete this google form so that our Readers of the Roll at graduation know what name to say and how to pronounce the name as students cross the stage. See link below. Please have students complete this form.

<https://forms.gle/Byi29bTjf1safyKeA>

**Thank you**

Seniors y Familias de Seniors

La información de Graduación se distribuyó a los Estudiantes Seniors el 3 de Octubre.

Tenga en cuenta que el único artículo que los Estudiantes deben ordenar es el birrete / toga / borla / estola. NO necesita comprar el paquete Viking que esta incluido por \$ 266 o cualquiera de los otros paquetes eso es opcional. El único artículo obligatorio es el birrete/ toga / borla / estola que se incluye por \$ 30 y se agregarán impuestos / y gastos de envío al finalizar la compra.

Si va al sitio Website de Josten y sigue los pasos que se incluyen en el archivo adjunto, puede elegir sólo la unidad de toga / birrete. **VER ANEXO**

Haga su pedido antes del 18 de octubre del 2023.

Todas las unidades de toga y birrete se entregarán a SM West en Mayo y se distribuirán a los Estudiantes en el ensayo de Graduación una semana antes de la Graduación.

Cada Estudiante Senior también necesita completar este formulario de Google para que nuestros Lectores de la lista en la Graduación sepan qué nombre decir y cómo pronunciar el nombre cuando los Estudiantes pasen al escenario. Vea el enlace a continuación. Por favor, pida a los Estudiantes que completen este formulario.

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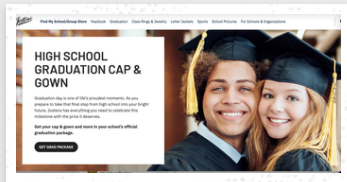
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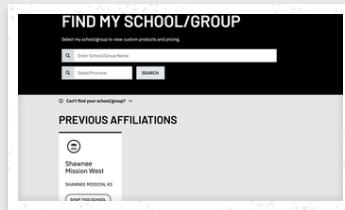
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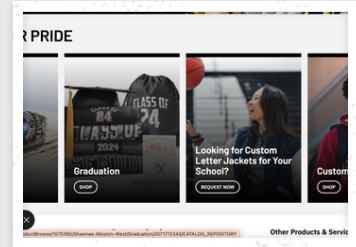
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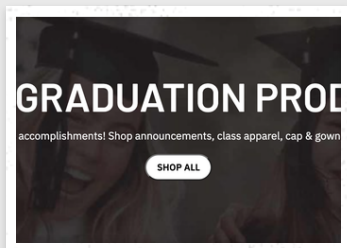
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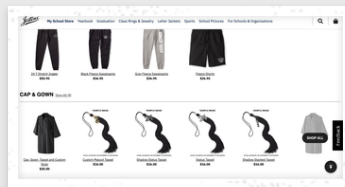
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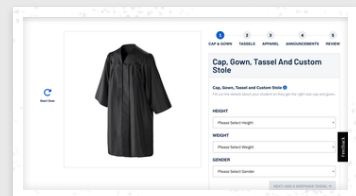
**CHOOSE  
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**SHOP ALL**



**FIND  
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**ENTER SIZE  
INFO AND  
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## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Applications are now being accepted for Women in Leadership.

Registration for the SMW Women in Leadership Cohort is now open! 10th-12th graders are eligible to be a part of the Women in Leadership Cohort at SMW. We meet monthly, to discuss Women in Leadership literature, learn from female leaders in the Kansas City community, and grow in leadership skills. Please submit your application by October 11th, 2023.

Link => <https://tinyurl.com/43mse672> Links to an external site.



# WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP



10th–12th graders are eligible to be a part of the Women in Leadership program. We meet monthly, to discuss Women in Leadership literature, learn from female leaders in the Kansas City community, and grow in leadership skills.




Register by 10/11







# SPIRIT NIGHT


*Join us from 5PM-10PM for  
food and fun! Come  
support your local school,  
**Shawnee Mission West  
Boys Soccer Team!***

 **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

 9707 Quivira Road,  
Overland Park, KS 66215

**CHICK-FIL-A OAK PARK**

 913-310-9222

 @cfaoakparkplaza





# JOIN US FOR A TAILGATE PARTY

TICKETS ARE \$15.00 PER  
PERSON: INCLUDES PULLED  
PORK, SHREDDED CHICKEN,  
SMOKED BEANS, CHEESY  
CORN, MAC & CHEESE AND A  
BOTTLED WATER  
SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO  
GET YOUR TICKETS



HOSTED BY THE  
BOOSTER CLUB

Questions:

smwestboosterclub@gmail.com

<https://square.link/u/fQWztShL?src=webqr>

**OCTOBER 20TH  
5PM-6PM**

**SMW VS LAWRENCE  
SENIOR NIGHT**

WILL BE HELD ON THE FIELD  
OUTSIDE THE STADIUM ON THE  
WEST SIDE LAWN.

WE HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES WE  
ARE RAFFLING OFF.

RAFFLE DRAWING AT 6PM



## FALL BEAUTIFICATION

Our 2nd annual Fall Beautification is just around the corner!  
Come join us in the circle drive on Saturday, October 28th from  
8am-11am to help us clean up our community. Food and drinks  
are provided, and earn service hours! Sign up here =>

<https://forms.gle/hcQ5Q14AFEQiq3Dx5>

¡Nuestra segunda edición anual de Embellecimiento de Otoño  
está a la vuelta de la esquina! Únase a nosotros en el recorrido  
circular el sábado 28 de octubre de 8am-11am para ayudarnos  
a limpiar nuestra comunidad. ¡Se proporcionan alimentos y  
bebidas y gana horas de servicio! Regístrate aquí =>

<https://forms.gle/hcQ5Q14AFEQiq3Dx5>

## 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 Girls Tennis! Sydnee Jackson reads "Grace for President" by Kelly DiPucchio. . [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.

Juniors and Seniors - Interested in [KC BizFest Scholarship Program](#)? Apply soon!!

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City and the Hispanic Collaborative are hosting KC BizFest! This is a four-day intensive training event that focuses on helping students (a) turn hobbies and skills into profit-making ventures, (b) establish entrepreneurial and leadership goals, (c) create plans for business and life, and (d) become effective leaders and team players. More information and application in the [KC BizFest Flyer](#)

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! [This](#) list is updated throughout the school year, and we recommend students check it on a regular basis.

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

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

**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.

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.***

# KC BIZFEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Johnson County Community College

Feb 28-Mar 3, 2024




KC BizFest is a four-day intensive training event that focuses on helping students (a) turn hobbies and skills into profit-making ventures, (b) establish entrepreneurial and leadership goals, (c) create plans for business and life, and (d) become effective leaders and team players.

**APPLY  
HERE**



For questions: Please contact  
Dr. Melisa Jimenez or Elva Medina

 [bizfestkc@gmail.com](mailto:bizfestkc@gmail.com)

[Application Link](#)

Due II-27-23



## 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 PTSA  
to benefit Senior Sizzle

# SILENT AUCTION

Support a worthy cause and make a difference in our community. Bid on unique items and experiences while helping raise money for the Class of '24.

 October 21, 2023

 7PM

 Shawnee Mission  
West



Come enjoy  
Senior Viking and  
bid on items from  
these sponsors  
and More!





A poster for SMW Student Artists. It features three overlapping rounded rectangular shapes in orange, green, and orange. The background is dark blue with string lights and faint illustrations of an artist's palette, a camera, and a stack of books. The text is arranged in three sections corresponding to the shapes.

# SMW STUDENT ARTISTS

We want your work!

Saturday,

**October 21**

Donate a piece of your work to our Silent  
Auction. Your art can help raise money for  
Senior Sizzle

For questions or more information email:  
[barbjanssen1@gmail.com](mailto:barbjanssen1@gmail.com)



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7PM

OCTOBER 21, 2023

Who Is Mr. Viking?

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY A TALENT  
SHOW AND SEE WHO GETS TO WEAR THE HELMET

ADULTS \$7  
UNDER 18 \$5



QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
barbjanssen1@gmail.com



## PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST

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

### 2023-24 PTSA Reflections Call For Entries

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

#### Dance Choreography

Video file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1.000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.

### **Film Production**

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

### **Literature**

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

### **Music Composition**

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

### **Photography**

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

### **Visual Arts**

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

Entries are due on **October 16**. To receive an entry form or request more information regarding the categories email:

[smwreflections@yahoo.com](mailto:smwreflections@yahoo.com).

Open PDF below to view and print more details as well as entry form.



2023 reflections entry form SMW (2)[14].pdf



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# Repeat Information

## Shawnee Mission **COLLEGE CLINIC**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

All high school  
students invited!

**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](https://www.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

2023 Fall In-Person

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](https://nacacattend.org/fairs)

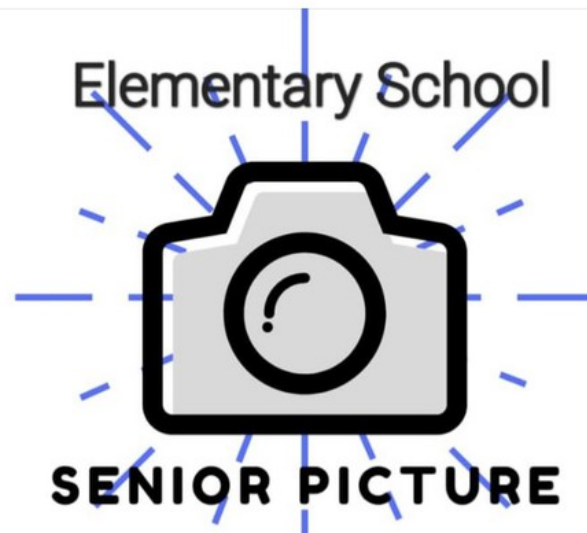


Senior's Elementary School Group photo:

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



## 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

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## About SAIL Tutoring

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

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## Days of the Week

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

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## 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



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## Teacher Encouraged

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

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## Additional Information

Bus transportation and a snack will be provided.



SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

# Sail Tutoring

SAIL TUTORING IS AN AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS.

**WEDNESDAY**

ELA  
Social Studies  
Electives

**THURSDAY**

Math  
Science  
Electives

Tutoring will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-4:20pm. It starts in the Cafeteria. Bus transportation and a snack will be provided.

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

# 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 sesiones 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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# FECHAS DE TUTORIA SAIL

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# 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



## JAG-K

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

<https://sway.office.com/rJJJ3PlpJf5ccrDA?ref=email>

# 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



[kelsibaird@smsd.org](mailto:kelsibaird@smsd.org)  
[aubreighallen@smsd.org](mailto:aubreighallen@smsd.org)





## 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](http://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](http://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 83<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Overland Park, KS 66204  
Enter at back of the building at Door #7  
Web: [smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange](http://smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange)  
Email: [smacce@smac-pta.org](mailto: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](http://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
<b>CERRADO</b>	
	Viernes 20 de octubre
Jueves 26 de octubre	
	Viernes 3 de noviembre
Jueves 9 de noviembre	
	Viernes 17 de noviembre
<b>CERRADO</b>	
	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](http://www.smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange) para conocer las opciones de donación y registrarse como voluntario.

Enlace de Facebook:



### Ubicacion y Contacto:

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

Enlace al sitio web:



## 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 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 graphic is a promotional poster for Shawnee Mission West Yard Signs. It features a black and white background with a large yellow circle on the left. Inside the circle is a white rectangular area containing the 'SM WEST' logo, a Viking mascot head, and two white rectangular boxes labeled 'Rider #1' and 'Rider #2'. To the right of the circle, the text 'SHAWNEE MISSION WEST YARD SIGNS' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, the prices '\$50/SIGN' and '\$10/RIDER' are listed. Further right, the text 'ORDER BY OCTOBER 6TH' is displayed in bold, black letters. Below this, a yellow rectangular box contains a QR code and the text 'SCAN ME'.





## 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!**

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

# ONE PILL CAN KILL

#OnePillCanKill



**MONDAY**  
**6 NOVEMBER**  
**6:30PM**

## 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.

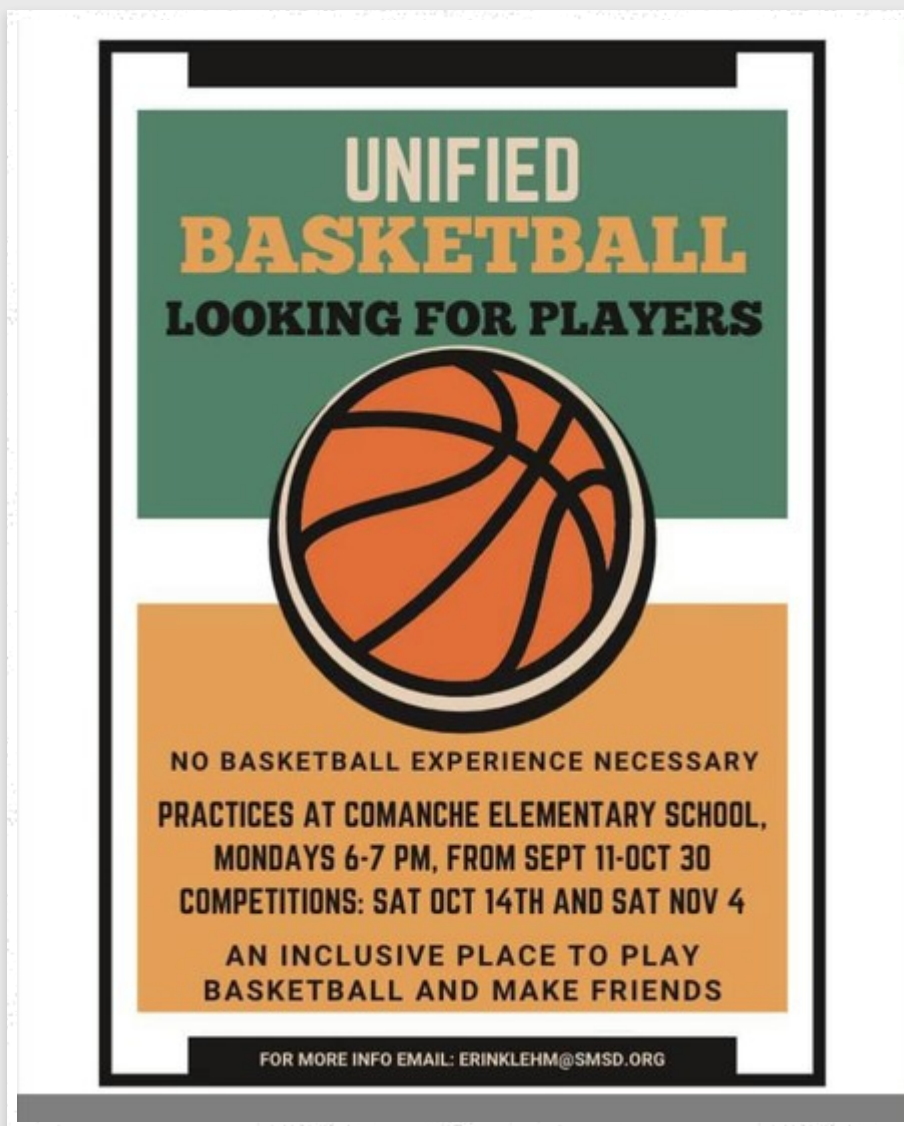


**ONE DECISION . ONE PILL. ONE TIME IS ALL IT TAKES.**



## UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Our Unified Basketball 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. 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](http://jocolibrary.org/events) or call 913-826-4600.

**Prevent Scams, Fraud & Identity Theft**  
Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 2-3 p.m.

**Zoom**

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

**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.

**Zoom**

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](http://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.

## PARKING PERMITS

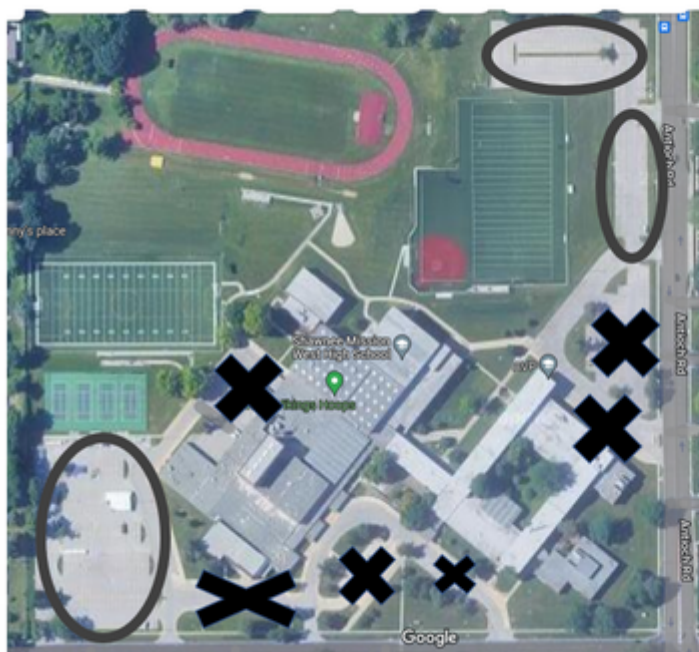


Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are able to park on campus at SM West. A parking permit must be purchased and a parking sticker picked up from our Security personnel in the front entrance.

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.

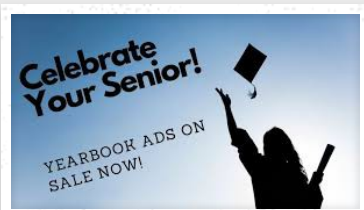
Please refer to parking guidelines and fee structure for parking enforcement.



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## 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

(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

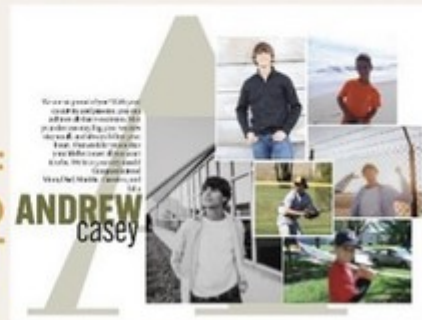
\*After Nov. 3, we will take ads if space is available.

## 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



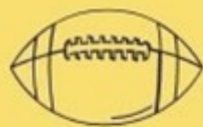
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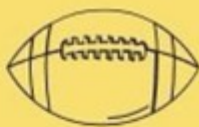
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# SMW



## FOOTBALL THEMES

**9/1 vs SM Northwest**

THEME: COUGAR HUNT

HOME



**9/29 vs SM East**

THEME: USA

AWAY



**9/8 vs Mill Valley**

THEME: TROPICAL

HOME



**10/5 vs Olathe North**

THEME: NEON

AWAY



**9/15 vs SM South**

THEME: WHITEOUT

AWAY



**10/12 vs Olathe NW**

THEME: PINKOUT

AWAY

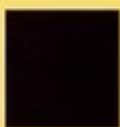


**9/22 vs Olathe South**

THEME: BLACKOUT

HOME

HOMECOMING GAME



**10/20 vs Lawrence**

THEME: GOLDRUSH

HOME

SENIOR NIGHT





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



**Horario de clases:** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, 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](https://leackc.org/EducaTecSMSSD)

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

Cuidado de niños disponible al  
confirmar su asistencia.



## FROM OUR SM WEST NURSE

Hello,

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

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

For more information you can refer to the following link:

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

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

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

Questions: call 913-993-7960

Kim Tennissen, RN, FNP-BC

Shawnee Mission West Nurse

8800 West 85th Street

Overland Park, KS 66212

Phone: 913-993-7816

Fax: 913-993-1483

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## 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.



## 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:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Patron of the Arts</b>	<b>Angel of the Arts</b>
<b>\$10 per person</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Name listed in every choir &amp; theatre program during the year, by membership level.</li></ul>	<b>\$35 per family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Name listed in every choir &amp; theatre program during the year, by membership level.</li><li>One complimentary ticket to attend each of the 3 main stage productions.</li></ul>	<b>\$60 per family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Name listed in every choir &amp; theatre program during the year, by membership level.</li><li>Two complimentary tickets to attend each of the 3 main stage productions.</li><li>Early entrance to Spotlight Spectacular.</li></ul>

*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](mailto: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 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

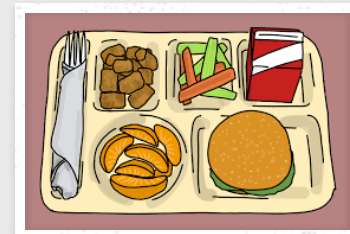
(<https://support.smsd.org>).

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

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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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# > JOIN OUR SMSD TEAM!

## 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: [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

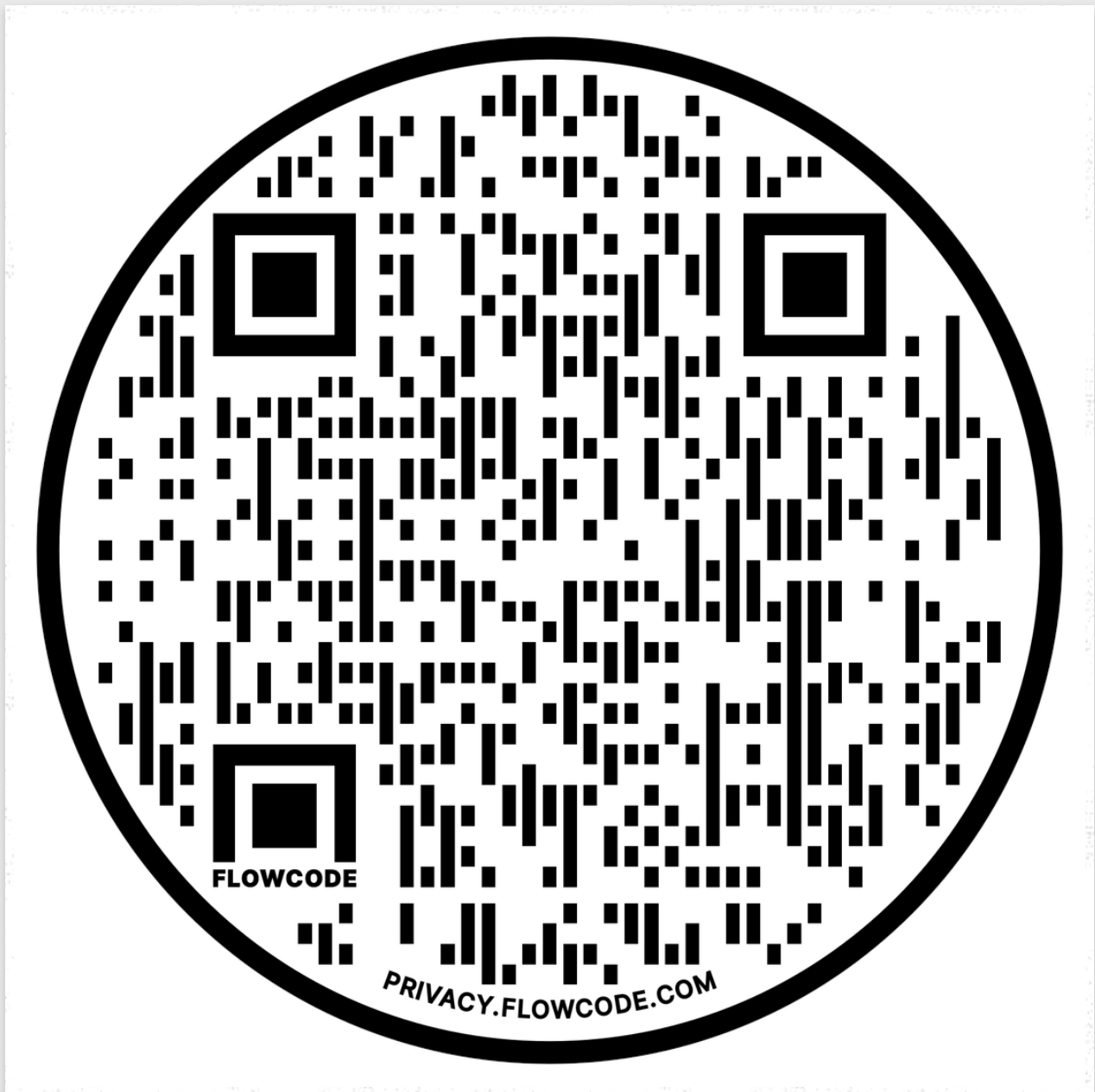
Secretary - Christina Middleton

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.



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