# SM West Newsletter

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#### **Shawnee Mission West High School**

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Location: 8800 West 85th Street, Overland Park, KS, USA

Phone: <u>913-993-7800</u>







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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**



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#### **Attendance Matters - Focus "Tardiness"**

Tardy Sweeps and Tardy Reduction Incentives

**Why:** Data suggests that we have a significant number of students who are not making it to class when the bell rings and we want to

increase students' opportunities for success. A vast majority of these students are only missing 5-7 minutes of class when they are tardy. However, that time added over several block periods in a week can lead to a substantial loss of instructional time.

In an effort to provide structure for additional support and enhance the learning opportunities as well as safety in our building, moving forward we will be implementing periodic "tardy sweeps". We

are also offering some incentives for students who consistently get to class on time to continue to do so.

**How:** We will randomly conduct tardy sweeps. Once the sweep is announced, students in the hallway will be escorted to the cafeteria. At that point, they will complete a brief Google form, and then be sent to class (depending on how many tardies they have accumulated). Guardians will receive email notification when your student has been a part of a tardy sweep. Consequences will remain in alignment with our current tardy policy:

- 10 Tardies 1 hour detention and parent contact
- 20 Tardies 2 hour detention and parent contact
- 30 Tardies Assigns 1 day of ISS and parent contact
- 40 Tardies Assigns 1 day of ISS and parent conference
- 50+ Tardies Assigns 2 day of ISS and passing privileges removed

When: Random throughout second semester.

**Tardy reduction initiatives:** In addition to implementing the tardy sweep policy, we also want to offer a positive reinforcement incentive to those students that consistently get to class on time. Students who finish the 3rd quarter with 10 or less tardies will have their name entered for a prize. Students with 5 or less tardies will have their name entered three times, and students with 0 tardies will have their name entered five times. We will announce the prize opportunities as we get closer to the end of the third quarter.

#### **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.

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**

1st 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
4th Period	10:25-11:15	50
5th Period	11:20- 12:50	55
6th Period	12:55 - 1:45	50
7th Period	1:50 - 2:40	50



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

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

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#### **TUESDAY**

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

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Lunch B	11:45 - 12:15	
Lunch C	12:30 - 1:00	

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#### **WEDNESDAY**

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

#### 5th Block Lunch

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

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#### **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
4th Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
6th Period	1:05 - 2:40	95

#### 4th Block Lunch

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

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#### <u>FRIDAY</u>

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Lunch C	12:30 - 1:00

(With Late Start Schedule)



Sweetheart SPIRIT WEEK		
JANUARY	WHAT TO WEAR	
22 mon	Show your love for comfort!  • Wear your comfy sweat pants or favorite PJs!	
23 OI TUE	Show your love for your favorite team!  • Wear your favorite professional, college or SMW team shirt!	
$\frac{24}{\text{Wed}}$	Show your love for your sweetheart!  • Wear red, pink or hearts!	
25	Show your love for peace and kindness!  • Wear your favorite Tie Dye shirt!	
26 FRI	Show your love for SMW!  • Wear your favorite West gear or class color! Freshmen - Blue Sophomores - Purple Juniors - Red Seniors - Pink	

#### **SMSD Signature Program OPEN HOUSE**

Are you interested in learning more about the Shawnee Mission School District Signature Programs? Middle and high school students and their families are invited to the annual Signature Program Open House, to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st Street.



Signature Programs provide unique opportunities for students in the areas of:

Animation and Game Design Biotechnology Culinary Arts and Commercial Baking Engineering Health Science

Sustainability & Urban Agriculture

Project Blue Eagle (EMS, fire science, and law enforcement)

Those attending the open house will have the opportunity to tour state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, speak with instructors and current students, and learn about options for creating flexibility in high school schedules to allow time for enrollment in coursework.

In addition to the Signature Program Open House, students and their families can discover more about these opportunities at: https://www.smsd.org/academics/signature-programs

The website includes short video introductions and information about each program. School counselors also serve as a tremendous resource in helping students develop a dynamic and individualized high school experience to help them explore their areas of interest.

We hope to have you join us on Thursday, January 25!

#### **Bookkeeping News**

#### **FEE PAYMENT**

REMINDER - Please check Skyward to see if your family still has a balance for fees. We thank you for your prompt attention to pay fees.



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.

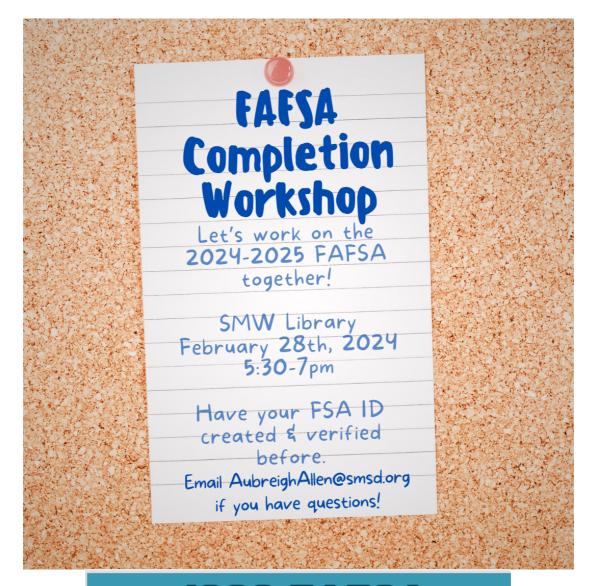
 The online fee payment portal can be found at https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/55790.

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 <a href="mailto:cristinaseyler@smsd.org">cristinaseyler@smsd.org</a>.

Thank you.

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



# JCCC FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHTS

**JOIN JCCC FOR ONE-ON-ONE FAFSA ASSISTANCE!** 

DATES:

FEBRUARY 15TH FROM 6PM-8PM FEBRUARY 21ST FROM 6PM-8PM

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO RSVP!

NEW YEAR, NEW FAFSA® with help from JCCC



jccc.edu/FAFSA





## SAIL Tutoring Each Wednesday and Thursday after school

Please remember to take advantage of our <u>SAIL Tutoring Program</u>. What a great way to start off second semester on a positive track.

Who: Open to all students.

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

students.

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

Where: The Cafeteria

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

**Additional Information:** A meal is provided and there is a late bus after tutoring that will run along

87th Street only. Students must have a pass to get on the bus.



# SAIL TUTORING

#### About SAIL Tutoring

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

## Days of the Week

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

#### Content Area Assistance

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

#### Wednesdays

ELA Social Studies Electives

#### **Thursdays**

Math Science Electives



#### Teacher Encouraged

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

## Additional Information

Bus transportation and a snack will be provided.

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# Sail Tutoring

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

#### WEDNESDAY

ELA Social Studies Electives

#### THURSDAY

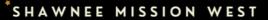
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OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

## SAIL TUTORING DATES

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# Tutoria de SAIL

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

#### **MIERCOLES**

Literatura Estudios Sociales Electivas

#### **JUEVES**

Matematica Ciencia Electivas

Las sessiones de tutorías se llevan a cabo los miércoles y jueves de 2:50 a 4:20 p. m. Comienza en la cafetería.

]Se proporcionará transporte en bus y un refrigerio.

ABIERTO A TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES

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# Repeat Information

#### **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.



Hope you all are well. This week we are highlighting SMW Link Crew! Caroline Urio reads "Horton Hatches the Egg" by Dr. Suess. Here is the video!



### **District Performing Arts Newsletter**

Here is the <u>January Newsletter</u> for SMSD Performing Arts. If your school is featured, please celebrate the students and staff's accomplishments.



### Viking Baseball Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Viking Bingo for Baseball March 23rd, 2024

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Fun night of food, bingo and silent auction.





Shawnee Mission West Soccer Clinic

For: Future Vikings, Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8th
When: Friday, April 12th
Time: All grades from 6:00-7:30
Where: SM West High School
Turf Socce/ Football field behind tennis courts- if outside
SM West Wrestling Room-If inside (bring indoor shoes or running shoes)
What to wear: T-shirt, shorts, shinguards, socks, soccer cleats, and a ball
Cost: \$10

Venmo, Cash or checks accepted

Venmo: @SMWLadyVikingsSoccer (Please list your player's name on the venmo payment)
Checks payable to: SMW Girls' Soccer
Contact for questions: Coach Sarah Gonzalez
sarahgonzalez@smsd.org or (913) 486-5258
e remit this portion of form and a check made payable to: SMW Girls' Soccer for the amount of \$30.

Participant Name School	Grade	
	(Please label if you want adult)	_
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ent are received by Friday, March 29th



Mission West

Mission West
las próximas jugadores del equipo de Shawnee Mission West de 1o grado hasta 8o
do: el Viernes, 12 de abril
todos lo snivels de las 6 hasta las 7:30
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-una camisa

Aceptamos Venmo, Cash o cheques adyVikingsSoccer (Indique el nombre de la jugadora en el pr Cheques en nombre a : SMW Girls' Soccer Contacto para preguntas: Coach Sarah Gonzalez

smsd.org o (913) 486-5258

Envie esta parte del formulario y un cheque a nombre de SMW Girls' Soccer por la cantidad de \$20.

Nombre de jugadora	
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hija participe en el entrenamiento responsabilidades y los riesgos de	de Fútbol de Shawnee Mission West. Acepto asumir las dicha participación y, por la presente, libero a Shawnee y responsabilidad que surja de dicha participación.
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Venmo: SMWLV-SoccerClub. (Indique el nombre de la jugadora en el pago de Venmo) Cheques en nombre a: SMW Girls' Soccer mándalos: SM West Girls' Socce

C/O Sarah Gonzalez Shawnee Mission West High School 8800 W. 85th St. O.P., KS 66212

Student

We're here to help

#### **Student Services News**

-Enrollment Starting NOW - please talk with your students about their opportunities for course selection for next academic year.

-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
- -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 <u>link</u> will lead you to a spreadsheet where new schools are signing up daily.

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

This is not a required activity.





### Fundraising for SM West Wrestling Team

The Shawnee Mission West Wrestling Team is conducting a crowd-sourcing fundraiser to raise money for new sweatshirts, championship singlets, and more. If you can contribute or what to spread the word, visit our fundraiser here!

https://smwboosterclub.com/donations/wrestling/

Join the Strategic Planning Process in January 2024 Shawnee Mission School District will begin updating its Strategic Plan in early 2024 and the entire community is invited to engage in the process. This plan will serve and guide Shawnee Mission for 2024-2029.



#### Click here to see a video.

The success of this plan depends on broad community input, as well as individuals willing to serve on committees and action teams. Here are ways community members, family members, educators, staff, and students can prepare to engage in the process:

· Provide your input in a ThoughtExchange. ThoughtExchange provides you with a chance to respond to an open-ended question, consider and assign stars to ideas shared by others, and learn

what is important to those contributing input. The ThoughtExchange opportunity will be provided in January.

· Watch for Strategic Plan information and updates on www.smsd.org.

Shawnee Mission's Strategic Plan work reflects an ongoing commitment by our community to support student success. The plan serves as a road map, giving clarity to our destination and the pathway to get there.

"I thank everyone for thinking about how they might contribute to our next Strategic Plan update, and for their ongoing commitment to our schools," Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard expressed.

#### Click here for more information on the Strategic Plan update process.

Contribuir a la Actualización del Plan Estratégico de SMSD en Enero de 2024 Estimadas Familias del Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission

El Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission comenzará a actualizar su Plan Estratégico a principios de 2024 y se invita a toda la comunidad a participar en el proceso. Los aportes de los familiares de los estudiantes de Shawnee Mission jugaron un papel muy importante cuando se desarrolló el primer Plan Estratégico del distrito. Esperamos que participe en el proceso cuando comience el próximo mes. Este plan servirá a Shawnee Mission para 2024-2029 y juega un papel importante en el apoyo al éxito de los estudiantes de Shawnee Mission.

#### Haga clic aquí para ver un video.

Estas son algunas formas en las que se le invita a participar en el proceso:

- · Proporcione su opinión en ThoughtExchange. ThoughtExchange le brinda la oportunidad de responder a una pregunta abierta, considerar y asignar estrellas a las ideas compartidas por otros y aprender lo que es importante para aquellos que contribuyen con aportes. La oportunidad de ThoughtExchange se brindará en Enero.
- · Esté atento a la información y actualizaciones del Plan Estratégico sobre www.smsd.org. El trabajo del Plan Estratégico de Shawnee Mission refleja un compromiso continuo de nuestra comunidad para apoyar el éxito de los estudiantes. El plan sirve como un mapa de ruta, dando claridad a nuestro destino y el camino para llegar allí.

<u>Haga clic aquí para obtener más información sobre el proceso de actualización del Plan Estratégico.</u>

JAG-K

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



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### SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE January - May 2024



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

#### SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE							
4:30pm-6:30pm	10:00am-12:00pm						
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THURS, JAN 11							
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## UNDERWEAR & SOCKS PROGRAM

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

## HOW TO DONATE & VOLUNTEER

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

Follow us on Facebook here:



#### **LOCATION & CONTACT**

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







## SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE Enero - Mayo 2024



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

#### Calendario

4:30pm-6:30pm	10:00am-12:00pm
	Viernes 5 de Enero
Jueves 11 de Enero	
	Viernes 19 de Enero
Jueves 25 de Enero	
	Viernes 2 de Febrero
Jueves 8 de Febrero	
	Viernes 16 de Febrero
Jueves 22 de Febrero	
	Viernes 1 de Marzo
CERRADO	
	CERRADO
	Viernes 22 de Marzo
Jueves 28 de Marzo	
	Viernes 5 de Abril
Jueves 11 de Abril	
	Viernes 19 de Abril
Jueves 25 de Abril	
	Viernes 3 de Mayo
Jueves 9 de Mayo	
	Viernes 17 de Mayo
Jueves 23 de Mayo	

## Nuevo Ropa Interior y Calcetines

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

## Como donar y ser voluntario

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

Enlace de Facebook:







#### **Ubicacion y Contacto:**

SMSD Early Childhood Education Center 6701 West 83<sup>rd</sup> 5t. Overland Park, KS 66204 La entrada esta en la parte trasera del edificio en la Puerta #7 Web: Smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange



#### **Help Sponsor 2024 Prom**

If you are the owner of a local business or have a connection with a business owner, please take time to view the document below about the opportunity to help sponsor this year's Prom.

#### SMW Prom Sponsorship Letter.pdf

**Download** 

187.3 KB



#### Student Run Businesses Showcased at Oak Park Mall

Sending a heads up that the display at Oak Park Mall has been updated - See image below. More details about the two featured entrepreneurs, both from SMW, are posted at <a href="https://www.ShopSMSD.org">www.ShopSMSD.org</a>. Help support our student businesses by visiting their online shops.



#### COMING SOON.

SM West is so very proud of our students that are working to plan and implement a Culture Fest here at West on Jan. 16th, 2024. Read more on the flier below and use the QR code to sign up.

Thank you.





### **Viking Passport**

Staff and Students are competing to complete their Viking Passport cards. Students and staff that attend/participate in these events use their phone to scan a QR code. Prizes are awarded to winners in the seminar and individual competitions. We hope that All of our students feel excited to support our West teams, activities and clubs.

Attend a Attend a **Varsity Girls** Varsity Boys Varsity Girls Varsity Boys Basketball Basketball Wrestling Wrestling Game Game Attend a Attend a WINTER Swim Meet Bowling Attend a Attend or PASSPOR Participate in Unified Fall Sporting Musical/Winter Event Play Follow Social Sweetheart Volunteer/ Attend or Media Event (dance, participate in Accounts: donation game, or Winter concert Sources of spirit day Strength and a (Band, Choir, or experience participation) Winter Sport Orchestra)



#### **Inclement Weather Procedures**

Please view the images below for an explanation of the Inclement Weather Procedures for 2023-2024.

Be sure to watch local newscasts/broadcasts for announcements of any closings that might occur during our winter months.

Inclement Weather Procedures 2023-2024

As the winter months approach, it is especially important for our community members to be aware of inclement weather procedures and how to receive an alert if plans for building closures are announced.

**Procedures** 

If conditions make it necessary for SMSD to close schools, the district will implement one of three plans: A, B, or C.

**Inclement Weather Announcements** 

If plan A, B, or C is announced, this information will be shared broadly.

Staff and families can receive direct emails, texts, and voice messages.

Families can sign up to receive alerts in the manner that works best for them.

Click here for details on how to sign up for alerts.

Additional Resources:

The main page of the district website

Facebook

#### **Twitter**

#### <u>Instagram</u>

Local radio and television stations

24-hour information line at (913) 993-7380

No announcement will be made when schools are to remain open.

Procedimientos de Inclemencias Meteorológicas 2023-2024

A medida que se acercan los meses de invierno, es especialmente importante que los miembros de nuestra comunidad estén al tanto de los procedimientos de inclemencias del tiempo y cómo pueden ser alertados si se anuncian planes para el cierre de edificios.

Procedimientos

Si las condiciones hacen necesario que SMSD cierre las escuelas, el distrito implementará uno de tres planes: A, B o C.

Anuncios de inclemencias del tiempo

Si se anuncia el plan A, B o C, esta información se compartirá ampliamente.

El personal y las familias pueden recibir correos electrónicos directos, mensajes de texto y mensajes de voz.

Las familias pueden inscribirse para recibir alertas de la manera que mejor les convenga.

Haga clic aquí para obtener detalles sobre cómo registrarse para recibir alertas.

Recursos adicionales:

La página principal del sitio web del distrito

Facebook (en inglés)

Twitter

Instagram (en inglés)

Estaciones de radio y televisión locales

Línea de información las 24 horas al (913) 993-7380

No se hará ningún anuncio cuándo las escuelas permanezcan abiertas.

#### > SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES 2023-24**



PLAN

**PLAN** 

#### No School.

- · All District facilities are CLOSED including YMCA and JCPRD Daycare.
- No remote learning/teaching

#### What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)?

· Students will not report

(Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)

#### What does this mean for staff?

- · No staff reports to work
- No CAA staff reports to work
- · No building secretaries report to work
- No O&M or custodial staff reports to work \*(Could be contacted to report later in the day)
- Building Principals work remotely
- · Associate Principals work remotely
- · Cabinet works remotely

#### No School.

- All District Schools and facilities are CLOSED
   YMCA and JCPRD
- daycare are in session at the following locations:

  Benninghoven

  Comanche
- Highlands
   Rosehill
   Trailwood
- learning/teaching

#### What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)?

 Students will not report to school

(Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)

#### What does this mean for staff?

- · All O&M/custodial staff report
- No certified staff reports to work
- No classified staff reports to work
- CAA employees work remotely
- · Building Principals work remotely
- · Associate Principals work remotely
- Building Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request)
- · Cabinet works remotely

#### **Remote Learning Day** Remote teaching and

- learning go into effect. Meal services will be provided at the following site:
  - Early Childhood
- Center/ Broadmoor YMCA and JCPRD daycare are in session at the following locations:

- Trailwood

#### What does this parent(s)/student(s)?

 All students will learn remotely from home

(Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)

#### What does this mean for staff?

- · Staff may work remotely or from their building
- · All O&M/custodial staff reports to work
- · Building Principals report to work · Associate Principals report to work
- Building Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request)
- CAA employees report to work

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## DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE SHAWNEE MISSION

#### PROCEDIMIENTOS CUANDO HAY MAL TIEMPO-CLIMA 2023-24



#### Escuela Cerrada.

- · Todos los edificios estan CERRADOS incluido YMCA y JCPRD Daycare.
- No hay aprendizaje/ enseñanza virtual-remoto

#### Que significa esto para padre(s) estudiante(s)?

· Estudiantes no se

(Decisiones sobre actividades se tomarán mas tarde en el transcurso del día)

#### Que significa para el personal escolar?

- El personal no se reporta al trabajo
- · CAA no se reporta al trabajo Secretarias no se reportan al trabajo
- O&M o custodial no se reportan al trabajo (Podrian ser llamados a reportarse mas
- tarde en el día) · Directores de edificio trabajan remoto
- Directores asociados trabajan remoto
- · Gabinete trabaja remoto

## PLAN

#### Escuela Cerrada.

- No hay aprendizaje/ enseñanza remoto-virtual

Día de Aprendizaie

#### Que significa esto para padre(s) estudiante(s)?

Estudiantes no se reportan a la escuela

(Decisiones sobre actividades se tomarán mas tarde en el transcurso del día)

#### Que significa para el personal escolar?

- Todos en O&M/custodial se reportan · Personal certificado no se reporta
- Personal clasificado no se reporta
- · Empleados de CAA trabaian remoto
- Directores trabajan remoto · Directores asociados trabaian remoto
- Secretarias trabajan remoto (por solicitud de la administración)
- Gabinete trabaja remoto

Remoto

- Entran en efecto las enzeñanza y aprendizaje remoto
   Servicios de comida serán proporcionados en las siguientes ubicaciones:
   Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Center/ Broadmoor
   YMCA y JCPRD daycare están en sesión en la
- siguientes ubicaciones: BenninghovenComancheHighlands
- Trailwood

#### Que significa esto para padre(s) estudiante(s)?

• Todos los estudiantes casa

(Decisiones sobre actividades se tomarán mas tarde en el transcurso del día)

#### Que significa para el personal escolar?

- · El personal puede trabajar de forma remota o desde su edificio
- El personal inicia sesión en el salon de clases en
- · Todos en O&M/custodial se reportan al
- · Directores se reportan al trabajo
- Directores asociados se reportan al trabajo
- · Secretarias trabaian remoto (por solicitud de la administración)
- Empleados de CAA se reportan al trabajo

- Todos los edificios estan CERRADOS
  YMCA y JCPRD daycare estan en sesión en las siguientes ubicaciones:
  Benninghoven
  Compache
  Compache
- Comanche
- Highlands
   Rosehill
   Trailwood

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#### **Food Services Reminder**

Please continue to watch your students account balance used for school lunches. Use the information below for directions on how to add \$ to your account.



#### **MEAL ACCOUNTS**



#### Meal Prices

	Full I	Price	Redu	uced
	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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#### **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.

#### Father's Club

Take a moment to read the flier below. West is so excited to continue to strengthen our community. Scan the OR 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.





#### **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.

#### https://forms.gle/Byi29bTjf1safyKeA

Gracias

#### Cap gown ordering with imageFY24.pdf

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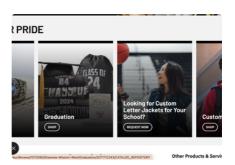
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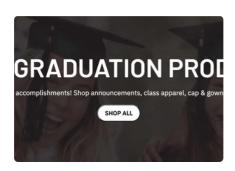
Josten website screen



Choose Shawnee Mission West High School



Choose Products for Grad.





**Find Cap/Gown Unit** 



**Enter size Info and Order** 

**Shop All** 



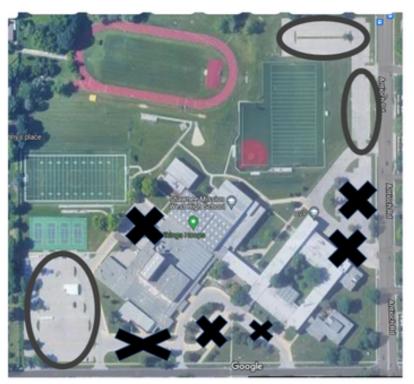
### **Parking Permits**

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are able to park on campus at SM West. A parking permit must be purchased and a parking sticker picked up from our Security personnel in the front entrance. Parking is \$50 for the year.

It is extremely important that students only park in assigned areas for students, and not staff parking. Tickets will be assessed by our



security staff. All rules and regulations are listed with the parking application. See the PDF below. Also included is a map of West parking.



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

The X's indicate STAFF parking.

Students are excluded from parking in the staff spaces.

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

#### PARKING PERMIT.pdf

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#### From our SM West Nurse

Hello

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

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

they have symptoms or test positive.

For more information you can refer to the following link:

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

• Please reach out with any questions or concerns—sometimes email is the best: kimberlytennissen@smsd.org or aciamorley@smsd.org

Questions: call 913-993-7960 Kim Tennissen, RN, FNP-BC Shawnee Mission West Nurse 8800 West 85th Street Overland Park, KS 66212 Phone: 913-993-7816 Fax: 913-993-1483

kimberlytennissen@smsd.org



#### Our Nurse's office needs your help

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

Thank you so very much for your help.

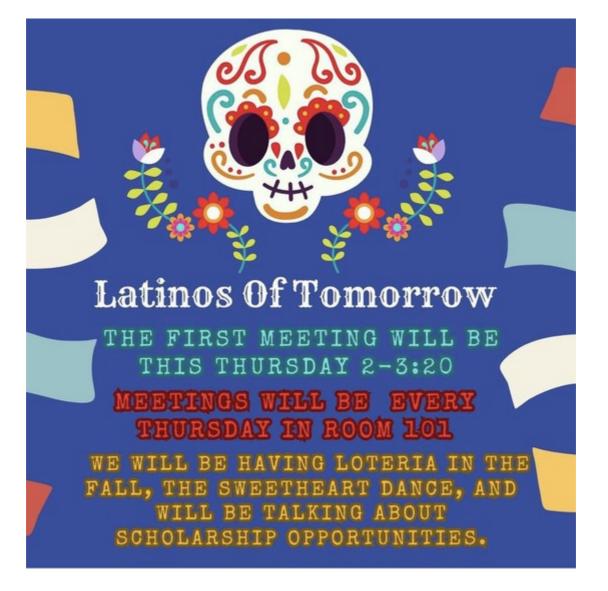
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AADA92BA13-smwnurses

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

Use this Link for the Go. Fan page: <a href="https://gofan.co/event/1004910?schoolld=KS18136">https://gofan.co/event/1004910?schoolld=KS18136</a>







### **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! <a href="https://smwspotlighters.com/join-spotlighters/">https://smwspotlighters.com/join-spotlighters/</a>

Fee Payment FY24.pdf

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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 => <a href="https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issue">https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issue</a>

#### **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 (<a href="https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issues">https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issues</a>). If you are still experiencing issues, then you can submit a Web Help Desk Ticket (<a href="https://support.smsd.org">https://support.smsd.org</a>).

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

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

#### **Message from Food Service**

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



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

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

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

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

#### Potential Benefits of Filling out the Application

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

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

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

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

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

Families who are receiving certain types of state assistance, a meal benefit application may not be necessary. If a family is directly certified for meal benefits due to state assistance, Food Service will email a notification of eligibility. If you receive state assistance and have not received a notification of eligibility, call the <a href="SMSD Food Service office">SMSD Food Service office</a> 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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### 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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### **TARIFASREDUCIDAS**

as familias elegibles pueden recibir recursos de estrucción gratuitos / reducidos y tarifas de escripción 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 universitari 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

## **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



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Help our students achieve unlimited possibilities!

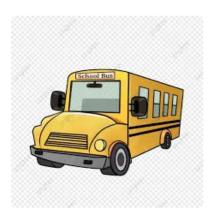


### **Transportation Update**

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.



- 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 <a href="https://www.smsd.org/families/transportation">https://www.smsd.org/families/transportation</a> 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: <a href="https://my.textcaster.com/asa/2795">https://my.textcaster.com/asa/2795</a> 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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