

SM West Newsletter

Wednesday, Aug 18, 2021 - Issue #2



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Important Numbers

Main Office – 993-7800

Counseling Office – 993-7830

Attendance Hotline – 993-7845

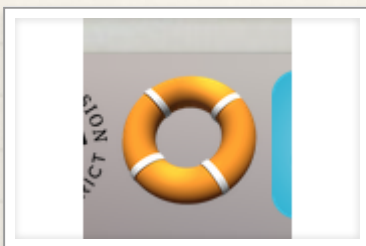
Spanish Interpreter – 993-7840

Oficina Principal – 993-7800

Oficina de Los Consejeros – 993-7830

Línea directa de asistencia – 993-7845

Intérprete de español – 993-7840



Technology and MacBook Help

On Aug. 16th, Staff and Volunteers distributed MacBooks to students. If your student did not receive a MacBook, please be patient. Our IT staff are continually working to problem solve and fix technical issues so that all students have a working MacBook.

If your student has an issue with technology we ask that you FIRST try to do some independent problem solving.

- 1) Try going to the SM West Website to look at the [Technology Rescue Site](#). This google site has many solutions that students can do at home to problem solve their tech issues.
- 2) Go to the "Lifesaver" icon on your browser bar. This takes you to the SMSD Help Desk to complete a Help request.
- 3) BE PATIENT. Please wait for a staff member to call you down to the library for assistance. Please be assured that staff are working very hard to meet the needs of all of our students.

Interested in a Yard Sign for your student?

Please see the image and PDF below to order a yard sign for your student. The SM West Volleyball team and parents are the organizers for this fundraiser. Orders are due BEFORE September 7, 2021.

Please direct questions to:

Contact Robin Thomas
913-575-6649
robt6649@gmail.com



SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

Yard Sign Order Form

Yard Signs 18"x18" sign on white PVC \$45 for Yard Sign (includes 1 rider)

Riders 3"x18" white PVC \$8 for Each Additional Rider

Riders are available for any school activity

Also comes with: Steel T-bar stake & "S" hooks

Rider Examples:

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| ANIME CLUB | COSTUME CREW | HOCKEY | STUCO |
| BAND | CROSS COUNTRY | HONORS | STUDENT COUNCIL |
| BASEBALL | DANCE | JAZZ BAND | SWIMMING |
| BASKETBALL | DANCE TEAM | JOURNALISM | TENNIS |
| BOWLING | DEBATE | LACROSSE | THEATER |
| CHAMBER CHOIR | DIVING | NAHS | THESPIAN CLUB |
| CHEER | DRAMA | NEWSPAPER | TRACK |
| CHEERLEADER | DRILL TEAM | NHS | Varsity Cheer |
| CHEERLEADING | DRUM LINE | ORCHESTRA | VIDEO PRODUCTION |
| CHOIR | DRUM MAJOR | PHOTOGRAPHY | VOLLEYBALL |
| CLASS OF 2022 | FCA | SENIOR | WINTERGUARD |
| CLASS OF 2023 | FOOTBALL | SOCCER | WRESTLING |
| CLASS OF 2024 | FORENSICS | SOFTBALL | YEARBOOK |
| CLASS OF 2025 | GOLF | STATE CHAMPS | (OR CUSTOM) |



Customer's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Students's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

YARD SIGN \$45 X ____ = ____

RIDERS \$8 X ____ = ____ (One free with sign purchase)

TOTAL \$

Please make checks payable to SW West Volleyball

Please mail order form to:
Robin Thomas
15507 W 94th Ter
Lenexa, KS 66219

Questions? Contact Robin Thomas
913-575-6649
robt6649@gmail.com

Orders must be received by September 7th

Estimated delivery is October 1st for orders received by 9/7/21

Orders received after 9/7/21 will be delivered in December



2021 Fall Yard Sign SMW[1].pdf

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SENIOR OPEN LUNCH

On Tuesday, Aug. 17th, an email was sent to the Parent's/Guardians of all SM West Seniors in regards to the Senior Open Lunch Opportunity.

Only Seniors are given the privilege to leave campus during their lunch time, but each of them need to have a Parent

Permission form on file. Parents were sent a Google Form link via email. Please use this link to complete the form for your senior. The email address MUST come from a Parent email and not a student email.

If you are the parent/guardian of a senior and did not receive the email link, you may email jennifersilverstein@smsd.org.

Performing Arts Newsletter

We are excited to share about the events and resources the Performing Arts has for the new school year. Please welcome our new music teachers and learn about one of SMSD summer music programs. Here is the link for the Performing Arts August Newsletter.



<https://my.visme.co/view/q6xey79r-august-pa-newsletter>



SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE

August - December 2021



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 is not in session, the Clothing Exchange is closed. www.smsd.org

SCHEDULE

| 4:30pm-7:00pm | 9:30am-12:00pm |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| THURS, AUG 19 | |
| | FRI, AUG 27 |
| THURS, SEPT 2 | |
| | FRI, SEPT 10 |
| THURS, SEPT 16 | |
| | FRI, SEPT 24 |
| CLOSED FOR CHANGEOVER | |
| THURS, OCT 7 | |
| | FRI, OCT 15 |
| THURS, OCT 21 | |
| | FRI, OCT 29 |
| THURS, NOV 4 | |
| | FRI, NOV 12 |
| THURS, NOV 18 | |
| CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING | |
| THURS, DEC 2 | |
| | FRI, DEC 10 |
| THURS, DEC 16 | |

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

- Everyone must wear a face mask.
- Please limit the number of people in your group.
- No children if possible.
- Please maintain 3 foot distancing.
- Everyone will be asked to use hand sanitizer before entering.

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

LOCATION & CONTACT

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





SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Agosto - Diciembre 2021



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-7:00pm | 9:30am-12:00pm |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jueves 19 de agosto | |
| | Viernes, 27 de agosto |
| Jueves 2 de septiembre | |
| | Viernes 10 de septiembre |
| Jueves 16 de septiembre | |
| | Viernes 24 de septiembre |
| CERRADO POR CAMBIO | |
| Jueves 7 de octubre | |
| | Viernes 15 de octubre |
| Jueves 21 de octubre | |
| | Viernes 29 de octubre |
| Jueves 4 de noviembre | |
| | Viernes 12 de noviembre |
| Jueves 18 de noviembre | |
| CERRADO POR THANKSGIVING | |
| Jueves 2 de diciembre | |
| | Viernes 10 de diciembre |
| Jueves 16 de diciembre | |

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

- Todos deben usar una mascarilla.
- Limite el numero de personas en su grupo.
- Sin hijos si es posible.
- Mantenga una distancia de 3 pies
- A todas se les pedira que usen desinfectante para manos antes de entrar.

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 telefono o Carta de la escuela.

Como donar y ser voluntario

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

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



Join our first Parent Digital
Learning Event of the Year!

SUPPORTING DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AT HOME

SAVE THE DATE!

August 25, 2021

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Virtual Presentation

Free to all SMSD Parents

More information coming soon

JOIN STEPHANIE MADLINGER,
ED.D. FROM MIDWEST
EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AN
AFFILIATE OF ISTE.





Shawnee Mission School District
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¡DE REGRESO A LA ESCUELA!

Feria de Recursos de Regreso a la Escuela
22 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2021
5:00-7:00PM

HABRÁN VACUNAS
COVID-19
GRATIS

Lugar:
Center for Academic Achievement
8200 W. 71st St.
Shawnee, KS 66214




Patrocinadores de Nuestra Comunidad:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LatinX Education Collaborative | El Centro | Johnson County Community College | Hispanic Development Fund | Johnson County Health Department | United Health Care |
| Health Partnership Clinic | Kansas State College Advising Corps | KS Hispanic and Latino Affairs Commission | Hispanic Chamber of Commerce | Workforce Partnership | Latina Leadership Network |
| Bizfest & Latinos of Tomorrow | Catholic Charities | KC Scholars | Communities in Schools | | SMSD Programs |

EVENTO BILINGÜE

Para Mas informacion:
CONNIESPRINGFIELD@SMSD.ORG
913-993-7212
Atencion:



Mantendremos las pautas de distanciamiento social y uso de mascarilla.

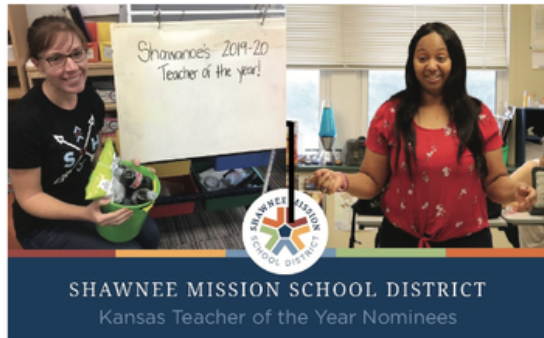
Attention - Students interested in a career in law enforcement or criminal justice.

Overland Park Police Explorers

Interested in a career in law enforcement or criminal justice? Join the Overland Park Police Explorers! We meet twice a month on Thursdays and provide young adults a glimpse of what it takes to be in law enforcement. The Explorer program is open to all young adults from high school to college, who are 14 to 20 years of age. Please join us at our open house meeting September 16th at 6:30PM at the Sanders Justice Center, 12400 Foster Street. Please visit the following link for pre-registration for the open house meeting:



> SHAWNEE MISSION TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROCESS FALL 2021



IT'S TIME FOR NOMINATIONS

We encourage students, teachers, parents, and community members to nominate deserving teachers in Shawnee Mission School District.

CRITERIA

To be eligible to be the SMSD Teacher of the Year, teachers must meet the following criteria:

- Completed at least 3 years in SMSD
- Completed at least 5 years in the profession
- Currently serve as a teacher (i.e. must have a roster of students)

That's it!

NOMINATION LINK

Please use this form to nominate a deserving teacher for SMSD Teacher of the Year!

bit.ly/SMTOY21

bit.ly/SMTOYESP21 (Spanish)





Repeat Information



Message from SM West Principal - Steve Loe

Viking Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to have all our students back in the building! We will continue to focus on everyone's safety *and* make sure reconnecting with each learner is a priority.

It was great to welcome our Freshman parents last night and to see so many West veteran families attend Back to School Night. We really appreciate and understand how important our partnership is with our families.

I mentioned last night during our Freshman meeting, life is definitely not a spectator sport. We encourage ALL our students to be actively engaged learners during each class AND to become involved in extracurricular activities. We have so many clubs, sports, performing arts groups, and other organizations for students to choose from. We encourage every West student to find a school-sponsored group outside of the classroom in which to belong. This makes the West High School experience that much more meaningful.

Again, thank you for your partnership and support! Let's have a GREAT year!

Steve

Class Schedule

Below you will find both an image and a PDF that you can download and print of the Class Schedule for the first few weeks of school.

SMSD High Schools will transition to a schedule that includes Late Starts on Thursdays, but not quite yet.

Students should arrive at school no later than 7:35am to allow time to get to their first class.

The school day ends at 2:40pm. All students should be off campus shortly thereafter unless they are participating with a coach or a sponsor for an extracurricular activity.



The second image and attachment show the schedule for when Late Start Thursdays begin.

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 | 60 |
| 6 th Period | 12:55 - 1:45 | 50 |
| 7 th Period | 1:50 - 2:40 | 50 |



5th Block Lunch Schedule

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| 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 |

4th Block Lunch Schedule

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

WEDNESDAY

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

5th Block Lunch Schedule

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

THURSDAY

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|-------------------------|--------------|----|
| 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 |

4th Block Lunch Schedule

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

FRIDAY

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

5th Block Lunch Schedule

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

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| 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 | 60 |
| 6 th Period | 12:55 - 1:45 | 50 |
| 7 th Period | 1:50 - 2:40 | 50 |

**5th Block Lunch Schedule**

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| 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 |

4th Block Lunch Schedule

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

WEDNESDAY

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

5th Block Lunch Schedule

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

THURSDAY

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|----|
| LATE START - PLC | 7:30 - 8:45 | 75 |
| 2 nd Period | 8:50 - 10:25 | 95 |
| 8 th - Advisory | 10:30 - 10:55 | 25 |
| 4 th Period | 11:00 - 1:00 | 90 |
| 6 th Period | 1:05 - 2:40 | 95 |

4th Block Lunch Schedule

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

FRIDAY

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

5th Block Lunch Schedule

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

SMW WEST HS 2021 - 2022 BELL SCHEDULE

SMW 21-22 Bell Schedule (No Late Start).pdf

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SMW 21-22 Bell Schedule (Late Start).pdf

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Covid and Masking Update

Our nation and community continue to deal with the effects and repercussions of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The goal of our SMSD Board of Education is to keep students in school. The School Board recently had an emergency session to vote on the use of masks in school. Here is the announcement from this meeting:



Shawnee Mission Board of Education Approves Updated Mitigation Plan

At the August 5, 2021, special meeting of the Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education, the Board approved changes to the COVID-19 mitigation plan.

These changes will require all children and adults in grades PreK-12 to wear masks in all district facilities.

The details of the approved plan are included here:

[Mitigation Plan, approved by the Board on Aug. 5, 2021](#)

[Handout, plan approved on Aug. 5, 2021](#)

The vote passed with a 6 to 1 vote in favor.

Keeping schools open and safe continues to be a top priority in the SMSD in the 2021-2022 school year.

- In order to keep all students and staff safe at school please help us with the following:
 - Report all positive cases of COVID-19 to the school nurse.
 - Keep your student home when they are ill and get a PCR test.
 - PCR Testing – SMSD only accepts PCR COVID tests
- o SMSD offers free PCR testing Monday- Friday 8am-4pm when school is in session by calling 913-993-6218
- o Free PCR testing is also offered at community testing sites such as www.gogettested.com/kansas, CVS, Walgreens, etc.
- If you or your student have a known exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 outside of school/school related activity, please contact JCDHE at 913-715-2819 for instructions.



Due to high community transmission rates of COVID-19 in the county and lack of vaccine availability for all individuals, the Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) will require masking of all children and adults in grades PreK-12 and in all district facilities until further notice.



August 5, 2021



MASKING:

Masks are required for all PreK-12 children and adults until such a time as all students have the opportunity to be fully vaccinated and community transmission levels decrease.

***Individuals do not need to mask when outdoors.** This includes students participating in elementary recess.



VACCINATIONS:

It is recommended that all eligible individuals receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination has proven to be the most effective means for individual protection against COVID-19 and in halting the transmission of COVID-19. It is strongly recommended that unvaccinated individuals continue to mask until fully vaccinated (2 weeks after the last dose in series).



EXCLUSION:

Fully vaccinated individuals will not be quarantined with an exposure unless they are/become symptomatic. COVID-19 positive individuals will be excluded from school/activities for 10 days and 24 hour symptom improvement.



NOTE FROM OUR NURSE

1. Please notify the nurse (993-7816 or marnibollella@smsd.org) if your child has COVID symptoms, a positive COVID test result or an exposure to COVID.
2. COVID vaccines are not required for students, however if your student has been vaccinated please forward a copy of their vaccination card to the nurse (marnibollella@smsd.org) so that we can include this in your student's vaccination records. Students who are vaccinated will not be required to quarantine if exposed to someone who has COVID.
3. Free COVID testing is available 7 days a week at www.gogettested.com
4. The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) will be doing contact tracing for any positive COVID cases that result in exposures at school. JCDHE will notify students who need to remain home due to an exposure.
5. The school nurse will still exclude students from school who have COVID symptoms, the same as last school year.
6. If your student has a food allergy and will require meal modifications, please e-mail the nurse (marnibollella@smsd.org). If they are able to manage their own food choices you do not need to notify the nurse.
7. If your student will be carrying his/her own medication (inhaler, epi-pen, insulin) please let the nurse know (marnibollella@smsd.org).

Thank you!

Marni Bollella, BSN, RN, CFRN

School Nurse, Shawnee Mission West

marnibollella@smsd.org

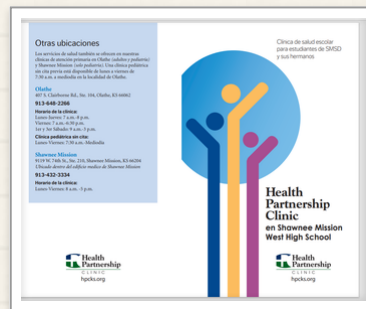
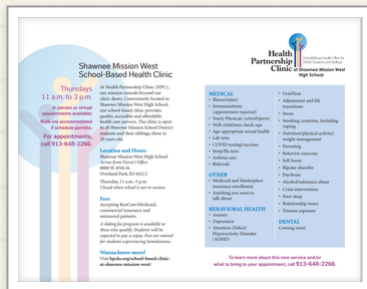
(913)993-7816 (office)

(913)993-1483 (fax)

Health Partnership Clinic Opening Sept. 2 at SM West

SMSD is very proud and excited to welcome the Health Partnership Clinic to SM West building. Please take a moment to download the press release/fliers for more information. (The PDF attachments are larger images of the pictures below.)





HPC News Release.pdf

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HPC Brochure English.pdf

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HPC Spanish Brochure.pdf

[Download](#)
372.1 KB



School Supplies

There is no recommended school supply list for all of our SM West students. Each student's individual schedule of classes and teachers is so varied, therefore we suggest waiting to purchase supplies until after your student has met their teachers and been given recommendations of supplies.

Our recommendation is that all students have a supply of pens and pencils and a spiral or paper for the first days of school.

Your student may also choose to have an individualized organization system.

Maybe your student would like a three ring binder with tabs and folders for each class.

Maybe another student might prefer an accordion file to house handouts and work from each class. Encourage your student to choose a system that fits their needs and personality.

School Pictures for ID's and Yearbook

Shawnee Mission West 2021 Picture Days



August 16, 2021

Yearbook pictures for grades 9-11 and staff, ID card pictures for grades 9-12.

All students should have an ID card picture taken and all students grades 9-11 should have a yearbook picture taken when they pick up MacBooks in the library. You do not need to order pictures to be included in the yearbook.

Ordering information (grades 9-11)

Pre-order ahead of picture day: <https://inter-state.com/flyerentry/61080M>

OR

An image direct email will be sent via parent/guardian email 3-5 business days after August 16, 2021 which will offer a viewing of the unedited image and the chance to purchase. Please note if you prepay, an image direct email will not be sent.

[Underclass reminder flyer](#)

August 25-26, 2021

Yearbook pictures for seniors

All seniors should have a yearbook picture taken. Students will travel to the library with their English class for pictures. You do not need to order pictures to be included in the yearbook.

*Please dress up for senior pictures! Suggested attire for boys: collared shirts, ties and jackets optional. Suggested attire for girls: dresses or dressy tops. The photo will be head and shoulders only.

Ordering information seniors

Please do not preorder or send money on picture day!

Senior proofs will be provided via parent/guardian email 7-10 business days after August 26, with links to order pictures.

If you do not receive your proof after 7-10 business days, please visit <https://inter-state.com/myordercode.com>

October 20, 2021

Retakes for all grades and staff

See Flyer Below:



school picture flyer.pdf

[Download](#)
5.8 MB



Notes from SM West Student Services

Schedule Change Requests: Students need to email their alpha assigned school counselor if they are requesting a class change. We will try to make it work for the student and let them know their options. DEADLINE OF ALL SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS IS 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021. After that date, we cannot change classes once school starts.

Alpha Breakdown:

Laura Raney LAST NAMES A - E lauraeshelman@smsd.org

Kim Urenda LAST NAMES F - K kimurenda@smsd.org

Katy Reda LAST NAMES L- Rh katyreda@smsd.org

Jamie Heller LAST NAMES Ri- Z jamieheller@smsd.org

ACT REGISTRATION: Remember your senior has the opportunity to take the ACT through the National Testing Site at www.act.org three times here in the fall. We highly recommend you register early as these dates and testing centers can fill up quickly. JUNIORS - we recommend you take the "official" ACT in the spring semester. The state of Kansas is paying for all SM West Juniors to take the test this spring on March 1st. We will register your students for that here at school and send out more information closer to the dates.

The fall ACT Test dates are:

September 11, 2021** August 6, 2021 August 20, 2021

October 23, 2021** September 17, 2021 October 1, 2021

*December 11, 2021** November 5, 2021 November 19, 2021

ACT Register online: www.actstudent.org

Cost of tests: ACT \$60 and ACT Plus Writing is \$85.

Test Date Registration Deadline Late Deadline (\$38 fee)

POST SECONDARY PLANNING: We will be visiting each SENIOR ELA 4/AP English Literature class later in August to present about the Post Secondary Options for our students. We will then meet individually with your senior to talk about their Individual Plan of Study and how to help support them in their future research, planning, applying, etc. Your student will be able to work with their alpha school counselor and have access to both Tommie Davis our Real World Learning Counselor and Ashlyn Kirkpatrick, our College Advisor.

Tommie Davis: tommiedavis@smsd.org

Ashlyn Kirkpatrick: ashlynkirkpatrick@smsd.org

From your West Social Workers: Please remember that if you or your child needs some extra support, there are professionals ready to help. Johnson County Mental Health has services for families and teens.

[Children and Family Services Brochure](#)

[Children and Family Services Brochure en Español](#)

You are always invited to call one of us as well to discuss how we can support your student.

Mary Lea Kieffer A-K 993-7836

Donna Holmes L-Z 993-7832

Please do not ever be afraid to ask for help! We are here for you!

Por favor recuerda que puede contactar a nuestros trabajadores sociales para obtener apoyo adicional.

Mary Lea Kieffer (Alpha A-K) marykieffer@smsd.org 913-993-7836 o

Donna Holmes (Alpha L-Z) donnaholmes@smsd.org 913-993-7832.

[Family Support Link](#) (Enlace de Pedir Apoyo- para su Familia)

Online Verification

Please remember that all students and families need to complete the **Online Verification** each year.



Please open the attached document for instructions and links for both English and Spanish versions.

[SKYWARD LINK](#)

It is recommended to use a desktop or laptop computer as opposed to a phone app to complete the forms.

There will be a variety of forms:

- Emergency Contact Information Update
- Over the Counter Medication release
- Household Economic Survey (guides how federal funds might help Shawnee Mission students)
- Review consent of technology guidelines
- Athletic packet
- AND MORE

Please view the PDF below for instructions once you have logged into your Skyward account. If you need help logging into Skyward, please email jennifersilverstein@smsd.org for assistance with your LOGIN or resetting your password.



ONLINE VERIFICATION - Google Docs.pdf



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Canvas

Canvas is an educational and information portal that our teachers use to post assignments, curriculum content, calendars...and more. All students will have a Canvas Portal that will house the pages from their teachers. Parents can also sign up as an Observer in Canvas. Observers can link their Canvas account to their student's account so they can see

assignment due dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course.

The smsd.org website has a tremendous amount of information and guides to help parents learn more about Canvas.

Use this link to access these instructional guides:

<https://www.smsd.org/academics/digital-learning-initiative/canvas/parents>



Fee Payment

PAYMENT OF FEES

Thank you to those families who were able to come up to school for fee payment or made payments online. Efunds will continue to be active for online payments.

EFUNDS LINK

You may also come to our offices from 7:00am-3:30pm to make payments.

Our Bookkeeper is also available to answer questions via email or phone.

Cristina Seyler cristinaseyler@smsd.org 993-7810

Timely payment of fees as well as the development of payment plans allows for the instructors to have available funds to purchase materials necessary for the beginning of the school year. Sunflower Insurance and KanCare do cover a portion of the fees. Please reach out if you have questions.

Food Service Announcement

Food Service welcomes every student to enjoy FREE school breakfast and lunch for the 2021-22 school year.

Once again, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has put into effect nationwide waivers allowing school food service departments to continue to serve healthy school meal options free to all students.

There are no Free & Reduced Meal Applications for 2021-22 school year since meals are FREE for all students.

Families are encouraged to complete a Household Economic Survey (HES) as part of the Parent Online Verification available on Skyward sometime in July. The purpose of the HES form is to assist families and our district in the upcoming year.

- Even though all students will be able to eat breakfast and lunch at no cost this year, the HES form generates additional state funds for our schools.
- If your family qualifies, the district will receive funds to help support programs providing additional support for learners with a variety of needs.



- Additionally, qualifying on the HES provides other benefits to families which may include free/reduced transportation fees and preK enrollment. If families do not complete the HES, State funding for our school district may be reduced.
- **Do not complete the HES form if you are Directly Certified to receive free meals.** If you receive state assistance, call the SMSD Food Service office before completing the HES form.

Eligibility determination will be made according to the guidelines established by the Kansas Department of Education. Please contact the SMSD Food Service office with any questions. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Monitor student meal accounts by visiting SchoolCafé. You'll need to set up username and password. There are multiple benefits to this new software including the ability to:

- View your child's account balance anytime.
- Access direct certification information
- See exactly what a la carte items are being purchased.
- Set limits on a la carte purchases.
- View Menus with nutrient and allergen information.

SchoolCafe Link: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>

Add funds to your students' account for a la carte items through EFunds applicaiton.

EFunds Link: <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/55790>



Transportation

The Shawnee Mission School District provides free bus transportation to students living 2.5 miles or more from the school in their attendance area. Students who qualify for district-provided transportation in the Shawnee Mission School District must enroll with DS Bus Lines (Visit DS [website](#).) After completing enrollment, student bus information is available via the student's Skyward account (Family Access).

Students who live less than 2.5 miles from the school in their attendance area may pay to ride the bus in areas with established routes. Routes will be established annually based on interest and enrollment of at least 50 pay riders. To pay for bus services, use the same link above for DS website.

Payments received after July 23, 2021

\$185.00 per student, per semester or \$370.00 per student for the school year.

Contact DS Bus Lines at (913) 384-1190 or visit the [website](#).



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FALL SPORTS

1. Sports begin on August 16. This will include Football, Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Girls Golf, and Girls Tennis. Please check your email for a Skyward message from Athletic Director Todd McAtee for more detailed information on each sport.



All students must have a current physical exam on file in the Athletic Office in order to participate.

The Shawnee Mission West Athletic Department now has a new website. Please visit <https://shawneemissionwestvikings.com/> for all things related to Viking Athletics.

Thanks.

Todd McAtee, CAA
Shawnee Mission West High School
Athletic Director
(913) 993-7843
toddmcatee107@smsd.org



SM West PTSA

Your SM West PTSA works to support our students and staff throughout the school year.

5 Reasons to join PTSA

(membership is Annual)

1. Benefit your child!

Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and at school.

2. Get Connected!

There is no better way to know what's happening at school.

3. Tap into a network!

PTA connects you to other parents and teachers.

4. Be a Role Model!

By becoming a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child, the importance you place on education.

5. Witness Improvement!

By getting involved in PTA you'll be part of the solution – helping to make positive changes.

Please consider joining PTSA by using the following link. You may also download and print an application and return to the Middle office to be put in the PTSA mailbox.

[PTSA MEMBERSHIP LINK](#)

Here is a link to a current PTSA Spirit Wear SALE:

[Spirit Wear Sale LINK](#)

Thank you,

Follow the link on MemberHub and Pay Online:

[PAYMENT LINK](#) - choose payment under Parent/Guardian and/or Student category. (Credit Card only)

Thank you for joining! We look forward to a great 2020-2021 year.

Contact either Co-President if you have questions or need assistance.

Co-President - Eric Forssberg

eaforssberg@yahoo.com

Co-President - MariaPurviance

zakeox@hotmail.com

¡Gracias por unirse! Esperamos un gran año 2020-2021.

Comuníquese con el Copresidente si tiene preguntas o necesita asistencia.

Copresidenta - Eric Forssberg

eaforssberg@yahoo.com

Copresidente - Maria Purviance

zakeox@hotmail.com



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- ✓ 25+ styles on display
- ✓ Brand new with full factory warranties
- ✓ Delivery available
- ✓ All forms of payment accepted
- ✓ **Financing Available**

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10AM-5PM

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**Benefits the Football and
Track & Field programs**

SPECIAL OFFER FOR FACULTY/STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES

10% off your purchase of a mattress and/or adjustable base



SPECIAL NEEDS FLAG FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITY

Do you know someone that might be interested in an organized flag football league for boys and girls ages 5 and up who have special needs? [READ MORE](#)

We play in the fall and spring with open enrollment throughout the year. We welcome players from all over the Kansas and Missouri area; we will accommodate anyone who wants to play. There is no fee to play or equipment to buy. As long as the parents are willing to travel to the fields we will give them a wonderful and safe place to play football.

Please check out our website: www.kcmetrochallenger.org to register online, see league details, game schedules, and find contact information. If there are children or individuals with special needs in your school, I encourage you to pass on this information. I have included an official league flyer that you are free to pass onto the parents. We have a DVD available that showcases the kids participating in our games. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the DVD, please let me know and I will mail one to you. Or you can check out the video on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yn0pKB2nvE>. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Thank you,

Mr. Shannon Milbourn-Director
Kansas City Metro Challenger Football League
913-850-9646

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR INFORMATION ABOUT 2021 RELAY FOR LIFE



American Cancer Society Partners with Shawnee Mission West for the 10th year to host Relay For Life

Calling all Shawnee Mission West students and parents! Join us for the 10th Relay For Life event at Shawnee Mission West High School this October 1, 2021! Together we are going to fight to beat our biggest rival – cancer.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones, and raise money for the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is a great way for students to get involved in their community in a fun event and help save the lives of those with cancer. Students who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event, as a volunteer or participant, are making a commitment to the fight against this disease and letting the community know that you can beat cancer.

Please encourage your student to get involved in this amazing event. Students can start forming teams of 10- 14 people.

Each participant will be asked to pay a \$15 commitment fee upon registration. Each participant is asked to raise additional

funds from donations. All participants, regardless of age, must have a Permission Form signed by their parent or legal guardian. It will be held on the SM West track. For more information about Relay and for students to register teams online please go to

www.relayforlife.org/shawneemissionyouthks.

The festivities will get underway at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and conclude at 11 pm.

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment, and lend their support in any way. Needless to say, we need your support to make this event successful.

We are searching for survivors of cancer to participate in the opening ceremony lap. If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and return before October 1st or sign up online at www.relayforlife.org/shawneemissionyouthks.

If you would like to purchase a luminaria in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who passed away due to cancer, please fill out the attached form or purchase online at www.relayforlife.org/shawneemissionyouthks.

For additional information about this year's event, please contact McKenzie Marshall, ACS Staff Partner, at 816.842.7111 or mckenzie.marshall@cancer.org.

Mary Lea Kieffer is the faculty sponsor and can be reached at 913-993-7836 or marykieffer@smsd.org.

Mary Lea Kieffer
Shawnee Mission West Social Worker

913-993-7836

Calling All Cancer Survivors!



Please join us at the:
2021 Relay For Life of Shawnee Mission West
Friday, October 1st
Shawnee Mission West High School

Relay For Life is a community celebration-style walk for fun...and to raise money and awareness about cancer. Not only is Relay For Life fun and inspirational, it also raises millions of dollars to help prevent and cure cancer.

Cancer survivors (one year, five years, one day—it does not matter) are invited to walk, run or wheelchair in the opening lap! We want to honor as many cancer survivors as we possibly can, so we HOPE you can join us! We also recognize that Caregivers are an important part of the cancer journey. Please don't forget to bring Caregivers with you too!

The Cancer Survivor Lap will take place at approximately 6:00 p.m. on the track. Cancer survivors will receive special recognition throughout the opening ceremony. More detailed information will come later!

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to be a part of the Survivor Reception and Survivor Lap, **Please fill out the information below and return to the address listed by September 20th, 2021.** For questions, please contact McKenzie Marshall, ACS Staff Partner, at 816.842.7111 or mckenzie.marshall@cancer.org.

Visit www.RelayForLife.org/ShawneeMissionYouthKS for additional event information.

YES! I am a survivor and would like to participate in the Survivor Reception and Survivor Lap of the Relay For Life!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Please check for permission to announce your name Yes _____ No _____

I intend to invite a caregiver/friend to join me. Yes _____ No _____

Please mail registration to:
American Cancer Society
Attn: RFL of Shawnee Mission West
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64105



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Join us in the fight against cancer. Light a Luminaria for someone you love.



Relay For Life of Shawnee Mission West

October 1, 2021

Luminarias honor every life touched by cancer. You can dedicate them to a love one lost, someone currently battling, or anyone who has overcome cancer. Shawnee Mission West students will decorate each luminaria with names and messages for whom they are dedicated. After dark, the luminarias are lit in remembrance of the life touched by cancer. During this special ceremony, relay participants share a moment of silence to remember and honor loved ones. Proceeds from this event help support the American Cancer Society's mission to provide education, patient services, advocacy, and research to find a cure.

To purchase a luminaria and help light the way to a cure, please fill out the information below or visit www.RelayForLife.org/ShawneeMissionYouthKS

A donation of \$10 per luminaria is suggested. You can give this to a student participant, purchase online or mail to:

American Cancer Society
Attn: RFL of Shawnee Mission West
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64105

I want to make a difference in the fight against cancer!

I would like to purchase a luminaria for a suggested donation of \$10.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

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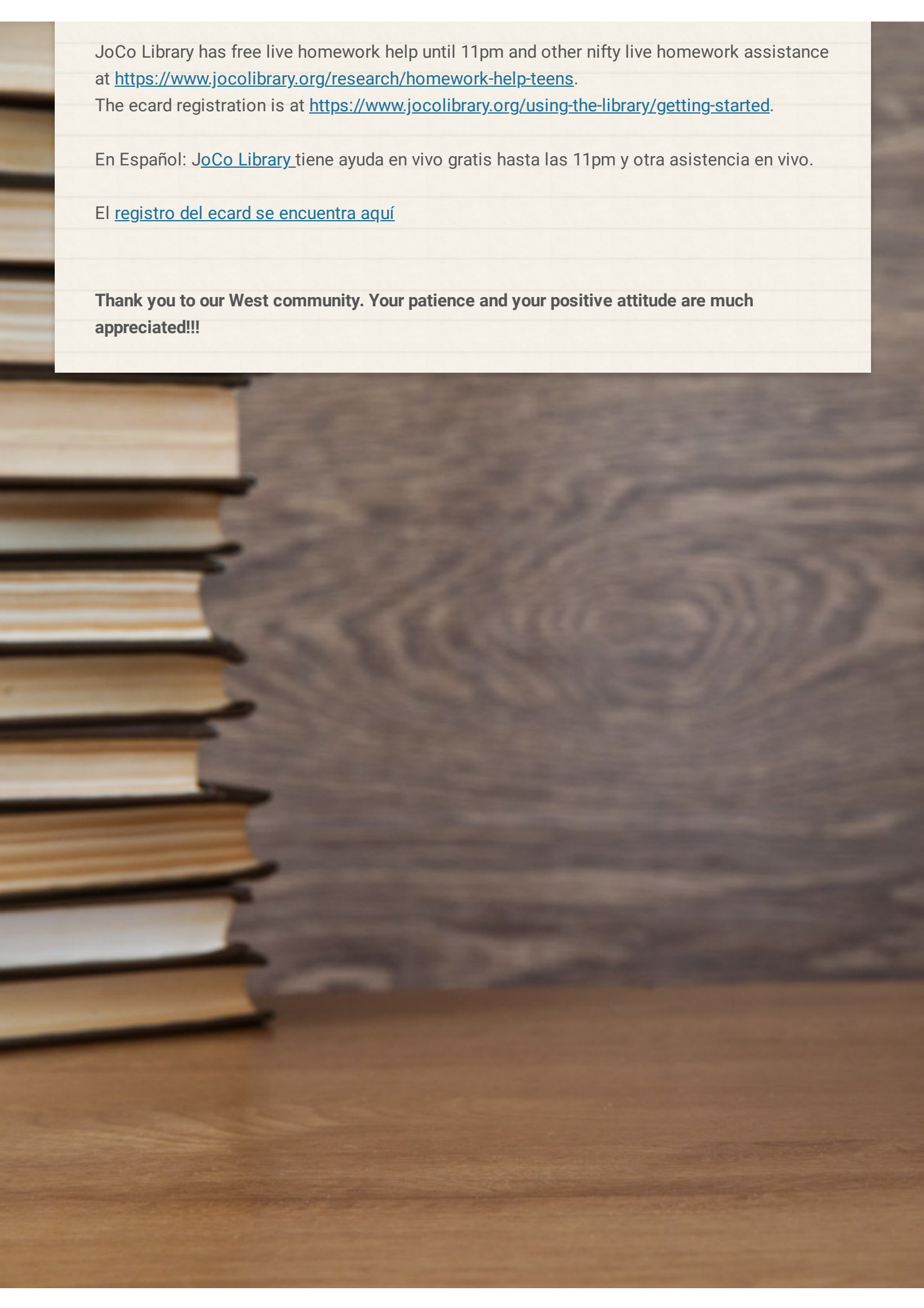
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JoCo Library has free live homework help until 11pm and other nifty live homework assistance at <https://www.jocolibrary.org/research/homework-help-teens>.

The ecard registration is at <https://www.jocolibrary.org/using-the-library/getting-started>.

En Español: [JoCo Library](#) tiene ayuda en vivo gratis hasta las 11pm y otra asistencia en vivo.

El [registro del ecard se encuentra aquí](#)

Thank you to our West community. Your patience and your positive attitude are much appreciated!!!