

SM West Newsletter

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**SCHEDULE
UPDATE**

SCHEDULE UPDATE

For the week of September 13th-17th:

Friday, Sept. 17 is a Professional Learning Day for Staff. This is a NO SCHOOL Day for SM West students.

Therefore, we will follow an alternate schedule of Block Days for the week.

Monday, Sept 13 will be an Odd Block Schedule - Hours 1,3,5 and 7

Tuesday, Sept 14 will be an Even Block Schedule - Hours 2, 8, 4, and 6

Wednesday, Sept 15 will be an Odd Block Schedule - Hours 1, 3, 5, and 7

Thursday, Sept. 16 will be a LATE START (8:50am) Even Block Schedule - Hours 2, 8, 4, and 6.

All five high schools as well as the Signature Programs at the CAA will follow this same schedule.

Please remember that the busses on Late Start Thursdays run on their REGULAR schedule. Students would still arrive to school at the same time and stay on the bridge, in the cafeteria or the gymnasium during that time until the bell rings to go to their first class of the day.


LIP SYNC AUDITIONS ARE COMING UP!!!



Before School
September 22nd &
24th 7:00-7:30




Sign-ups in Gill's room
(123)

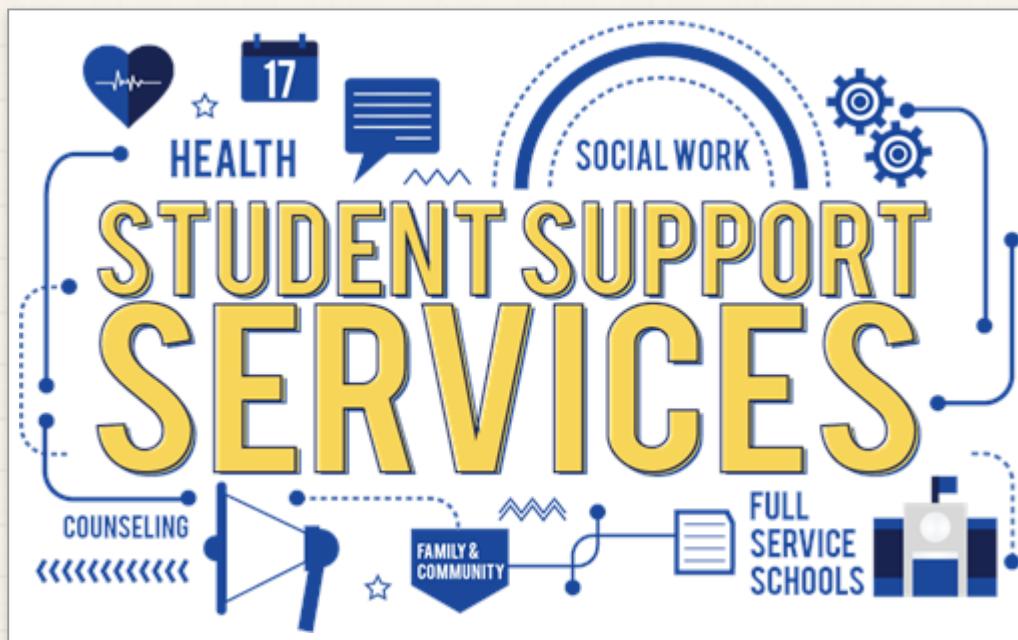


Find a group and
perform a small
portion at auditions

See you there!!!



Lip Sync is October 13th!



Notes from SM West Student Services

Dates posted by Ashlyn Kirkpatrick - SM West College Advisor

Sunday, September 12th Noon-5pm - NACAC Virtual College Fair (with 376 colleges)

- [Sign up](#) for free

September 14th 6:15pm-7:15pm: [College Planning for Seniors & Families](#) (at SMW)

September 15th 6:00-7:00pm: [Financial Aid 101 - Funding College](#) (at SMW)

September 16th 6:30-8pm: Step-by-step through the FAFSA (virtual)

September 23rd 4:30-5:30pm: [Financial Aid 101 - Funding College](#) (at SMW)

September 28th 6:00-7:00pm: [College Planning for Spanish Speaking Families](#) (at SMW) - overview of first generation, DACA, and non-citizen resources, FAFSA information, and Q&A

September 29th 6:00-7:30pm: Senior Planning Night - includes information on FAFSA, scholarships, trade programs, Q&A with admission representatives, and more! (at SMW)

For a list of upcoming scholarships [click here](#)

Apply to be a college ambassador [here](#) - this is a great resume-builder!

Find all upcoming event sign ups [here](#).

College Visits

The following Colleges/Universities are virtually visiting to share information about their school and answer questions. Click on the College/University name to sign up to attend during seminar.

September 14th at 9:25am - [Northwestern University](#)

September 14th at 9:55am - [Boston University](#)

September 14th at 10:25am - [Baker University](#)

Scholarship Spotlight

DUE September 10th at 2PM - [Cameron Impact Scholarship](#)

- Full-tuition scholarship
- Unweighted 3.7 GPA & 2 letters of recommendation
- Show proven excellence in extracurricular activities, be motivated leaders with a strong work ethic, demonstrate active participation in community service and/or civic minded arenas

DUE September 15th at 7PM - [The Gates Scholarship](#)

- Highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households

DUE September 28th at 1:59AM (yes, AM!) - [Atlas Shrugged Scholarship](#)

- Write an 800-1600 word essay about the book *Atlas Shrugged*
- Undocumented students encouraged to apply

DUE September 28th - [QuestBridge National Match Scholarship](#)

- For low-income high school seniors who have excelled academically, but feel that the nation's best colleges are financially out of reach
- Through this college and scholarship application process, you can apply for free to the nation's best colleges and be considered for early admission and a full four-year scholarship from the college

If you need help applying for scholarships or have any questions, reach out to your College Adviser at ashlynkirkpatrick@smsd.org AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Follow @CollegeSMW on Twitter and Instagram for updates, deadlines, and events!

Alpha Breakdown of Counselors:

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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)

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)
[Student Support Request Form](#) (Enlace para Pedir Apoyo- Estudiante)



TRASH BAG SALE

Shawnee Mission West Booster Club Trash Bag Sale

All trash bags are \$12 per roll.

Sales start September 12th and will run through September 25th.

Trash bags will be delivered, in the Shawnee Mission West area, to your front door.

To place an order please use the following link: <https://smwboosterclub.com/trash-bags/>

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SM West PTSA

PTSA Meeting on September 13 Features West Social Workers

Our first PTSA meeting for the year will be in the West library at 7pm on Monday, September 13. Our school social workers, Mary Kieffer and Donna Holmes will be presenting, "Talking with your Child: What to Do and Where to Go." They will answer parents' questions and talk about how to communicate with your child, especially when you might have mental health concerns.

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](#)

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



2021-2022 PTSA Membership Form Doc 2.pdf



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Repeat Information

Class Schedule - UPDATE

SM West will begin to follow a revised schedule beginning
TUESDAY, Sept. 7.

Some noticeable differences:

1st- **The Late Starts on Thursdays** will begin this next week Sept., 7-10.. Classes on Thursdays will begin at 8:50am. **It is important to know that bus service pick up times WILL NOT CHANGE.** Students who need to ride the bus will be invited to sit on the bridge, cafeteria, or gym until classes begin. Students who drive or have access to a ride will not need to arrive until a time reasonable so that they can get to class by 8:50am.

2nd - SM West Administration has determined that it is in the best interest of students and staff that we move from a 3 lunch group rotation to a 4 lunch group rotation. We believe that the four rotations will allow for shorter lines and wait times as well as expanded space while students eat. Please have your students look at their Skyward schedule and/or talk to their 4th/5th period teachers to see how their lunch time has been adjusted beginning on Tuesday of next week.

On regularly scheduled days:

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.



MONDAY

1 st Period	7:40 - 8:30	50
2 nd Period	8:35 - 9:20	45
3 rd Period	9:25 - 10:10	45
4 th Period	10:15 - 11:00	45
5 th Period	11:05 - 1:00	85
6 th Period	1:05 - 1:50	45
7 th Period	1:55 - 2:40	45

**5th Block Lunch Schedule**

Lunch A	11:05 - 11:35
Lunch B	11:35 - 12:05
Lunch C	12:05 - 12:35
Lunch D	12:35 - 1:00

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

Lunch A	11:00 - 11:30
Lunch B	11:30 - 12:00
Lunch C	12:00 - 12:30
Lunch D	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	11:30 - 12:00
Lunch C	12:00 - 12:30
Lunch D	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

Lunch A	11:00 - 11:30
Lunch B	11:30 - 12:00
Lunch C	12:00 - 12:30
Lunch D	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

Lunch A	11:00 - 11:30
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Lunch D	12:30 - 1:00

SM WEST HS 2021 - 2022 BELL SCHEDULE



SMW 21-22 Bell Schedule (Late Start)[1].pdf

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HOMECOMING UPDATE

This year continues to bring our school challenges to sponsor large group events, especially indoors.

Even though we will not be able to host a traditional Homecoming Dance this year, the SM West Staff and StuCo

Representatives want to take this opportunity to outline this year's Homecoming activities.

- Thursday, Sept. 23 - Homecoming Parade -

Clubs/Activities/Athletic teams who have registered for a space in the homecoming parade lineup will proceed from SM West High School to Thompson Park at 8045 Sante Fe Drive in Overland Park. Students will be invited to attend the pep rally in the park and then return to school in time for dismissal and bus service. Time : 1:00 (Parade Line up) 1:30-2:30 Parade/Rally/Return to School.

- Friday, Sept. 24 - SM West Pre-Game Tailgate at SM South

Stadium. Come join your fellow students before the Homecoming Game to cheer on your own SM West Vikings. 5:00pm start with games, music, cheers, and tentatively a pre-game meal for purchase. Plans are still in the works.

- Friday, Sept. 24 - Homecoming game SM West vs. Olathe

Northwest 7Pm at SM South Stadium. The Top 12 Homecoming King and Queen candidates will be introduced on the field at half time and then this year's Homecoming Court will be introduced.

We thank everyone for your continued support of our SM West students.

SM West Theatre

JOIN THESPIANS / DRAMA CLUB

Click on the link below and join our GOOGLE CLASSROOM page at...

<https://classroom.google.com/c/Mzc20DAxOTU4NDcx?cjc=m6tkiyk>

UPCOMING DATES!

Tuesday, September 7th @3pm

DANCE WORKSHOP with choreographer Valerie Martin in the Auditorium

Thursday, September 9th @3pm

TECH TRAINING DAY on the stage with Mr. Scalf, Mr. Adams, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Cline and Mr. Crapser

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE – MUSICAL AUDITION WEEK!

Monday, September 13th @3pm - Audition Info. Meeting in the Choir Room

Tuesday, September 14th @3pm - Dance Audition on the stage



Wednesday, September 15th @3pm - Singing Audition in the auditorium & choir room

Thursday, September 16th @3pm - Acting Callbacks on the stage

Saturday, September 18th @9am - Cast List posted in Google Classroom

Monday, September 20th @3pm - First Rehearsal for THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

HEY PARENTS! JOIN SPOTLIGHTERS

Did you know there is a parent group at Shawnee Mission West dedicated to fostering the performing arts known as Spotlighters? If the adults in your life are interested in learning more, please share the following information.

The next meeting of the year is Monday, October 4th at 6:00 PM located in the choir room #153.

We meet the first Monday of each month.

Come and check it out to learn more about all we do to support these great programs!

We have a website that will share events and upcoming dates.

<https://smwspotlighters.com/>

We're also on Facebook and Twitter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the following board members:

Co-Presidents:

- Stephanie Watson - sjwatson60@gmail.com

- Courtney Moffitt - moffitt5some@gmail.com

Membership: Charlotte Wallenburg - mwallenburg@yahoo.com

Secretary: Kristie Orme - kristieremsterorme@gmail.com

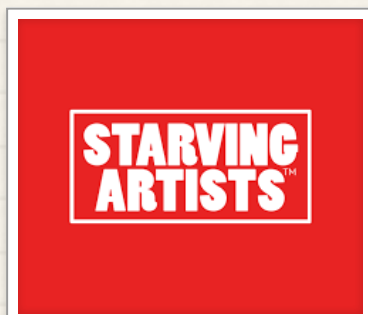
Treasurer: Becca Wagner - becca.wagner@yahoo.com

VP Programs:

- Jan Good-Bollinger - jgoodbollinger@gmail.com

- Katy Myers - katy.myers@yahoo.com

VP Publicity: Jennifer Clevenger - jeninote@clevengerfamily.net



Starving Artists Club

Mrs. Amanda Courtney would like to invite interested students to:

Starving Artists - a collective of students interested in the creation and interpretation of art, literature, & media - will begin meeting in Room 128 w/ Courtney starting September 9th; we will meet each Thursday thereafter. Join us or email amandacourtney@smsd.org for more details!

Latinos of Tomorrow

The first meeting of Latinos of Tomorrow will be Sept 2 at 2:45 in room 101. Have questions reach out to Ms E in room 101 or Ms Urenda in Student services. All are Welcome!



Health Partnership Clinic Opening Sept. 2 at SM West

School Based Health Clinic Opens Sept. 2, 2021, at SM West A school-based health clinic for all Shawnee Mission School District students and their siblings (3 to 20 years old) will open Thursday, September 2 at SM West High School, 8800 W. 85th St.

The clinic will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, except when school is not in session.

Health Partnership Clinic (HPC) and the Shawnee Mission School District are partnering to provide access to primary and preventative health care, chronic disease management, mental health services, and dental care to district students and their siblings.

For more information about the Health Partnership Clinic, or to schedule a medical appointment, Shawnee Mission School District parents should call 913-648-2266. [More information also is available here.](#)

Services will include:

Physical exams

Sports physicals

Immunizations, including vaccines for COVID-19

COVID testing

Age-appropriate health screenings

Preventative education

Referrals to specialty services

Sick visits

Management of acute and chronic problems and mental health services

Dental Care including screenings, fluorides, and restorative care

Most insurance plans are accepted, including

KanCare/Medicaid. As a community health center, HPC offers a sliding-fee discount program which is based on income and household size. Fees are waived for students experiencing homelessness. Free medicaid and Marketplace insurance enrollment will also be available.

“The idea is to break down barriers to health care,” Shelby Rebeck, health services director for the Shawnee Mission School District shared. “Barriers for many of our students include low income, lack of knowledge, lack of transportation and parents’/guardians’ inability to take time away from hourly jobs. Health Partnership provides a tremendous opportunity for our students to receive critical health care so they can be successful in school.”

The clinic offers pediatric-focused care to treat most health conditions that affect children and adolescents, Amy Falk, HPC’s chief executive officer shared.

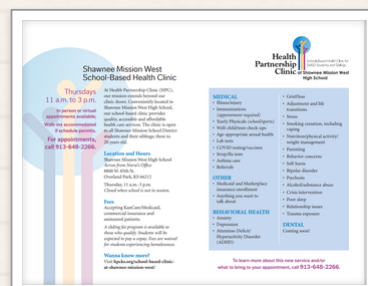
“We basically function as a doctor’s office, but in a school building,” Falk noted. “Services are available in person or virtual, and walk-ins will be accommodated if the schedule permits. The primary goal is to provide easy, immediate access to quality and affordable health care.”

The goal is to serve as a medical home for students and offer an additional access point to primary care, Wael S. Mourad, MD, MHCM, FAAFP, and HPC’s chief health officer, shared.

“Beyond a focus on primary health care, it is important we meet the social and emotional needs of children and adolescents to help them reach their individual potential,” Mourad added.

The clinic will open across from the nurse’s office at SM West. “The Shawnee Mission School District and Health Partnership Clinic are an example of how two organizations can come together to help improve the lives of children,” says Steve Loe, principal of Shawnee Mission West High School. “The school-based health clinic will greatly expand the resources of our school nurse and social worker and help support our goal to have every student succeed.”

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

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NHS Supply Drive - Can you help?

Shawnee Mission West NHS is doing a supplies drive to collect donations to Safe Home, and we would love for you to contribute!

This drive will be the week of September 20th-24th. We are asking students to bring specific items each day, but we would love your help as well. Please bring any of the supplies below to any of our home games or the front office during the week.

We would much appreciate you and your students' donations!

Shampoo/conditioner

Deodorant

Toothbrush/toothpaste

Mouthwash

Dental floss

Lotion

Body wash

Shaving cream/razors

Baby diapers/wipes





SM West Booster Club

Please consider becoming a member of the SM West Booster Club. Use the link below to apply for a membership.

<https://smwboosterclub.com/purchase-membership/>

Tardy Policy

Tardy Action Plan 2021-2022:

1. 2 tardies = Teacher has a student conference (Teacher Documents in Skyward)
2. 3 tardies = Teacher 15 min detention + parent contact (Teacher Documents in Skyward)
3. 5 tardies = Admin sends automatic warning email sent home through Skyward
4. 10 tardies = Admin assigns 1 hour detention and parent contact (Admin Document in Skyward)
5. 20 tardies = Admin assigns 2 hour detention and parent contact (Athletes miss 1 game/activities)
6. 30 tardies = Admin assigns 1 day of ISS and parent contact (Admin Document in Skyward)
7. 40 tardies = Admin assigns 1 day of ISS and parent conference (Admin Document in Skyward)
8. 50 tardies = Admin assigns 2 day of ISS and passing privileges removed (Admin Document in Skyward)

*Every 10th tardy = 1 day of Unexcused Absence



Please use the attendance hotline to report an absence or late arrival. Please allow 30 minutes to process an early dismissal.

993-7845



STUDENT PARKING

Student Parking is open to registered drivers that are in 10th, 11th or 12th grade. Parking passes are \$60 for the academic year and you can pay online through efunds or have your student bring payment to the bookkeeping office.

Please have your student complete the parking pass form, then bring the form and proof of payment to the front security office to Officer Garlington. He will then give your student a parking pass to be placed on the back driver's side window of their car.

Please remind your student that there are designated staff and student parking areas and they need to make sure they follow all rules and procedures. Security staff will administer tickets for failure to follow rules/procedures.



Parking Registration Form.pdf

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FALL SPORTS

Fall Sports have begun.

There are two places where a family can look for information about scheduling.



First try: www.sunflowerleague.org for the most accurate information for the entire Sunflower league.

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

Thanks.

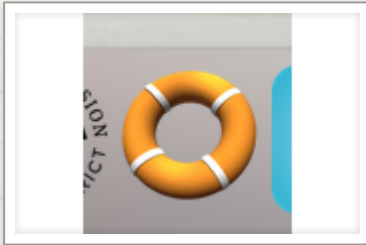
Todd McAtee, CAA

Shawnee Mission West High School

Athletic Director

(913) 993-7843

toddmcatee107@smsd.org



Technology and MacBook Help

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.

Español:

El 16 de agosto, el personal y los voluntarios distribuyeron MacBooks a los estudiantes. Si su estudiante no recibió un MacBook, por favor sea paciente. Nuestro personal de tecnología está trabajando continuamente para resolver problemas y solucionar problemas técnicos para que todos los estudiantes tengan un MacBook que funcione.

Si su estudiante tiene un problema con la tecnología, le pedimos que PRIMERO intente resolver algunos problemas de forma independiente.

- 1) Intente ir al sitio web de SM West para ver el sitio de [Technology Rescue Site](#) (Rescate de tecnología). Este sitio de Google tiene muchas soluciones que los estudiantes pueden hacer en casa para resolver sus problemas de tecnología.
- 2) Ve al icono "Salvavidas" en la barra de tu navegador. Esto te llevará al Servicio de ayuda de SMSD para completar una solicitud de ayuda.
- 3) SEA PACIENTE. Espere a que un miembro del personal lo llame a la biblioteca para pedir ayuda. Tenga la seguridad de que el personal está trabajando muy duro para satisfacer las necesidades de todos nuestros estudiantes.

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.

Español:

El martes, 17 de Agosto, un correo electrónico fue enviado a los padres/ Guardianes de todos los SM West Seniors en lo que respecta a la Senior Open Lunch Opportunity (Comer Afuera de la Escuela durante Almuerzo).

Sólo a las personas de 12 grado se les da el privilegio de salir del campus durante su hora de almuerzo, pero cada uno de ellos necesita tener un formulario de permiso de los padres en el archivo. A los padres se les envió un enlace de formulario de Google por correo electrónico. Utilice este enlace para completar el formulario para su superior. La dirección de correo electrónico DEBE venir de un correo electrónico de los padres y no de un estudiante.

Si usted es el padre/tutor de un anciano y no recibió el enlace de correo electrónico, puede enviar un correo electrónico 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.

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Shawnee Mission School District
Presenta



¡IDE 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:

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:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe15nBLI1JE2b5jBfKic9okEvDI7xLhkMTjjuPdA6R4zMRAIg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Español: ¿Está interesado en una carrera en ser agente de la ley o la justicia penal? ¡Únase a los Exploradores de la Policía de Overland Park! Nos reunimos dos veces al mes los jueves y ofrecemos a los adultos jóvenes una visión de lo que se necesita para estar en la aplicación de la ley. El programa Explorer está abierto a todos los adultos jóvenes desde la escuela secundaria hasta la universidad, que tienen entre 14 y 20 años de edad. Por favor, únase a nosotros en nuestra reunión de puertas abiertas el 16 de septiembre a las 6:30 pm en el Centro de Justicia Sanders, 12400 Foster Street. Por favor visite el siguiente enlace para pre-inscripción para la reunión de puertas abiertas.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe15nBLI1JE2b5jBfKic9okEvDI7xLhkMTjjuPdA6R4zMRAIg/viewform?usp=sf_link



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.

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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.



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>



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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



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



2021 SM West - Relay For Life_Survivor Form.docx

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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!

In honor of _____

Name _____

In honor of _____

Address _____

In memory of _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In memory of _____

Phone _____

No. of luminaria X \$10 = _____ enclosed



2021 SM West - Relay For Life_Luminaria Form.pdf

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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!!!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the week of September 20, DS Bus Lines, the district's transportation service provider, will implement roster checks in order to verify accurate counts of riders enrolled and receiving transportation services. For any student riders not yet registered for transportation, please note that parents will be contacted by school offices to arrange alternative (parent provided) transportation.

To register students for transportation visit DS Bus Lines [website](#). You can contact DS Bus Lines at 913-384- 1190.

For schools that offer regular education transportation, families who may qualify for free transportation should consider completing the online Household Economic survey (HES) located in Skyward (Online Verification Link). Please contact your child's school office for assistance in completing this form.

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 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).



- If you or your student have symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home and contact your school nurse for testing information. Symptoms to watch for:

- o New loss of taste or smell
- o Sore Throat
- o Cough
- o Shortness of breath o Fatigue
- o Headache
- o Runny Nose
- o Congestion
- o Fever
- o Chills
- o Body/muscle aches o Nausea
- o Vomiting
- o Diarrhea

- Close contacts of positive COVID cases will receive an email with instructions for testing and return dates.
- SMSD only accepts PCR tests for return to school/activities

Thank you!

Marni Bollella, BSN, RN, CFRN

School Nurse, Shawnee Mission West

marnibollella@smsd.org

(913)993-7816 (office)

(913)993-1483 (fax)

