

SM West Newsletter

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See images below.



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



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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](#)



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SM West Calendar

Please use this link for our SM West Calendar.

[CALENDAR LINK](#)





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

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



5th Block Lunch

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

TUESDAY

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

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

4th Block Lunch

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

WEDNESDAY

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7 th Period	1:05 - 2:40	95

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THURSDAY

LATE START- PLC	7:30-8:30	60
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8 th Seminar	10:20-10:55	35
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2nd Semester Transportation Payment

2nd Semester Transportation Payment

Dear Families,

This is a friendly reminder that 2nd semester bus fees are due.

Payment of \$185/student can be made to DS Bus Lines through their [website](#) or in person at DS Bus Lines, 5519 Merriam Dr., Merriam, KS 66203. If you have any questions please call DS Bus Lines @ 913-384-1190.

Pago de transporte 2do semestre

Queridas familias,

Este es un recordatorio amistoso de que vencen las tarifas de autobús del segundo semestre.

El pago de \$185 por estudiante se puede hacer en DS Bus Lines a través de su sitio en línea en

[website](#) o en persona en DS Bus Lines, 5519 Merriam Dr., Merriam, KS 66203. Si tiene alguna

pregunta, llame a DS Bus Lines al 913-384-1190.



Senior Information

Graduation for our Senior Class 2024 is right around the corner.

The most important task is for our seniors to make sure that they continue to stay focused and apply themselves to classes so that the end of their year is successful and they earn each and every credit.

Seniors have been given graduation information in October and again in January, but if parents didn't see the handout, it is posted in the pdf below.

You may also visit our SM West website under the graduation tab for current information:

<https://smwest.smsd.org/students/graduation>

Or also under the Senior Information tab: <https://smwest.smsd.org/students/senior-information>

Many parents ask about when caps/gowns are delivered and also our "ticket" policy - - - the answers are THERE!!!!

If you have a senior that is interested in trying out to be a graduation speaker or a reader of the roll during the ceremony, please encourage them to see Jennifer Silverstein or Mark Rabbitt.

Impt Dates Remember FY24.pdf

[Download](#)

Are you looking for a way to support Prom this year? Join us at Charlie's Car Wash on 87th Street this whole week for car wash fundraiser. View the flyer below and then use the barcode to scan at Charlie's Car Wash. Half of the proceeds will go straight into making Prom memorable this year!"



SHAWNEE MISSION WEST PROM CAR WASH FUNDRAISER Mar. 18, 2024 - Mar. 24, 2024

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Buy Wash eGifts online at charlies.com using promo code **"PROM24"**
(Gift cards, wash books, and prepaid cards are not eligible for fundraiser matching.)
or bring this flyer in when you wash your vehicle

Purchase the following washes at regular price and our organization receives:

Signature Wash	\$12 ⁵⁰	Super Wash	\$7 ⁵⁰
Ultimate Wash	\$10	Basic Wash	\$5



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15061 METCALF AVE
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223

7260 SHAWNEE MISSION PKWY
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202

16245 W 87TH STREET PARKWAY
LENEXA, KS 66219



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 are excited to continue partnering with YES! for West Reads Video. Mya Williams reads "Love is Loud" by Diane Nash. This book represents the Read Across America theme, Celebrate Diversity. [Here is the Video!](#)

The literary magazine is currently accepting written and 2D art from our SM West Students. We will continue to accept submissions through the end of the month. Thanks for supporting our student artists!



https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUiycwuCmUgJxDv5yfdgrSzBvGSwhQSZ7LEatyXHzJmonLA/viewform?usp=send_form



A big Congratulations goes out to Madeline Ampleman, Alayna Beck, Miles Cohen, and Samuel Wilson. This team competed in the NASA Hunch Kwadropus Duster Robot Design and Prototyping competition last semester in their Engineering Design and Development class. The Suction Cup component of their project has been chosen as a Finalist. This means they have the opportunity to share your project with Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX on April 17th, 2024. Another congratulations goes out to this same group for also being named Semi-Finalists in their Duster Arm and Mobility Arm components of the same project.



<https://www.hunchdesign.com/2024-finalist-page.html>

Thank you to everyone who took the time to give these students their time, resources, and support with this project.





March 28, 2024
11am - 8pm

SMW BASEBALL Fundraising

Dine-in or carry-out on the date above.
Mention SMW Baseball and Boba Love
will donate 15% of your purchase to the Team.



15131 W. 87th St Pkwy
Lenexa, KS 66219
<https://www.bobalovekansascity.com>




@bobalovekc Boba Love - Bubble Tea & Snacks

Shout out to SM South Girls Basketball and SM Northwest Boys Basketball from SM West

Congratulations to our newest STATE CHAMPIONS!! SM South Girls Basketball and SM Northwest Boys Basketball both played excellently and captured the title in Wichita the weekend before Spring Break. The South Girls finished the season at 24-1 and will have a recognition ceremony at school on Thursday, March 28th. The Northwest Boys finished the season UNDEFEATED!! at 25-0 and will have a recognition ceremony at school on Tuesday, March 26th.



March



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



RESOURCES



KANSAS CITY ROYALS SPIRIT WEEK

Celebrate the start of baseball season with the Royals by bringing out the blue! Kansas City is home of the Royals and we're bringing the city together to rally for our favorite team on Opening Day.



We ask you to show off your spirit all week long. Tag your pictures with #BringOutTheBlue and #Sweepstakes on Twitter for your chance to win a cookout presented by Price Chopper. Official rules: royals.com/botbsweeps

MONDAY
3/25 **JERSEY/T-SHIRT DAY**
From Bobby Witt Jr. to Salvy or George Brett, there are so many great current and former Royals players. Wear your favorite player's shirt or jersey, or just show off your team spirit and sport a blue tee.

TUESDAY
3/26 **CRAZY HAIR DAY**
Break out the claw clips, spike it with some hair gel, or maybe go with the messy look. Like Sluggerrr, just make sure your mane is the main attraction.

WEDNESDAY
3/27 **CROWN DAY/HAT DAY**
Throw on your favorite ballcap, whether it be the Royals, Little League, or softball team. And if a hat is just not your thing, wear a crown and show off your Royals style any way you like.

THURSDAY
3/28 **BRING OUT THE BLUE**
Opening Day is finally here! From your shirt to your kicks, we need you to Bring Out the Blue by wearing as much blue gear as you can.

FRIDAY
3/29 **PJ DAY**
You probably stayed up too late watching Royals highlights, so today, do yourself a favor and roll out of bed and into school wearing your PJs!



RAMADAN IS THE MUSLIM MONTH OF FASTING. PRACTICING MUSLIM STUDENTS WILL BE FASTING FROM DAWN UNTIL DUSK (APPROX 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM)

THIS MEANS NO FOOD AND NO WATER.

RAMADAN CELEBRATION OFTEN INVOLVES PRAYERS LATE INTO THE NIGHT.

IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO BE UP PAST MIDNIGHT FOR PRAYERS AND THEN GET UP AROUND 5 AM TO EAT BEFORE DAWN AND PRAY.

RAMADAN 2024 WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY FROM MARCH 11 TO APRIL 8. RAMADAN IS SCHEDULED ON THE LUNAR CALENDAR SO IT MOVES DATES EACH YEAR.

MUSLIM STUDENTS MAY BE TIRED, HUNGRY, AND DEHYDRATED IN YOUR CLASSES, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE WITH YOU LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

A Festival of Colors

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March 25, 2024



Paraprofessional
Appreciation
Day



Repeat Information

PTSA - Volunteers needed for 2024-2025

West is looking for volunteers to fill open PTSA board and committee positions for the 2024-25 school year. We meet only 4 times a year, so this will not be a big commitment, but has impactful results. PTSA coordinates speakers for the general meetings, staff appreciation meals, classroom grants, senior scholarships and fundraisers to help pay for these things. Please consider filling one of these positions:

West is looking for volunteers (parents, grandparents, teachers, students, neighbors) to fill the following open PTSA board and committee positions for the 2024-25 school year:

- VP of Membership – create membership form and advertise
- VP of Ways and Means – oversee fundraising
 - Yard Sign Committee
- VP of Communications – post events and fundraisers to social media
 - Signup Committee – create/coordinate signups for staff appreciation, nurse's pantry, concession volunteers, etc.
- Secretary – record and post meeting minutes



- Reflections and Citizenship committee – school liaison for this program
- Legislation – work with the SMAC Legislative position to help encourage awareness of current legislation and how it affects SMSD.
- DEI advocate – work with the SMAC DEI position to help everyone in the school feel included, respected and supported.

We would very much like to hear from you at smwestptsa@gmail.com



Art Beat and PTSA Restaurant Night

Please view the images below. We hope that you will be able to support our students showcasing their artwork as well as our PTSA by dining out at Jefferson's on April 3rd. 15% of your sale will go straight back to SM West PTSA.

Thank you.

Art Beat • 3:45 • 6PM.

West's K-12 Art Feeder Show. and **SMW PTSA**

are working together for a common goal...celebrate K-12 artists in
our community **AND** raise money for our school by dining at

Jefferson's before or after show ♥

shawnee mission west hs. 8800 W. 85th. antioch entrance door @17!!

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Lenexa!</h3>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Eat to Support</h3>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Shawnee Mission West PTSA</h3>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">15% Donated Back</h3>

DINNER @ Jefferson's,

Wednesday, April 3rd / 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

RSVP grouppraise.com/events/274009

Jefferson's • 14944 W 87th St Pkwy, Lenexa



The West Patrons' Gallery welcomes everyone to our 5th featured show of 2023 - 2024 school year, for the West Patrons' Gallery. My name is Melinda (Mindy) Heaton & I am excited to share our March-April exhibition, which is our annual celebration of K-12 West feeder artists and the teachers who helped them with these beautiful creations.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 3rd "ArtBeat" show/celebration from 3:45 - 6:00pm, where the art hallways & gallery will be full of BEAUTIFUL STUDENT ART-WORKS - West Patrons' Gallery. ENTRANCE to EVENT, NE SIDE, OFF Antioch parking lot, Doors #17, under the Aux Gym & SMW HS SIGN.

A couple of weeks after spring break, West Patrons' Gallery director assistants (Anafely Hernandez Perez & Laura Mehnert), and a good handful of my SEMINAR students, help hang artwork from 7 participating schools in our West feeder area. We will have work featured in our West Patrons' Gallery & all throughout the art hallways (rooms 61 - 68).

We're excited about all the cool things created by so many excited k-12 students from our West feeder art programs (**Overland Park, Lenexa Hills, Sunflower, Comanche, Pawnee, Westridge & all classes at West**).

End of March - mid April - ArtBeat celebrates SMW Vertical Team Artists

While the show will be officially up after Spring Break, it will be viewable through mid-April, our **OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION "ArtBeat"** will be on **Wed., April 3rd, from 3:45 - 6:00** and all staff, friends & family of West Feeder Art participants are welcome to stop by and celebrate the awesome artwork on display in the halls (in front of 61 - 68) & in the West Patrons' Gallery.

NAHS Students (National Art Honor Society, sponsored by Mr. Schraad & Mrs. Jewell - THANK YOU) will be on hand to have fun activities for our young attendees. The art rooms will also be open for people to walk around & tour the facilities. There will be treats & activities for people of all ages as you walk through the, over 400 artworks featured.

The physical "gallery" (65), is open all day - Mon / Fri, while school is in session from 7:20 - 3:30.

Remember: The website will be updated with several featured pieces, prior to the shows opening - Wed. April 3rd.: <https://www.smwpatronsgallery.com>, We will be rounding out the year with our much anticipated Senior Show, toward the end of April/ beginning of May (more info to come as we find out which seniors will participate this year).

We would love for you to start following us on instagram: SMWVisualarts & financial donations to the gallery are greatly appreciated - Please see Mindy Heaton on the night of the event if you would like to donate to our gallery.

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

Lenexa!

Eat to support

Shawnee Mission West PTSA



♥ 15% Donated Back

📅 Wednesday, April 3rd / 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

📄 RSVP below

groupraise.com/events/274009

Jefferson's

14944 W 87th St Pkwy, Lenexa

Our Shawnee Mission Band is coordinating a Spring Flower Sale. One stop shopping. Complete your order by March 27 and flowers will be delivered to SM West on May 9th for your pickup. What a great way to support our band and spruce up your garden. View the flyer below or use this link for the pdf format: this link has the order form in PDF format.



<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:2490dee3-0526-408d-b419-1afbde0d3933?viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST



BAND



SPRING FLOWER SALE

Order your spring flowers from the band to help fund programs this spring and next year.

Order deadline: March 27, 2024

See order form for: **types of flowers, colors, sizes and prices**

All flowers should be available for pickup at West on May 9th

Please send completed order form to: melissa.hardesty@evergy.com or mail to

Melissa Hardesty
8008 Swarner Drive
Lenexa, KS 66219

Please pay using the Venmo below or send check payable to Band Aides West with order form to address above.



Questions: Contact Melissa Hardesty at 913-226-0672 or melissa.hardesty@evergy.com

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SMW Band Spring Flower Sale.pdf

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District Performing Arts Newsletter

Great music is being made in our district! Check out the [March 2024 Performing Arts Newsletter](#).

Great things are being taught!

Noche de bailie is an all-district dance at Shawnee Mission North. Students can attend the dance if they attend one of the 6 SMSD high schools. They can buy a ticket for the dance the week of the 18-22 at lunch and at the door.



Questions? Please see Ms. E in 101

Noche de bailie es un baile de abierto a todos los estudiantes del distrito en Shawnee Mission North. Los estudiantes pueden asistir al baile si asisten a una de las 6 escuelas secundarias de SMSD. Pueden comprar una entrada para el baile del 18 hasta el 22 durante los almuerzos y en puerta.

¿Preguntas? Por favor vea a la Sra. E en 101.

A vertical poster for a dance event. At the top, there's a banner of colorful, patterned paper flags (papel picado) in red, blue, yellow, and green. Below the banner, the text "SMN te invita al primer baile anual del Shawnee Mission School District" is written in a small, sans-serif font. The main title "NOCHE DE BAILE" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. "NOCHE" is in white, and "DE BAILE" is in large, colorful letters (pink, green, blue, yellow, red) with a decorative, patterned border. To the left of "BAILE", it says "musica en espanol toda la noche" in a smaller font. Below the title, the location "Shawnee Mission North Fieldhouse" is listed, followed by "Clase de baile opcional a las 6:30". A horizontal line separates this from the date and time information: "VIERNES MARZO 22" and "7 PM - 10 PM PUERTAS CIERRAN 8 PM". Below this, it says "Musica por:" followed by a circular logo for "DJ Luigi" and "COSTO DE ENTRADA: \$10". To the right of the logo, it says "TODOS ESTAN BIENVENIDOS" and "Aguas frescas y comida incluidas". At the bottom, there's a small Instagram icon and the handle "@djluielpicosito". The entire poster has a black background with a decorative border of yellow and orange leaves at the bottom.



MULCH MADNESS

Shawnee Mission West Booster Club

Spring Mulch Sale

The SMW Booster Club's purpose is to support our athletic teams. All money raised goes to the coaches and sponsors for uniforms, equipment, and related expenses.

ORDER DEADLINE:


Friday, March 22, 2024

ORDER DELIVERY:

Saturday, April 6, 2024




Shawnee Mission West
Booster Club
Spring Mulch Sale



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Friday, March 22, 2024

ORDER DELIVERY:
Saturday, April 6, 2024



Complete order form and pay at:
SMWBOOSTERCLUB.COM/MULCH-MADNESS

OR Complete this form and:



Mulch Fundraiser Chair
@Jason-Safly

CREDIT CARD
SMWBOOSTERCLUB.COM/MULCH-MADNESS
Payments are encrypted and secure.

CHECK
To: Shawnee Mission West Booster Club
SMWest High School %Jason Safly
8800 W.85th St. Overland Park, KS 66212

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____
FREE DELIVERY within the SMW attendance area -- Contact Jason Safly for delivery to addresses outside of the SMW attendance area.
Subdivision? Delivery Instructions: _____
Unless otherwise instructed, mulch will be stacked along the edge of the driveway.
Email Address: _____
For order confirmation and advance notice of future mulch sales.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Cedar-Mulch Blend (2-cu ft bag)		\$7/bag	
Premium Black (2-cu ft bag)		\$7/bag	
Premium Brown (2-cu ft bag)		\$7/bag	
		TOTAL	\$

PLEASE NOTE: There is a MINIMUM order of FIVE (5) 2-cu ft bags. \$TBD per 2-cu ft bag includes tax and delivery to your address.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENT ATHLETES THROUGH THE SMW BOOSTER CLUB!
For more information, go to smwboosterclub.com OR Facebook SMW Booster Club.

Questions? Contact Jason Safly at (913) 428-9772 OR SKOLmulch@gmail.com

FOR BOOSTER CLUB USE ONLY

Driver: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

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Summer School Information

Our Summer School options are open at this time for you to start the registration process. We have two different Google Forms, one for Summer Academy (in person) and one for E-School (online). This will give us information to start the enrollment process with you and your student. However, the registration will not be complete until we receive payment in full. You must register with us BEFORE May 31st. Summer Academy (in person) at Shawnee Mission North High School (7401 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS) There is NO transportation offered. You will have to find your own way there. E-School (online)

Please check in with your alpha assigned school counselor if you have any questions.

Laura Raney (A-E)

Kim Urenda (F-K)

Katy Reda (L-Q)

Jamie Heller (R-Z)

Tommie Davis (CAA & CTE)

Thank you!





Student Services News

Looking for a Job? Check out the [SMW Student Services Canvas](#) page for a link to the [Job Board](#).

The Job Board lists current positions available for our students as well as upcoming summer positions (many summer positions start accepting applications now). While you are on the Student

Services Canvas page, check out all of the great information we have listed and linked! :)

-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 [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.

You got into college...

...if you got into 1 college/your top-choice college

NOW WHAT?

- Submit your FAFSA, CSS Profile, state aid forms, etc.
- Apply for external scholarships
- Take out student loans, if you need them...
- ...max out on federal government loans first (those are usually cheaper), before seeking private loans.

Stay on top of remaining documents & deadlines!

- **Accept your admissions:**
Most colleges have a deadline (often May/June) for when you need to accept your admissions &/or pay a deposit to secure your spot.
- **Submit required documents...**
...like your final high school transcript, ID, financial aid documents, or proof of vaccination.
- **Keep track of other deadlines...**
...like when to sign up for orientation or apply for student housing. Often all this info is communicated both via email and in your student portal.

...if you got into multiple colleges

- **Decide on the right one!**
- Consider the experience: What matters most to you about your college experience?
- Consider the money: Which college represents the best return on investment?
- Talk it out! Chat with your friends, family, College Adviser, and counselors!

YOU DIDN'T GET INTO COLLEGE

What to do next

Step 1

Acknowledge your feelings, and let yourself grieve (just a bit).

College rejection letters feel awful and sometimes hurtful. Allow yourself a few days to process.

Try to remember: It's not personal!

A college rejection letter is not a rejection of who you are. Your college app didn't 100% represent all the facets of who you are and what makes you great.

Step 2

Make a plan to move forward. Still go to school, just a *different* one.

Consider taking community college classes, and then transfer. This is a common option! 1.4 million students change colleges each year. Plus, going this route could save you money!

Apply to rolling-admissions universities.

Attend a trade/vocational school.

OR...

...take a gap year.

Think of this as an opportunity: Use your gap year to take classes; learn a new skill or trade; volunteer, intern, or work; or travel.

Strengthen your application for the following year. Speak to a College Adviser or counselor if you need help figuring out what would help.



AmeriCorps

SMSD PARENT PANEL

Come learn about how to navigate your student's college-going process from parents of SMSD alumni!



MARCH 20TH

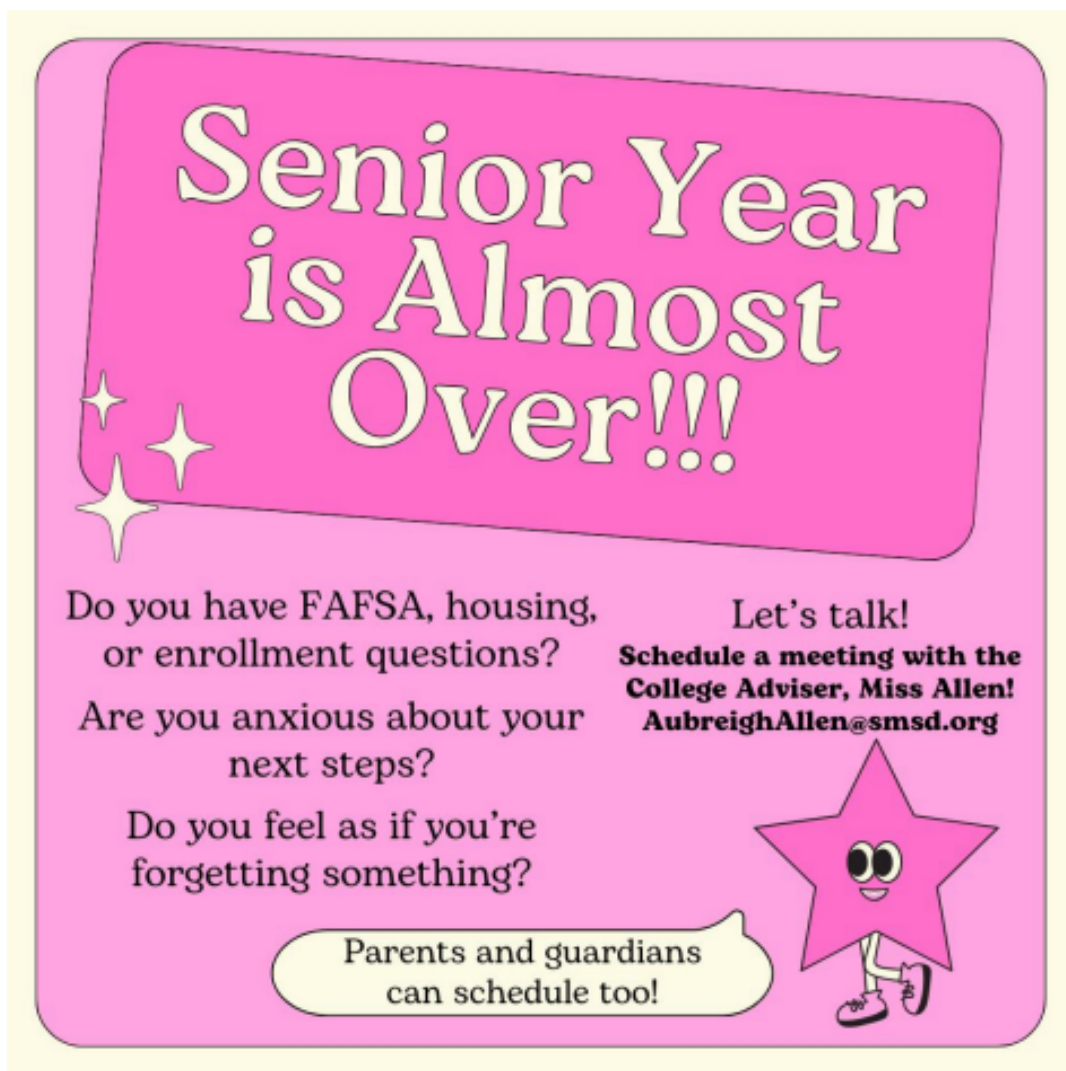


6:30-8:00PM



SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
12701 W 67TH ST, SHAWNEE, KS 66216

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
JAILYNSTEWART@SMSD.ORG



Senior Banner Sale has begun

Now is the time to order your Senior their very own Graduation Banner. Please view the image below or download and print the PDF. Please follow directions for ordering and payment. This is a PTSA/Senior Sizzle sponsored fundraiser and parent volunteers collect the orders.

Thank you.



2024 Senior Graduation Banners

Show your pride in your SM West
Graduating Senior



Order Deadline: April 3 /\$45

Order early, get your banner sooner! More time to celebrate your graduate.

Each banner is 72" x 18", gold with black print and made of weather-proof material with grommets for hanging outside; customized with your graduate's first name and the two SM West logos on each end as shown above. Order your banner today, and you will be notified when they are available for pick up.

Pay online @ smwest.memberhub.com/store/items/995720

OR

Check made payable to SM WEST PTSA (please note Senior Sizzle in the memo) along with this order form and send to: Barb Janssen 8638 Dice Lane, Lenexa, KS 66215

Questions? Contact Barb Janssen at 913-223-9542/barbjanssen1@gmail.com

First name of graduate as you would like it to appear on the banner (please print clearly:

uppercase first letter, lowercase to follow, and other punctuation as appropriate).

Graduate Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact phone #: _____

Order/Payment DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 3

All proceeds support Senior Sizzle: a safe drug-free, alcohol-free event for SM West Senior Class

senior banner pdf.pdf

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Senior Sizzle Easter Egg Fundraiser

Please take a moment to view the images below about a new fundraiser for Senior Sizzle.

Egg My Yard!

Fundraiser for SMW Class of 2024 Senior Sizzle

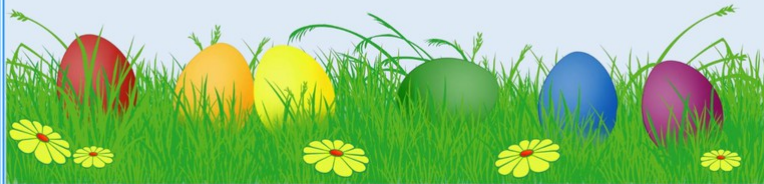
Sign up to have candy and toy filled eggs delivered in your yard and wake up to an at home easter egg hunt. Egging dates are: **Saturday, March 23rd** , **Friday, March 29th** or **Saturday, March 30th** !

10 Eggs = \$10

20 Eggs = \$20

30 Eggs = \$30

All candy will be peanut free. Use QR code to sign up and pay. Include your address and any comments regarding where to hide or scatter (i.e. front or back yard). Last day to order is March 20.



egg fundraiser English.pdf

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BÚSQUEDA DE HUEVOS EN TU JARDÍN!

FUNDRAISER FOR SMW CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR SIZZLE

Regístrese para recibir huevos rellenos de dulces y juguetes en su jardín y despierte con una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua en casa. Las fechas de puesta de huevos son: sábado 23 de marzo, viernes 29 de marzo o sábado 30 de marzo.

10 Huevos = \$10

20 Huevos = \$20

30 Huevos = \$30



Todos los dulces estarán libres de maní. Utilice el código QR para registrarse y pagar. Incluya su dirección y cualquier comentario sobre dónde esconderse o dispersarse (por ejemplo, el patio delantero o trasero). El último día para realizar pedidos es el 20 de marzo.



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R&D Forum

More about the R&D Forum

Student Showcase:

The R&D Forum student showcase, with display-only and competitive exhibits, will be held in April 2024. Students, families, and staff members are encouraged to enter student-created projects, experiments, or art projects to share in this district-wide event. All submissions must be registered; [information on how to register can be found online](#). The deadline to register for the showcase is Friday, March 29, 2024.

The SMSD community is invited to take part in this year's 62nd R&D Forum by attending the following events at the Center for Academic Achievement (CAA), 8200 W. 71st Street.

SHOWCASE OPEN HOUSE RECEPTIONS

- 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024

Entries will be on display at CAA, with a reception for all entrants and families. There will also be music performances by student groups from across the district.

NEXT GREAT IDEA LIVE BITCH



Saturday, April 27, 2024:

- Morning - Finalists will present their Next Great Idea to a panel of judges. Public voting will follow the presentations.
- Afternoon - Awards ceremony for Showcase Entries, Regnier Award winners, and the Next Great Idea Pitch Competition award winners

About the R&D Forum

The Shawnee Mission Research and Development Forum celebrates its 62nd year in 2024. It is one of the SMSD's biggest student project showcases of the year!

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Regnier Family for 62 years of generous support for the SMSD R&D Forum.

[Click here for more information and contacts if you have additional questions.](#)

PROM

- SM West Prom ticket sales have begun. Tickets may be purchased by SM West Juniors and Seniors using the QR code in the image below.
- Please read the PDF below for more information on how to purchase tickets.
- If our Juniors and Seniors bring a guest that is NOT a current student at SM West then a guest form must be complete and turned into Mrs. Silverstein in the front office by the Wednesday before the Prom. Please read the directions very carefully. If a guest is a student at ANOTHER school then the administrator from THEIR school needs to sign the form. If the guest is no longer in school they must submit a copy of a picture ID.
- Students may forward the GUEST FORM that is below as a PDF to their guest or they may pick up a printed form in the front office.



HOLLYWEST

Prom Tickets

**YOU CAN NOW PURCHASE
YOUR PROM TICKETS
ONLINE**

USE THIS
QR CODE



APRIL 13
7-10 PM

**YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE
TICKETS WITH CASH THE
WEEK OF PROM
APRIL 8-11**

HOLLYWEST

Boletos de Prom

**PUEDE COMPRAR
BOLETOS EN LINIA**

ESCANEA
ESTE
CODIGO



EL 13 DE
ABRIL
7-10 PM

**PUEDE COMPRAR BOLETOS
CON EFECTIVO
LA SEMANA DEL BAILE PROM
EL 8 HASTA EL 11 DE ABRIL**

Prom Ticket Sales Announcements - Google Docs.pdf

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SMW Outside Guest Dance Contract - Google Docs.pdf

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*Upcycle Prom
Pop-up Event!*



Sustainable Fashion
Please Join us:

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH &
THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST
4 PM - 7 PM**

6701 W 83RD STREET O.P.
-LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE
SMSD EARLY CHILDHOOD BUILDING

EXCLUSIVE TO SMSD STUDENTS
(PLEASE BRING SCHOOL ID)

JAG-K

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



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Cx8BtOkiogwJaHEb?ref=Link>

Hearing Screenings for 10th graders will be rescheduled for after Spring Break. Screenings will happen during English class on those days. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kim Tennissen Nurse

913-993-7816

kimberlytennissen@smsd.org

or

Amy Hall Nurse Aide

913-993-7960

amyhall356@smsd.org



Covid Guidelines and 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>

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



Warning Signs of

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE



ISOLATION

Your teen suddenly spends all their time with their dating partner and distances themselves from friends.



LOSS OF INTEREST

They lose interest in activities they used to enjoy.



EXCUSES & APOLOGIES

They find themselves making excuses or apologizing for their partner's inappropriate behavior.



PHYSICAL SIGNS

Unexplained bruises or injuries start appearing, raising concern.



EMOTIONAL CHANGES

You notice a sudden change in their demeanor or self-confidence, particularly when they're around their dating partner.



Steps You Can Take:



LISTEN ATTENTIVELY

Show your support and express your concern. Accept what your teen tells you and avoid being judgemental or offering ultimatums, like forcing them to break up.



DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION TOGETHER

Inform yourself about teen dating violence before offering advice. When you move forward, make sure your teen feels supported and empowered.

3RD MIL.COM | MAKE AN IMPACT WITH SIMPLE, ONLINE COURSES | 888-810-7990

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

West Seniors, here is another scholarship opportunity! This scholarship is from the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce and is due March 25th, 2024, by 5pm. A reminder that Seniors can check the scholarship spreadsheet for new scholarships every week! Contact Miss Allen if you have questions! See the application pdf below.

2024 SEDC Career Ready Scholarship.pdf

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164.3 KB

We would like to invite you to join our group WHATSAPP SMW Familias Hispanas to receive information from announcements and events from SMW School.

Nos gustaría invitarlos a unirse a nuestro grupo de WHATSAPP SWM Familias Hispanas para recibir información de anuncios y eventos de Escuela SMW.

Follow this link to join my WhatsApp community:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kt2GKpwev7P0JyTFAN7Fmy>



SMW Families Hispanas
WhatsApp community



Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this community



The flyer features a background image of a golf course at sunset. It includes three circular inset photos: a group of five men, a group of four men, and a group of five women. A cartoon illustration of a golfer in a yellow shirt is on the right. The text is arranged in a clear, bold layout with a mix of black and yellow colors.

WEST

SMW GOLF TOURNAMENT

FUNDRAISER

DUB'S DREAD GOLF COURSE
12601 HOLLINGSWORTH RD, KANSAS CITY,
KS 66109

COMPETITIONS:

- MEN'S LONG DRIVE
- WOMEN'S LONG DRIVE
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- LONGEST PUTT
- CLOSEST SECOND SHOT

SIGN UP HERE



Team sign ups are preferred
Individual sign ups will be placed on a random team

\$150 / TEAM
\$37.50 / PLAYER

MARCH 22
CHECK IN @ 10:00
11:00 SHOTGUN START

LOGOS WILL GO HERE

SMW GOLF TOURNAMENT FLYER.pdf

[Download](#)

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SMW VIKING BASEBALL BINGO FUNDRAISER



The Shawnee Mission School District is beginning the second cycle of Strategic Planning, which will guide the district's work through 2029. Your voice will be critical in ensuring that this plan best serves the needs of the Shawnee Mission community. To gather input from across the Shawnee Mission community, the district is writing to ask you to participate in a ThoughtExchange.



A ThoughtExchange is an on-line tool for group dialogue. Leaders ask one open-ended question, and participants anonymously share their answers and read and rate each other's answers. As they participate, their input prioritizes the data, so you easily see the ideas that resonate most with the group. In this exchange, we are asking you to think about what skills our future graduates will need to be successful in higher education and in their future careers. We encourage you to enter your thoughts, and to take time to rate the thoughts of other participants.

You can participate by clicking this link: <https://tejoin.com/scroll/219107980>.

The exchange will be open through 5:00 pm on Friday, February 9, 2024. Thank you in advance for your participation.



New Date for SM West Culture Fest

Last week, we were unable to host our Culture Festival because of the Tuesday, January 16th snow day.

We have found a new date that will hopefully have no weather issues.

Tuesday, March 19th from 10am-10:55am, we will showcase the cultures that make up our student demographics at SMW in both our main and auxiliary gyms.

SMW CULTURE FEST



TUESDAY MARCH 19TH, 2024



OPEN AT 10:00 AM-10:55AM



8800 W 85TH ST. OVERLAND PARK, KS



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE CULTURE OF SHAWNEE MISSION WEST!

Brought to you by West student groups including: Black Student Union, Latinos of Tomorrow, Asian Student Union, and many more! Featuring small businesses, restaurants, and performers from our community

WANT TO BE INVOLVED?



STUDENT CONTACTS

Community Outreach Director
(913) 596-0924
BSU Co-Presidents
(913) 609-7649 (913) 820-5333
ASU President
(913) 272-9461

SPONSOR CONTACT

Matthew Shulman
(913) 993-8033
Matthewshulman@smsd.org



Presidential Service Awards

Presidential Service Awards reminder: all service hours should be turned in to Mrs. Holmes in student services by 3/29/24. Drop by student services if you need copies of a log sheet to record your hours and service categories. You must mark the service category and dates of service. THIS IS NOT A REQUIRED ACTIVITY FOR

WEST STUDENTS.

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 cristinaseyler@smsd.org.

Thank you.

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

SAIL Tutoring Each Wednesday and Thursday after school

Please remember to take advantage of our **SAIL Tutoring Program**.
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.

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

Sail Tutoring

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

WEDNESDAY

ELA
Social Studies
Electives

THURSDAY

Math
Science
Electives

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

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

SAIL TUTORING DATES

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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

FECHAS DE TUTORIA SAIL

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Shawnee Mission West



Lady Viking Soccer Clinic

Youth Soccer Clinic- put on by the SM West Varsity Lady Vikings Soccer team- for both boys and girls

For: Future Vikings, Grades 1st-8th

When: Friday, April 12th

Time: All grades from 6:00-7:30

Where: SM West High School

Turf Soccer/ 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

This includes: -The clinic

-A clinic t-shirt

Venmo, Cash or checks accepted

a. **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

Please remit this portion of form and a check made payable to SMW Girls' Soccer for the amount of \$30.

Participant Name _____

School _____ **Grade** _____

Youth T-shirt size _____ (Please label if you want adult)

Parent Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Contact Email _____

Any special health accommodations needed: _____

I _____, as a parent/ guardian, give my permission for my daughter to participate in the Shawnee Mission West Soccer Clinic. I agree to assume the responsibilities and risk in said participation and hereby release and discharge Shawnee Mission West of any and all claims and liability arising out of said participation.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian date

Venmo: SMWL-SoccerClub. (Please list your player's name on the venmo payment)

Make checks payable to SMW Girls' Soccer

Send To: SM West Girls' Soccer

C/O Sarah Gonzalez

Shawnee Mission West High School

8800 W. 85th St. O.P., KS 66212

T-shirt sizes cannot be guaranteed unless this form and payment are received **by Friday, March 29th**



Shawnee Mission West

Entrenamiento de fútbol femenino



Campamento para niños y niñas organizado por el equipo femenino de fútbol de Shawnee Mission West

Para: las próximas jugadoras del equipo de Shawnee Mission West de 1o grado hasta 8o

Cuando: el Viernes, 12 de abril

Hora: todos los niveles de las 6 hasta las 7:30

Dónde: SM West High School

Cancha de Turf Soccer/ Football atrás de la cancha de tenis- si afuera
Gimnasio de lucha- si adentro (traer zapatos para correr)

Como vestirse: Camiseta, shorts, espinilleras, calcetines, tacos de fútbol y un balón

Gasto: \$10

Incluye: -el entrenamiento
-una camiseta

Aceptamos Venmo, Cash o cheques

a. **Venmo:** @SMWLadyWingsSoccer (Indique el nombre de la jugadora en el pago de venmo)

Cheques en nombre a: SMW Girls' Soccer

Contacto para preguntas: Coach Sarah Gonzalez

sarahgonzalez@smsd.org o (913) 486-5258

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

Nombre de jugadora _____

escuela _____ grado _____

tamaño de camiseta _____ (indica si quiere una talla de adulto)

nombre de padre de familia _____

numero telefónico _____

correo electrónico _____

Información de salud necesario: _____

Yo _____, como padre/tutor, doy mi permiso para que mi hija participe en el entrenamiento de Fútbol de Shawnee Mission West. Acepto asumir las responsabilidades y los riesgos de dicha participación y, por la presente, libero a Shawnee Mission West de cualquier reclamo y responsabilidad que surja de dicha participación.

_____ firma de padre de familia/guardian _____ fecha

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' Soccer

C/O Sarah Gonzalez

Shawnee Mission West High School

8800 W. 85th St. O.P., KS 66212

Las tallas de las camisetas no se pueden garantizar a menos que este formulario y el pago se reciban **antes del viernes 29 de marzo.**

The Real World Is Waiting For You!



Viking Families,

As a new semester is right around the corner we would like to take this opportunity to shine a light on an opportunity given to students in our community.

The Shawnee Mission School District in partnership with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation has created opportunities for your child to dig deeper into their passions and enhance their education.

Through Real World Learning, students can experience what life may look like after high school and gain market-value assets, a skill that will help them in their future endeavors. Other things students could gain,

- Regionally Vetted Industry-Recognized Credentials
- Internship Opportunities
- Client Collected Projects
- Entrepreneurial ventures
- Work Experience
- College Credit

Students will be able to learn in a hands-on environment while getting a jumpstart on their futures.

Want to learn more?

There is no better time to jump in than the present! For more information contact Tommie Davis the real work learning counselor.

Email:

tommiedavis@smsd.org

Call:

993-7835





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

4:30pm-6:30pm	10:00am-12:00pm
	FRI, JAN 5
THURS, JAN 11	
	FRI, JAN 19
THURS, JAN 25	
	FRI, FEB 2
THURS, FEB 8	
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	FRI, MAY 3
THURS, MAY 9	
	FRI, MAY 17
THURS, MAY 23	

UNDERWEAR & SOCKS PROGRAM

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

HOW TO DONATE & VOLUNTEER

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

Follow us on Facebook here:



LOCATION & CONTACT

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

Website Link:



SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE

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 niño inscrito en el SMSD puede recibir 5 nuevos pares de ropa interior y calcetines cada semestre.

Se requiere comprobante de inscripción: Cuenta Skyward en el teléfono o Carta de la escuela.

Como donar y ser voluntario

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

Enlace de Facebook:



Ubicacion y Contacto:

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

Enlace al sitio web:



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.



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](#)

[Instagram](#)

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 A	No School. <ul style="list-style-type: none">All District facilities are CLOSED including YMCA and JCPRD Daycare.No remote learning/teaching	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will not report to school (Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)	What does this mean for staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none">No staff reports to workNo CAA staff reports to workNo building secretaries report to workNo O&M or custodial staff reports to work*(Could be contacted to report later in the day)Building Principals work remotelyAssociate Principals work remotelyCabinet works remotely
PLAN B	No School. <ul style="list-style-type: none">All District Schools and facilities are CLOSEDYMCA and JCPRD daycare are in session at the following locations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">BenninghovenComancheHighlandsRosehillTrailwoodNo remote learning/teaching	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will not report to school (Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)	What does this mean for staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none">All O&M/custodial staff reportNo certified staff reports to workNo classified staff reports to workCAA employees work remotelyBuilding Principals work remotelyAssociate Principals work remotelyBuilding Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request)Cabinet works remotely
PLAN C	Remote Learning Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">Remote teaching and learning go into effect.Meal services will be provided at the following site:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Center/ BroadmoorYMCA and JCPRD daycare are in session at the following locations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">BenninghovenComancheHighlandsRosehillTrailwood	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none">All students will learn remotely from home (Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)	What does this mean for staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff may work remotely or from their building*Staff log into classrooms at normal time virtuallyAll O&M/custodial staff reports to workBuilding Principals report to workAssociate Principals report to workBuilding Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request)CAA employees report to work

> **DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE SHAWNEE MISSION** **PROCEDIMIENTOS CUANDO HAY** **MAL TIEMPO-CLIMA 2023-24**



PLAN A	Escuela Cerrada. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todos los edificios estan CERRADOS incluido YMCA y JCPRD Daycare. No hay aprendizaje/ enseñanza virtual-remoto 	Que significa esto para padre(s) estudiante(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estudiantes no se presentaran a la escuela <p>(Decisiones sobre actividades se tomarán mas tarde en el transcurso del día)</p>	Que significa para el personal escolar? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 B	Escuela Cerrada. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todos los edificios estan CERRADOS YMCA y JCPRD daycare estan en sesión en las siguientes ubicaciones: Benninghoven Comanche Highlands Rosehill Trailwood No hay aprendizaje/ enseñanza remoto-virtual 	Que significa esto para padre(s) estudiante(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estudiantes no se reportan a la escuela <p>(Decisiones sobre actividades se tomarán mas tarde en el transcurso del día)</p>	Que significa para el personal escolar? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todos en O&M/custodial se reportan Personal certificado no se reporta Personal clasificado no se reporta Empleados de CAA trabajan remoto Directores trabajan remoto Directores asociados trabajan remoto Secretarias trabajan remoto (por solicitud de la administración) Gabinete trabaja remoto
PLAN C	Día de Aprendizaje Remoto <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entran en efecto las enseñanza y aprendizaje remoto Servicios de comida serán proporcionados en las siguientes ubicaciones: Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Center/ Broadmoor YMCA y JCPRD daycare estan en sesión en las siguientes ubicaciones: Benninghoven Comanche Highlands Rosehill Trailwood 	Que significa esto para padre(s) estudiante(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todos los estudiantes aprenderán remoto de casa <p>(Decisiones sobre actividades se tomarán mas tarde en el transcurso del día)</p>	Que significa para el personal escolar? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> El personal puede trabajar de forma remota o desde su edificio * El personal inicia sesión en el salon de clases en horario normal virtualmente Todos en O&M/custodial se reportan al trabajo Directores se reportan al trabajo Directores asociados se reportan al trabajo Secretarias trabajan remoto (por solicitud de la administración) Empleados de CAA se reportan al trabajo

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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 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		

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- 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.

**SENIOR
CLASS OF
24**

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

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.

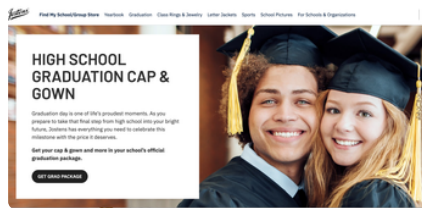
Cada Estudiante Senior también necesita completar este formulario de Google para que nuestros Lectores de la lista en la Graduación sepan qué nombre decir y cómo pronunciar el nombre cuando los Estudiantes pasen al escenario. Vea el enlace a continuación. Por favor, pida a los Estudiantes que completen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

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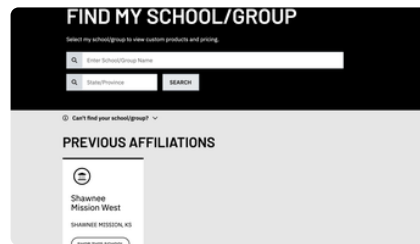
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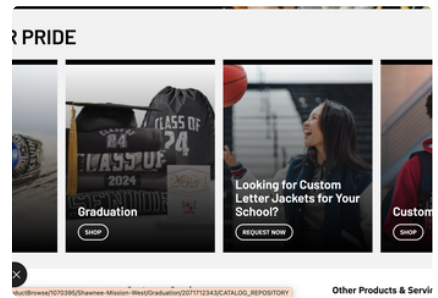
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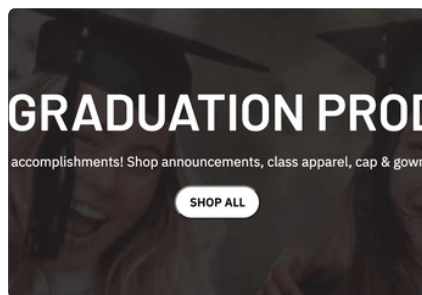
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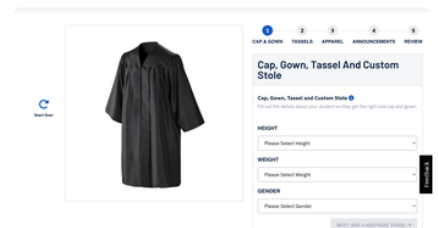
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Shop All



Find Cap/Gown Unit



Enter size Info and Order



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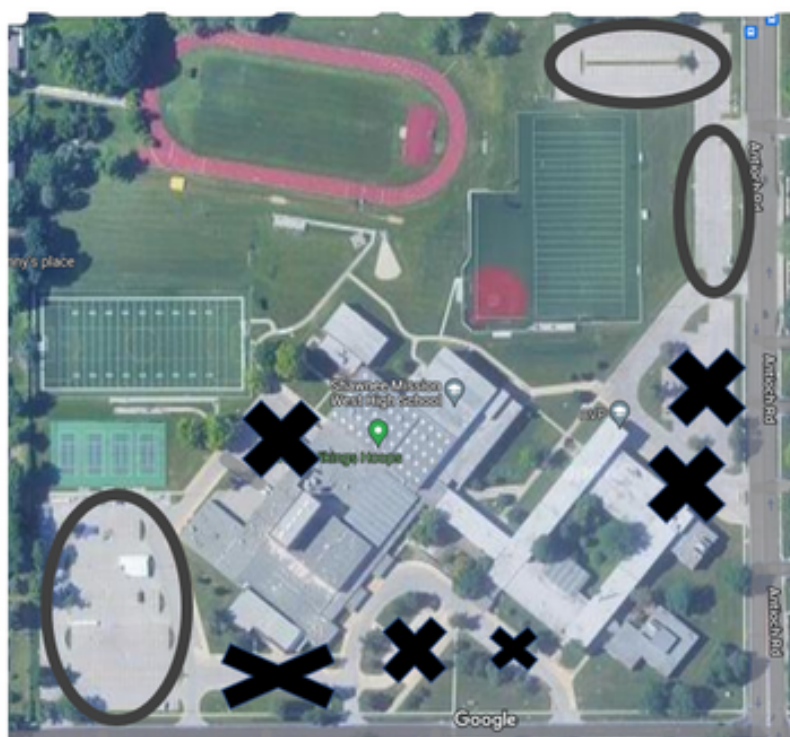
Parking Permits

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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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/>

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MacBook/IT - Important

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

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

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

- **Cracked Screens**

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

- **Tech Resource Page**

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

ICT Updates

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

1. Your MacBook must have the district issued case on it at all times. (Failure to have the cover in place will result in confiscation of the MacBook.)
2. Please only carry your MacBook with the screen shut and with both hands to keep the machine secure.
3. Do not ever pick up the MacBook by the screen. The LCD is very sensitive and the pressure of your grip will break the screen.
4. Keyboard covers should not be used since non-Apple keyboard covers might be too large and can put pressure on the screens and cause damage.
5. Please don't leave your MacBook in a car overnight.
6. Needed programs can be found on Manager. You will not be able to download programs from the App Store for use on these devices.
7. Downloading VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) or other programs that mask your device on the network are a violation of the Responsible Use Policy you have agreed to. Use of these will result in the confiscation of the MacBook and you may MacBook access for the semester/school year for consistent violations.
8. Due to the MacBook refresh this summer and the cost of the new hardware, the replacement device cost has gone up. Although, the charger cost has dropped. The incident fees have stayed the same (fees reset in high school).
 1. 1st Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$100.00
 2. 2nd Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$150.00
 3. 3rd and Subsequent Incident/Damage Device fee: Actual cost of repair/replacement or \$300.00 whichever is greater.
 4. Apple MacBook Air M1 USB-C Cable Replacement - \$19
 5. Apple MacBook Air M1 Charger Replacement - \$39
 6. Apple MacBook Air M1 Adapter Set Replacement - \$58

7. Apple MacBook Air M1 Replacement/Lost Device fee - \$1,117.95

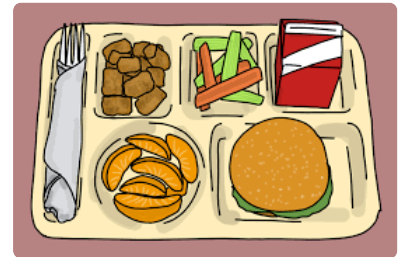
9. If you ever need help or support with your device, please review our Tech Rescue Page (<https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issues>). If you are still experiencing issues, then you can submit a Web Help Desk Ticket (<https://support.smsd.org>).

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

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

Message from Food Service

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



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

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

2023-24 - Child Nutrition Program Meal Benefit Application

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

Potential Benefits of Filling out the Application

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

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

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

Consent for Disclosure and Eligibility

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

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

Families who are directly certified are encouraged to complete a Consent for Disclosure form in Skyward which gives SMSD Food Service permission to share a child's eligibility status

information with the programs families designate on the consent form.

Thank you.

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

» Why Apply? «

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

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

QUALIFYING APPLICATIONS CAN HELP WITH:



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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.

JOIN OUR SMSD TEAM! FOOD SERVICE POSITIONS --- NOW OPEN!



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



Scan code
for the
current openings

Help our students achieve unlimited possibilities!



Transportation Update

ALL Students must be registered with DS Bus Lines in order to ride the bus.

Please note the following important information for 2023-24 busing:

- Bus registration may be found at the following link: [DS Bus Lines registration](#)
- 2023-24 bus fees will remain the same as the prior year.



- 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

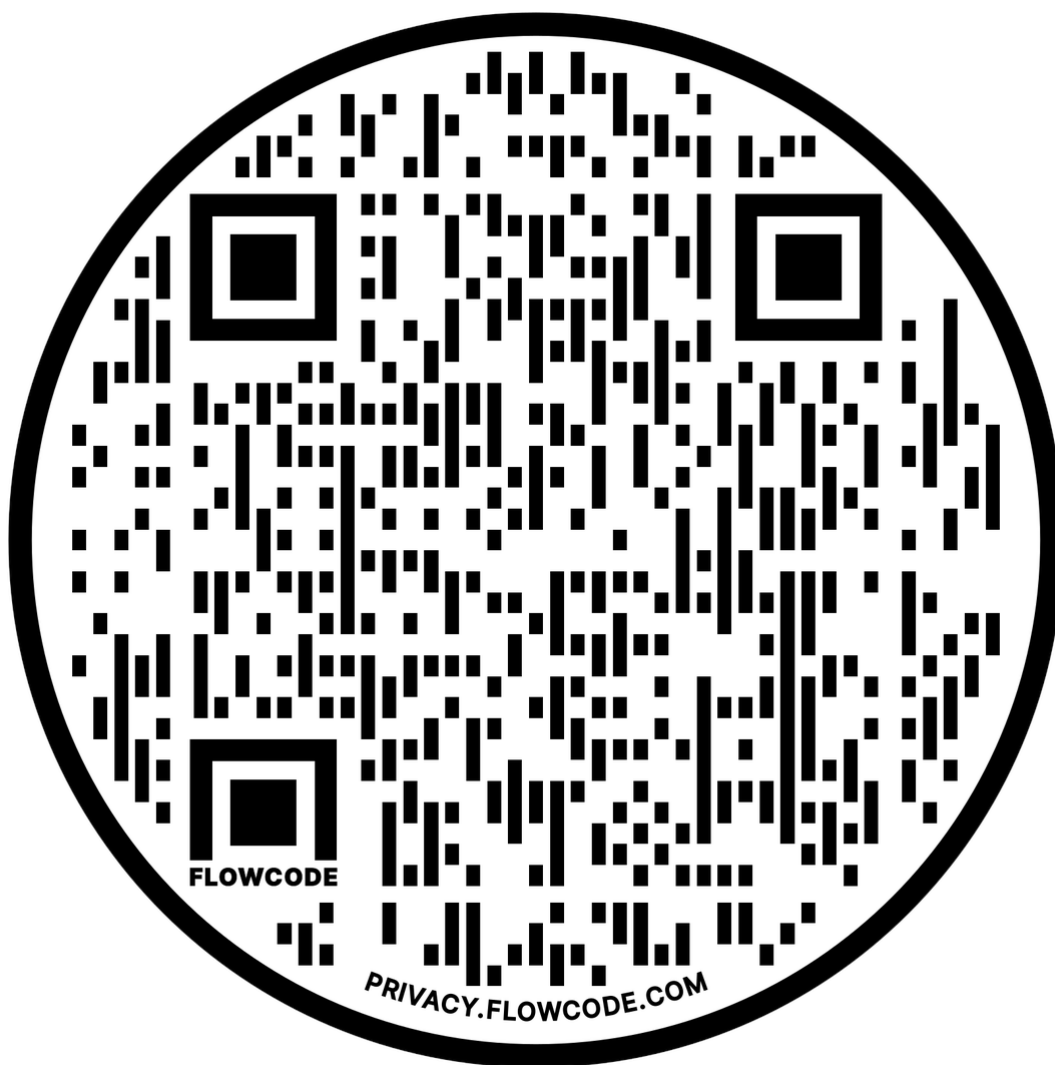
Membership - Michelle Morales

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.



PTSA Application 2023-2024[71].pdf

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Jennifer Silverstein

Jennifer is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters