

# SM WEST NEWSLETTER

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SHAWNEE MISSION WEST  
HIGH SCHOOL

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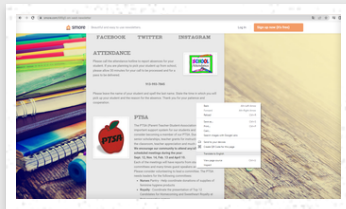


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Choose the language you prefer and hit "DONE". The document will now be in your chosen language. It is not perfect, but a fair representation.

## ATTENDANCE

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



**913-993-7845**

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

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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

[STAFF DIRECTORY](#)





## IMPORTANT REMINDER - ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Viking Families,

This is our monthly communication about student attendance, especially focusing on chronic absenteeism.

Last month's message included the definition of chronic absenteeism, the difference between excused and unexcused absences, and ways families can help with chronic absenteeism.

We told you we would keep you posted each month on our chronic absenteeism data:

West's last year's overall average= 38%

West's August 2023= 15.20%

West's September 2023= 25.70%

Here are [5 Facts](#) why attendance is important.

Thank you for your support.

Hello SMW Families (Vikings)

Esta es nuestra comunicación mensual sobre la asistencia de los estudiantes, especialmente enfocándonos en el ausentismo crónico.

El mensaje del mes pasado incluyó la definición de ausentismo crónico, la diferencia entre ausencias justificadas e injustificadas, y las formas en que las familias pueden ayudar con el ausentismo crónico.

Les estaremos informando cada mes sobre nuestros datos de ausentismo crónico:

Promedio general de West el año pasado = 38%

Agosto 2023 = 15,20%

Septiembre 2023 = 25,70%

Aquí hay [5 Facts](#) por los que la asistencia es importante.

Gracias por su apoyo.

## 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
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**FRIDAY**

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(With Late Start Schedule)

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## **WEST - SAFE TRICK OR TREAT**

Please bring your little ones and invite your neighbors to our annual Safe Trick or Treat this Wednesday, Oct. 25th. This year students from FCCLA and NHS are working to lead the evening and students from so many of our clubs and activities will be sponsoring games/activities and trick or treating. Come support and participate in this great event.



## 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 =>

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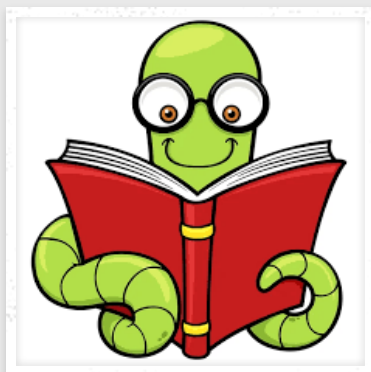
¡Nuestra segunda edición anual de Embellecimiento de Otoño está a la vuelta de la esquina! Únase a nosotros en el recorrido circular el sábado 28 de octubre de 8am-11am para ayudarnos a limpiar nuestra comunidad.

¡Se proporcionan alimentos y bebidas y gana horas de servicio! Regístrate aquí =>

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## WEST READS

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

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

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

The next two weeks we are highlighting SMW Latinos of Tomorrow. Shante and Shelsea Duarte read "Let's Be Friends / Seamos Amigos" by René Colato Laínez and Nomar Perez. They will also be reading "The Life of / La vida de Pura" by Patty Rodriguez and Ariana Stein.



- [Let's Be Friends / Seamos Amigos](#)
- [The Life of / La vida de Pura](#)

## 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.



## WEST AREA FAMILY FUN NIGHT NOV. 9TH

West Area Family Fun Night Coming Soon. Please view the images below for details. Here is a link to use to sign up or you can use the QR code on the flier.

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The poster features a large yellow circle in the center with the word "WEST" written in a blue, cursive, hand-drawn font across it. The background is white with scattered orange circles of various sizes. Below the circle, the words "FAMILY FUN NIGHT" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A yellow rounded rectangle in the middle contains text about community resources and family activities. At the bottom, a block of text provides the location and date of the event.

# WEST

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

COME TO SMW TO CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES, HANDS-ON FAMILY ACTIVITIES,  
AND ENJOY NOT COOKING FOR A NIGHT!

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST HIGH SCHOOL  
8800 W. 85TH ST., OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212  
NOVEMBER 9TH, 2023  
5:30PM-7PM



## SM WEST BLANKETS - GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA

*Hey Vikings! We're getting these amazing school blankets! Get yours before they're gone and support the West Pride Marching Band! They are SO soft, and stay that way for years!*



Use the link below to order yours.

<https://sites.google.com/spectatorblankets.com/shawnee-mission-west-vikings/home>  
#highschoolblankets, #tagyourblanket, @highschoolblanket



**CHEER LOUDER!**  
**Together Strong**



HighSchoolBlankets.com  
Powered by GroupRater



**Shawnee Mission West Vikings NubaySoft™ Blankets**



## DISTRICT ALL-STAR AWARD

### 2023-24 - Nominate an All Star for District Recognition

The Shawnee Mission School District is now seeking nominations for the District's All Star Recognized. Take a moment to think about either a certified teacher or a classified staff member that shines at SM West. Use the form below if you would like to nominate an SM WEST staff member.

<https://forms.gle/SbCtgeAgYFJhApSj7>

Thank you.

## STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

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](#) (see image below)



**-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.



**-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



**APPLY  
HERE**

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.



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

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

[Application Link](#)

Due II-27-23



**HISPANIC**  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE  
of GREATER KANSAS CITY



**HISPANIC**  
COLLABORATIVE



# SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SPECIAL EDUCATION FALL PARENT INFORMATION CLASS

OCTOBER 24, 2023  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

### Adult Services in Johnson County

#### Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition Services

Please join us for an information presentation from adult service providers in Johnson County. We have scheduled presentations from Vocational Rehabilitation and Pre-Employment Transition Services.

Center for Academic Achievement  
8200 W. 71st Street  
Overland Park, KS 66204

Please RSVP to [kellyingram@smsd.org](mailto:kellyingram@smsd.org) with your name, your student's name, their school of attendance.

913-993-8600

Center for Academic Achievement • 8200 W. 71st Street, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204 • (913) 993.6200 • [www.smsd.org](http://www.smsd.org)



## JOHNSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU

Building Principals,

This November the Shawnee Mission School District will once again participate in the annual "We Care I Can" food drive to benefit the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. With continued economic challenges and the growing number of Johnson County families in need, the efforts of the Shawnee Mission School District are even more deeply appreciated. Please forward and share this information with the staff member(s) coordinating your building food drive.

### Key Dates:

- Food Drive: 10/30 thru 11/10
- Pick-up from Buildings: 11/13 thru 11/17
- Delivery to JCCB: 11/20 & 11/22

The items most needed are: canned tomatoes, fruit, corn, peas, cereal, macaroni & cheese, jello, peanut butter, dry baby food, canned meat, canned dinners and soups. If you would like to share information about the JCCB with your staff and school community, please direct them to: <http://www.jccb.org>

### Important Information on Pickup:

- All items must be boxed and put on pallets. **Note: this year schools must provide their own boxes.**
- **Please have your building manager/custodian contact the Supply Center if pallets are needed.** Please have your building manager/custodian request boxes and/or pallets via work order and select "warehouse."
- All boxes on pallets need to be at your school's receiving doc for pick up **by close of business on November 10, 2023**

**When your items are ready for pick-up,** please submit a work order and identify the "pickup" drop down selection. If you complete your food drive prior to **November 13th**, the Supply Center will attempt to make a pick-up.

### The following information is required to be in the pick-up email:

- Name of School
- Number of Boxes
- Number of items to be collected (if known)
- Where the boxes are located (this is where the truck will pick them up)
- Building contact person

**Pick up will begin on November 13 and continue through November 17.**

Items will not be picked up after November 18, 2023

If you have questions about the food drive **or if your school is not participating**, please contact Dr. McKinney at [johnmckinney@smsd.org](mailto:johnmckinney@smsd.org)

Thank you for your efforts to help those in need.





JOHNSON COUNTY  
CHRISTMAS BUREAU

📞 English: 913-303-1063 📞 Spanish: 913-210-4975 ✉️ [clientservices@jccb.org](mailto:clientservices@jccb.org)



**Do you live in Johnson County and need a little extra help  
with food and gifts this December?**

Every December the Johnson County Christmas Bureau  
hosts a Holiday Shop to help families with groceries,  
personal care items, gifts and toys.

If you receive help from the DCF or other agencies, you may qualify.

**We invite you to apply for an appointment to shop:**

Please visit [jccb.org](http://jccb.org) or scan the QR code.

- Fill out the online application
- List all members of your household
- Appointments fill up quickly - please apply soon



**Appointments are sent by email. Please check your email and spam folder frequently.**

We ask for a voluntary donation (from \$3 - \$10 per size of household). This donation is not required.

**Have Questions?** Email us at ✉️ [clientservices@jccb.org](mailto:clientservices@jccb.org)

JCCB provides services to low-income Johnson County neighbors without regard to religion, gender identity, race or ethnicity.



JOHNSON COUNTY  
CHRISTMAS BUREAU

📞 Inglés: 913-303-1063 📞 Español: 913-210-4975 ✉️ [clientservices@jccb.org](mailto:clientservices@jccb.org)



**Usted vive en el Condado de Johnson, en Kansas?  
Usted necesita ayuda con comestibles, regalos y juguetes para su hogar?  
Usted recibe ayuda de DCF o alguna otra agencia?**

Si usted si recibe ayuda, usted esta invitado a aplicar para nuestra tienda Navideña "Christmas Bureau Holiday Shop"  
Donde usted puede elegir comestibles, cosas de uso personal, regalos, libros, abrigos, juguetes y mas articulos para su hogar.

Vaya a nuestra pagina web: [jccb.org](http://jccb.org).  
O use el codigo QR en su telefono.

- Llene la aplicacion en linea
- Registre todos los miembros de su hogar
  - Llene la aplicacion en su totalidad
  - Mande la aplicacion lo antes posible, ya de que las citas se agotan rapidamente



**Las citas son enviadas por correo electronico, porfavor ver su correo electronico recuentemente, verifique su "Spam"**

Se le pedira una pequeña donacion, pero no es requerida.

**Preguntas? Envienos un correa a ✉️ [clientservices@jccb.org](mailto:clientservices@jccb.org)**



## Hispanic Open House

Join us for a bi-lingual tour of one of our three Family Support Centers. Engage with our staff and learn how we serve the Hispanic population in our community through help, hope and hospitality. Our goal is that you will leave the event equipped to better educate and refer those you serve about the programs and resources available to them at Catholic Charities.

### Questions? Contact:

Kendra Dudasko

[kdudasko@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:kdudasko@catholiccharitiesks.org)



**Friday, October 13  
(1:00PM – 3:00PM)**

Olathe  
Family Support Center  
333 E. Poplar St.  
Olathe, KS 66061

**Friday, October 27  
(10:00AM – 12:00PM)**

Hope Distribution Center  
1708 Steele Rd.  
Kansas City, Kansas  
66106

**Friday, October 27  
(1:00PM – 3:00PM)**

Overland Park  
Family Support Center  
9806 W. 87th St.  
Overland Park, KS 66212



## Repeat Information

## FATHER'S CLUB

Take a moment to read the flier below. West is so excited to continue to strengthen our community. Scan the QR code to find out more.

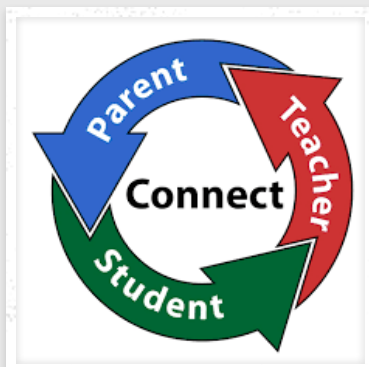






**The Father's Club is a dad-led, grass roots effort promoting intentionality around dads' relationships and time spent with their families, with each other and within the community.**

***INTERESTED?***



## **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 is 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.

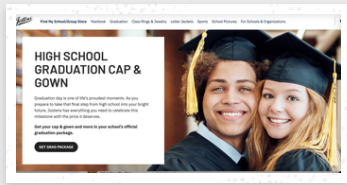
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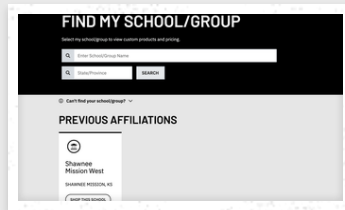


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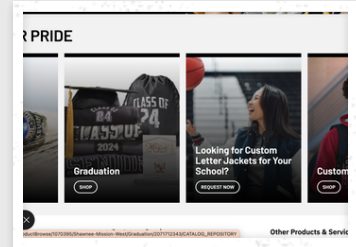
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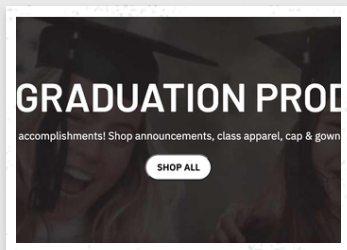
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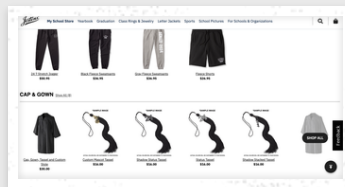
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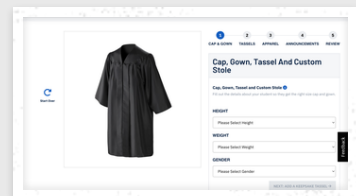
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## SHOP ALL



## FIND CAP/GOWN UNIT



## ENTER SIZE INFO AND ORDER

## 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

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**WEDNESDAY**

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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

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## 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 PTSA

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!



# ONE PILL CAN KILL

#OnePillCanKill



## FENTANYL AWARENESS

MONDAY  
6 NOVEMBER  
6:30PM

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.

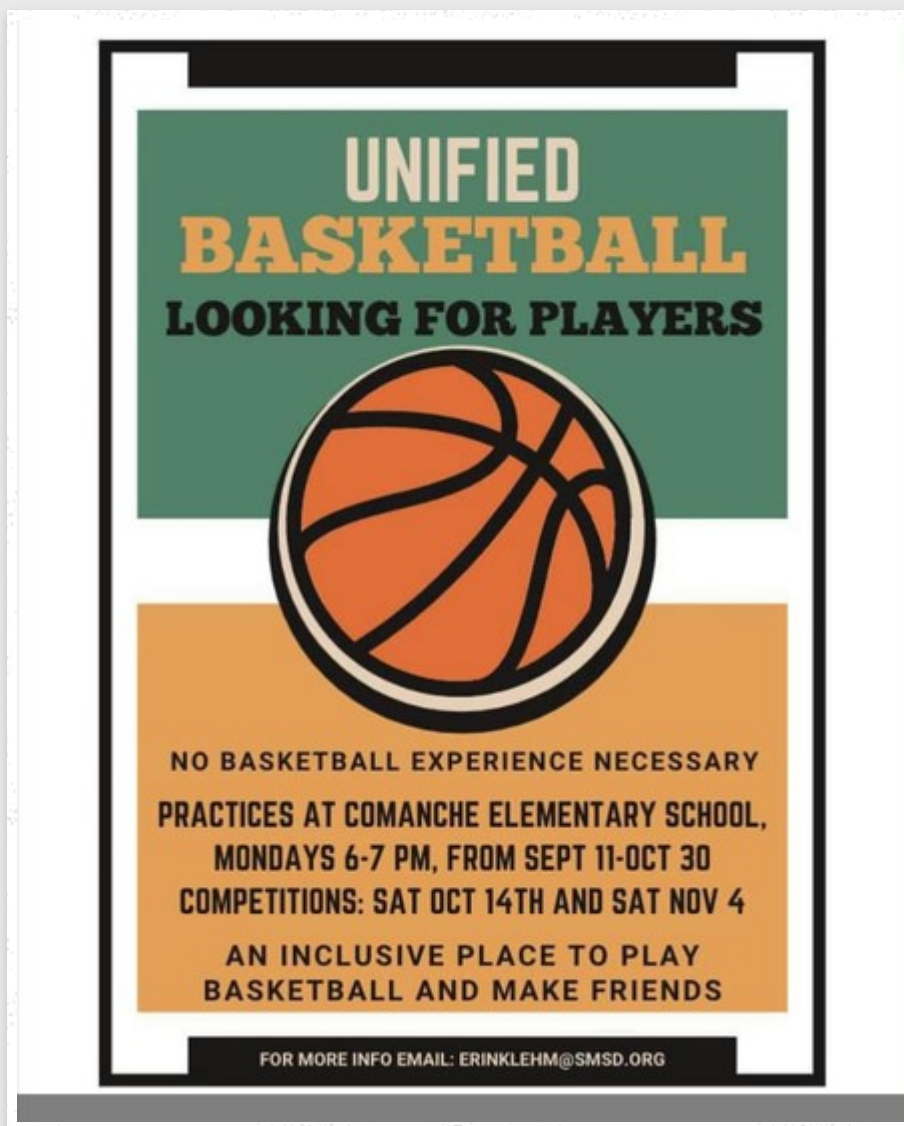


**ONE DECISION . ONE PILL. ONE TIME IS ALL IT TAKES.**



## 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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# CAREER & FINANCE PROGRAMS



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## NOTE ABOUT DISMISSAL PROCEDURES AND REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT PARKING

Please help us keep our school dismissal safe.

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

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

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

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

Please refer to the information below.

## PARKING PERMITS

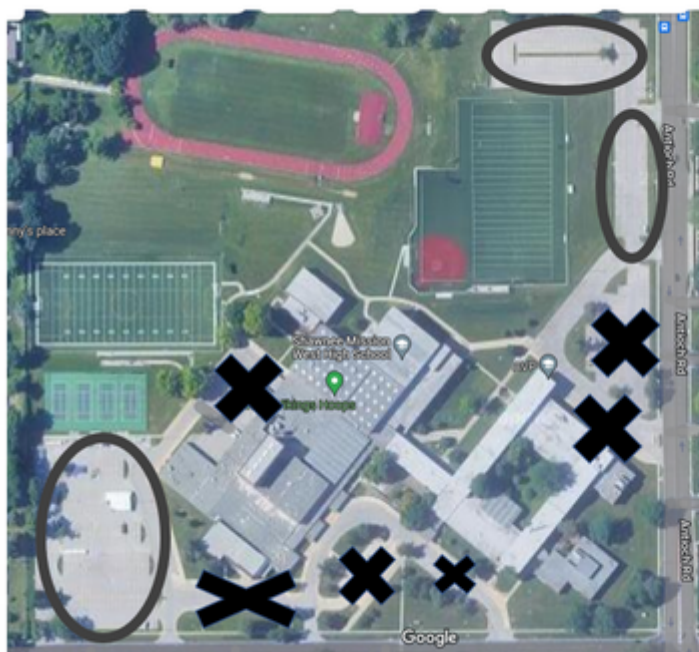


Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are able to park on campus at SM West. A parking permit must be purchased and a parking sticker picked up from our Security personnel in the front entrance.

Parking is \$50 for the year.

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

Also included is a map of West parking.



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

The X's indicate STAFF parking.

Students are excluded from parking in the staff spaces.

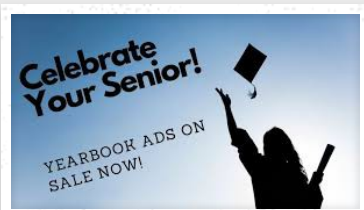
Please refer to parking guidelines and fee structure for parking enforcement.



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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.

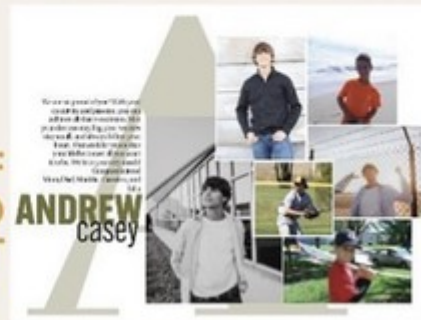
### • regular price Friday, Nov. 3

\*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



2024 SENIOR TRIBUTE (ads) - Google Docs.pdf

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# EducaTec



Clases **gratuitas** de cultura digital y computación

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

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**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.

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**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!

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

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

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

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

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**Clase: Escribe documentos | 21 de octubre**

Aprenderás a crear un documento.

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

Aprenderás a compartir e imprimir un documento.

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**¡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>





## 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.efundsfor schools.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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## MACBOOK/IT - IMPORTANT

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UCo7L5B9PwmqDECiLayyb7r965hd9M1WxJfgynQgWqU/edit?usp=sharing>

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

- **Cracked Screens**

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

- **Tech Resource Page**

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

### ICT Updates

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

1. Your MacBook must have the district issued case on it at all times. (Failure to have the cover in place will result in

confiscation of the MacBook.)

2. Please only carry your MacBook with the screen shut and with both hands to keep the machine secure.
3. Do not ever pick up the MacBook by the screen. The LCD is very sensitive and the pressure of your grip will break the screen.
4. Keyboard covers should not be used since non-Apple keyboard covers might be too large and can put pressure on the screens and cause damage.
5. Please don't leave your MacBook in a car overnight.
6. Needed programs can be found on Manager. You will not be able to download programs from the App Store for use on these devices.
7. Downloading VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) or other programs that mask your device on the network are a violation of the Responsible Use Policy you have agreed to. Use of these will result in the confiscation of the MacBook and you may lose MacBook access for the semester/school year for consistent violations.
8. Due to the MacBook refresh this summer and the cost of the new hardware, the replacement device cost has gone up. Although, the charger cost has dropped. The incident fees have stayed the same (fees reset in high school).
  1. 1st Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$100.00
  2. 2nd Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$150.00
  3. 3rd and Subsequent Incident/Damage Device fee:  
Actual cost of repair/replacement or \$300.00  
whichever is greater.
  4. Apple MacBook Air M1 USB-C Cable Replacement - \$19
  5. Apple MacBook Air M1 Charger Replacement - \$39
  6. Apple MacBook Air M1 Adapter Set Replacement - \$58
  7. Apple MacBook Air M1 Replacement/Lost Device fee - \$1,117.95
9. If you ever need help or support with your device, please review our Tech Rescue Page (<https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issues>). If you are still experiencing issues, then you can submit a Web Help Desk Ticket (<https://support.smsd.org>).

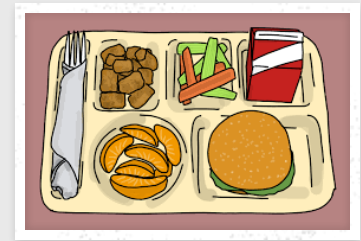
Please reach out if there are any questions or issues. We do work with students and families through this process.

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



# MESSAGE FROM FOOD SERVICE

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



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

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

## **2023-24 - Child Nutrition Program Meal Benefit Application**

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

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

Families, whose meal benefit application is approved for meal benefits, can receive a breakfast and lunch at the free or reduced price – depending on their qualifying benefit. Families who complete an application and qualify also generate additional state funds for our schools.

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

## **Consent for Disclosure and Eligibility**

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

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

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

Thank you.

## FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

### Why Apply?

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

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

### QUALIFYING APPLICATIONS CAN HELP WITH:



Food Service Department  
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		



- 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  
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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 2023-2024 academic year:**

Presidents - Erin VanDyke and Jean Baucom

Past President - Sean Campion

Membership - Michelle Morales

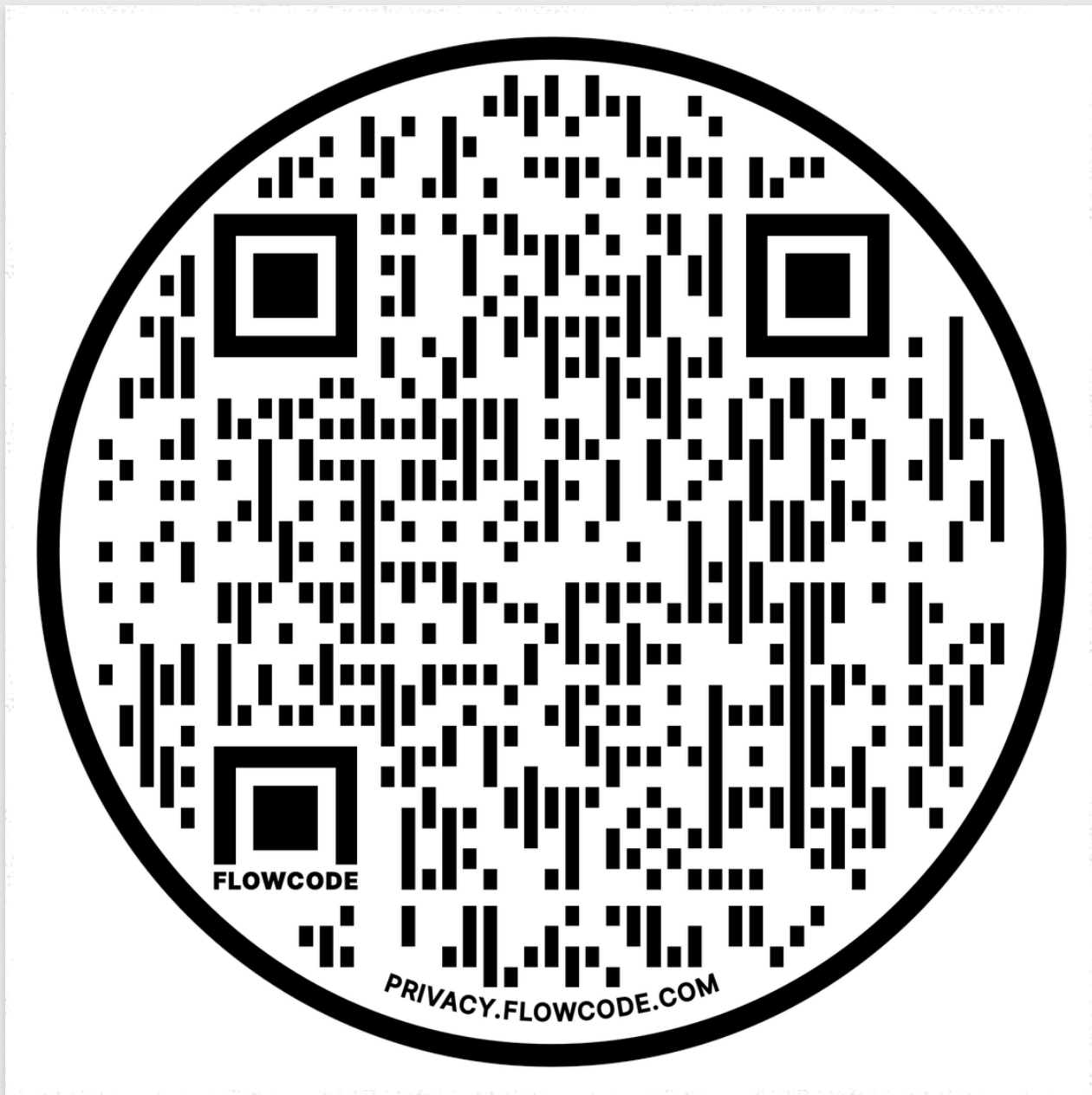
Secretary - Christina Middleton

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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