SM West Newsletter

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Contact Information

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Overland Park, Kansas 66212
http://smwest.smsd.org/

Phone: (913) 993-7800
Fax: (913) 993-8099
Report an Absence: (913) 993-7845

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Important Numbers

Main Office – 993-7800
Student Services Office – 993-7830
Attendance Hotline – 993-7845 Please call this number to report an absence
Spanish Interpreter – 993-8671

Oficina Principal – 993-7800
Oficina de Los Consejeros – 993-7830
Línea de Asistencia 24 horas al día – 993-7845 Por favor, llame este número para reportar ausencia o puede hablar a 913-993-7847 si necesita salir temprano
Intérprete de español – 993-8671

Attendance

Thank you those of you who are calling the attendance hotline at 993-7845 to report an absence.
You can leave a message at anytime. Staff listens to messages and processes them in the order that they are received, so it is suggested to allow at least 30 minutes of time before you need your student released.
Students need to stay in their class until the pass is delivered to them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gracias a aquellos de ustedes que están llamando a la línea de asistencia al 993-7845 para reportar una ausencia.
Puede dejar un mensaje en cualquier momento. El personal escucha los mensajes y los procesa en el orden en que se reciben, por lo que se sugiere que permita al menos 30 minutos de tiempo antes de que necesite liberar a su estudiante.
Los estudiantes deben permanecer en su clase hasta que se les entregue el pase.

Gracias por su cooperación.

Parent Teacher Conferences - RESCHEDULED to Feb. 16

Parent teacher conferences have been rescheduled until Feb. 16th due to the Snow Day on Feb. 3rd.

Please view the linked Google Slides presentation (Version en Espanol) that will walk you through every detail needed to navigate Skyward and select a time for conferences.

In order to attend conferences on February 16th, we ask that you schedule in Skyward ahead of time. You have the choice of having a conference by using WebEx or In-Person. Since you are scheduling ahead of time for a 10 minute conference, we strongly encourage families to connect using WebEx to allow easy transitions between meetings, as there are no built in passing times. WebEx will be the default method of conference, unless you add a note in skyward or email the teacher directly, that you prefer an in person conference. In person conferences will be held within the teacher's classroom and we encourage you to allow time in between for traveling purposes.

We realize that with only certain time slots available, as they fill up quickly, there may not be one that works for you. Also, we realize that 10 minutes might not be enough time for you. If this is the case, please communicate directly with the teacher to schedule a time to conference at another date.

Please feel free to access our staff directory to access WebEx links, email address, and phone numbers of our staff. Teachers

will communicate with you once you sign up with skyward and share their WebEx link as well.

Si tiene alguna necesidad de interpretacion, comuniquese con Elizabeth Ault at elizabethault@smsd.org or 913-993-7863.

Thank you for investing in our students at West!

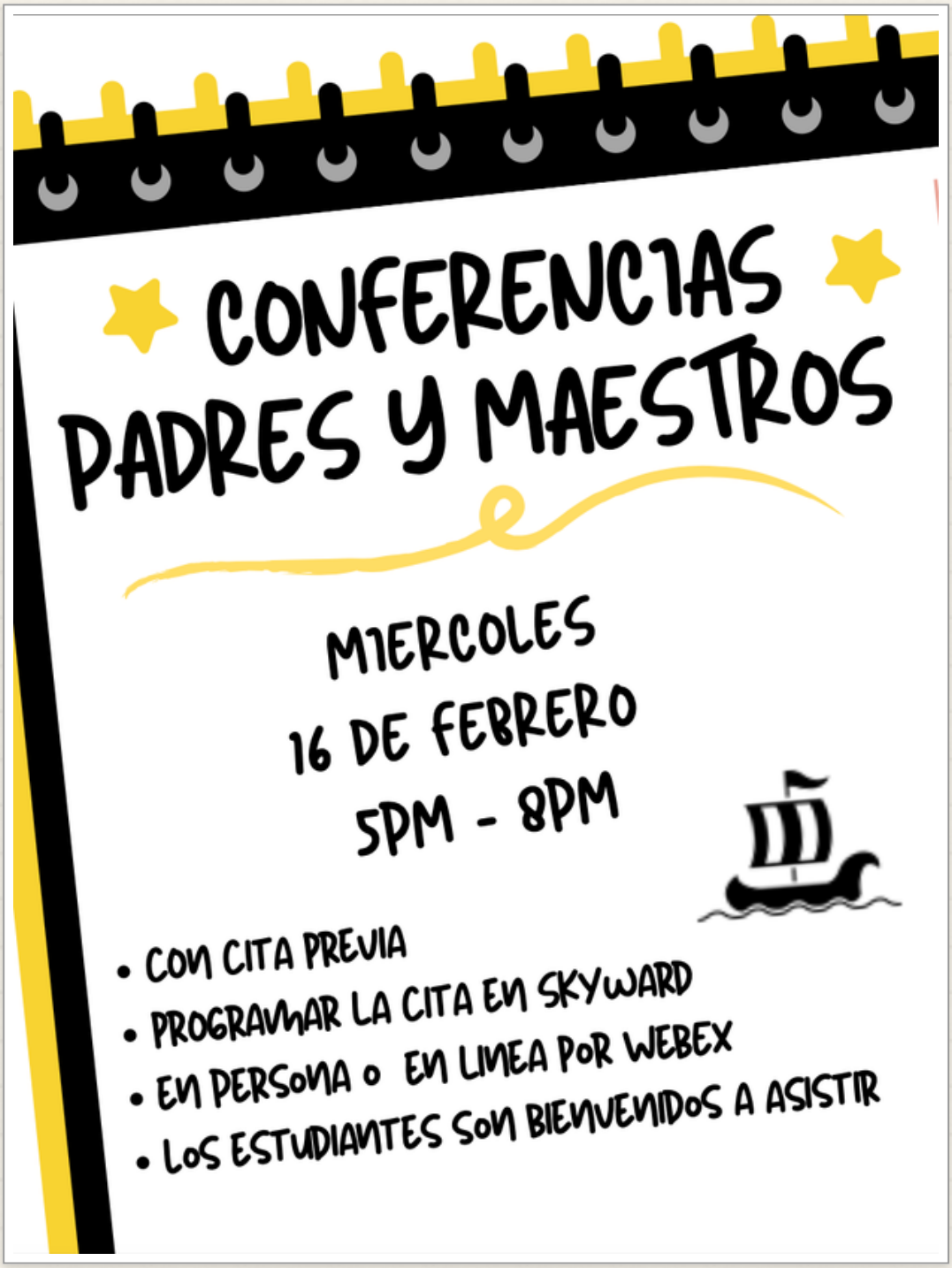
Grant Dreiling
Associate Principal
Shawnee Mission West HS

Thank you for your continued support in making our student/parent/teacher connection strong and positive.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 16TH
5PM - 8PM

- APPOINTMENT ONLY
- SCHEDULE USING SKYWARD
- IN-PERSON OR WEBEX
- STUDENTS ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND



SM West Family Engagement Night

SPREAD THE WORD.

If you have friends/neighbors/younger siblings that attend the West Area Elementary Schools or Westridge, they are invited to our Family Engagement Night. See Flyer Below. This is open to our whole community that is in the West Area. The two links below will outline the program for the evening in both English and then in Spanish. Take a moment to open the attachment to see the different presentations offered.

Program in English

Program in Spanish

Use this link to sign up, as we prepare to order dinner for attendees. RSVP - Families

Fundraiser TONIGHT (Feb. 3) for the Wrestling Team

Crews have been working on the roads and what a great way to grab some dinner and support the SM West Wrestling Team.

Color Guard Clinic and Auditions

Now is your chance to come be a part of the amazingly talented and spirited group, our very own SM West Viking Color Guard.
No experience necessary!!!!!!

SM West 'VIKING PAGEANT" Next Week!!!!

Mark your calendars!

Mr. Viking and the **Silent Auction** are coming up **February 12**! Join us for a night of fun and fundraising. Eight contestants will compete in lighthearted “talent” events to win over the judges. In the lobby, our silent auction will feature big-ticket items. A few you will find:

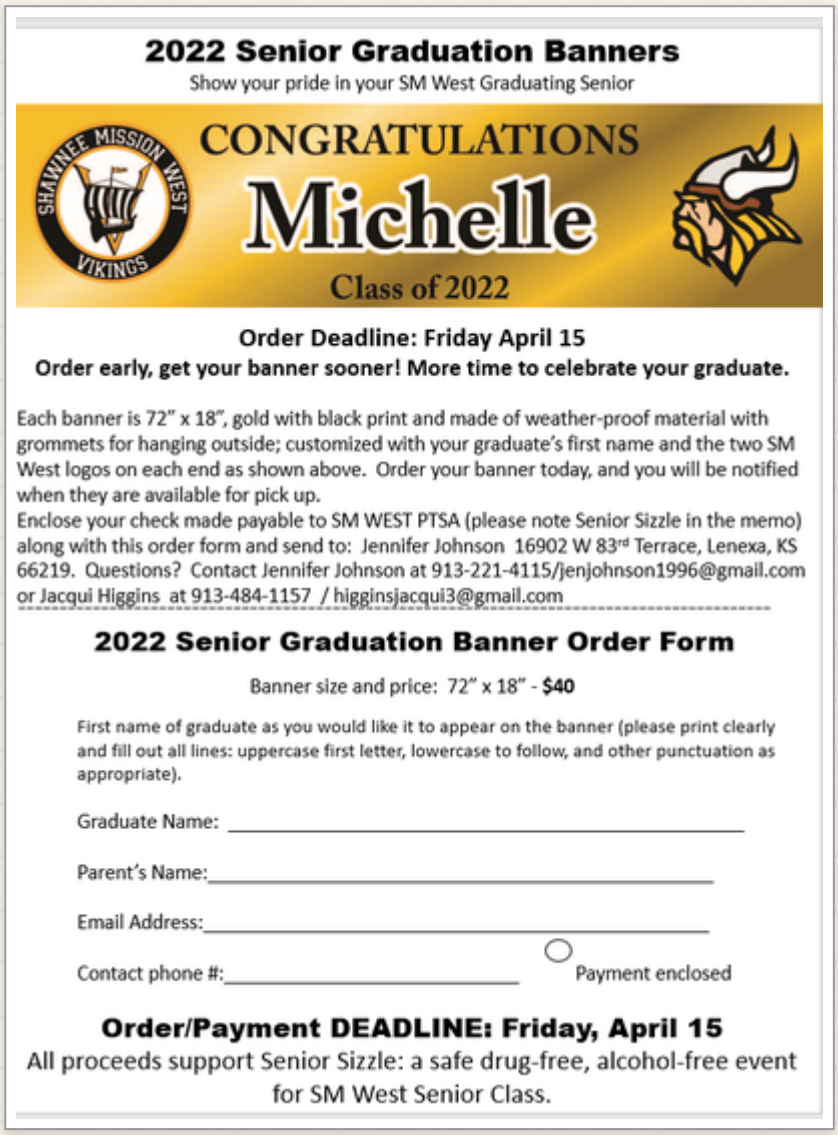
-HyVee Zoet Chocolate basket!
-Tick Tock Escape Room – 4 passes
-Brewbakers gift cards

-B&B Theaters
-Grand Street Café dining gift card
-Westlake Ace Hardware flashlight and spare batteries
-The Silo dining gift cards
-Much, much more
Support our senior class!
Have fun!
Buy something amazing!

Attention Seniors

Graduation day is coming closer and closer.
Have you ordered your cap and gown?
If not, use this link to order one online: balfourkc.com.

Are you interested in ordering a graduation banner?
Please see the image below, and even print the PDF attachment and follow directions for ordering. All sales are being handled by PTSA volunteers so please do not send to the school.



2022 Senior Graduation Banners

Show your pride in your SM West Graduating Senior

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST VIKINGS

CONGRATULATIONS
Michelle
Class of 2022

Order Deadline: Friday April 15
Order early, get your banner sooner! More time to celebrate your graduate.

Each banner is 72" x 18", gold with black print and made of weather-proof material with grommets for hanging outside; customized with your graduate's first name and the two SM West logos on each end as shown above. Order your banner today, and you will be notified when they are available for pick up.
Enclose your check made payable to SM WEST PTSA (please note Senior Sizzle in the memo) along with this order form and send to: Jennifer Johnson 16902 W 83rd Terrace, Lenexa, KS 66219. Questions? Contact Jennifer Johnson at 913-221-4115/jenjohnson1996@gmail.com or Jacqui Higgins at 913-484-1157 / higginsjacqui3@gmail.com

2022 Senior Graduation Banner Order Form

Banner size and price: 72" x 18" - **$40**

First name of graduate as you would like it to appear on the banner (please print clearly and fill out all lines: uppercase first letter, lowercase to follow, and other punctuation as appropriate).

Graduate Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact phone #: _____ ○ Payment enclosed

Order/Payment DEADLINE: Friday, April 15
All proceeds support Senior Sizzle: a safe drug-free, alcohol-free event for SM West Senior Class.

Performing Arts Newsletter

Good Morning, The link below is the February 2022 Performing Arts Newsletter. Please take time to congratulate your Performing Arts teachers and students for all they have accomplished. Feel free to share this link with anyone who may like reading or listening to it.
https://my.visme.co/view/76x6zmew-feb-2022-pa-newsletter

NOTE FROM OUR NURSE

If your student is absent due to COVID symptoms, is being tested for COVID or has had an exposure to someone with COVID please let attendance (913-993-7845) and our school nurse (marnibollella@smsd.org) know.
Our school board approved updated guidance regarding COVID on January 24:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1643074844/smsdorg/bgkwy08uzp2n0npeuq5n/COVID19StaffStudentsGuidance1-21-22.pdf
Spanish version is here:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1643075217/smsdorg/xdppbdhuqhodtfnic8pr/COVIDStaffStudents-SP2022Jan21.pdf
Contact the school nurse (marnibollella@smsd.org) for any questions regarding when your child can return to school.
If your student (or a member of their household) needs a free COVID test due to symptoms or an exposure this can now be scheduled on-line:

1. Open a browser on your phone, tablet or computer and type **SMSD.C19order.com** (Note: do not type “www” first.)

2. Once your appointment is scheduled, you will receive:

a. Confirmation text of appointment date/time.

b. Email with instructions and the link to complete required pre-registration paperwork.

c. Location of the site and a reminder 1 hour before the appointment.

It is possible to schedule COVID tests by phone (913-993-6218) but it is preferred that you schedule on-line. The demand for testing is very high and immediate appointments may not be available. Please check CVS, Walgreens or these resources for free test options:

https://www.gogettested.com

https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/280/COVID-19-Testing

https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19-kcmo-information-and-response/covid-19-testing-locations

Important Immunization Reminder for Families:

If your student has turned 16 years of age, they are due for a second dose of the **meningococcal vaccine** (MenACWY), which protects against four types of meningococcal bacteria (types A, C, W, and Y). This second dose must be given after the student turns 16 years of age and is required by KDHE for entry to the 11th grade:

https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1231/2021-to-2022-School-Requirement-Kindergarten-through-12-PDF.

E-mail notices are being sent to families. Please respond and e-mail all vaccination records to: aciamorley@smsd.org (Acia Morley, health aide). Please e-mail or call Acia with any questions: 913-993-7960.

Thank you,

Marni Bollella, BSN, RN, CFRN
School Nurse, Shawnee Mission West
marnibollella@smsd.org
(913)993-7816 (office)
(913)993-1483 (fax)

Last Chance to Purchase Yearbooks at the $55 price

Order your 2022 yearbook now to get the best price! Yearbooks are $55 until Feb. 1. After that date, they are $70 and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

You can order online HERE, order with the bookkeeper in the office, or have your student bring cash or a check for $55 to Mrs. Morgan in room 11.

If you need to refer to a list to see if you have ordered a yearbook, then here is a link to look.

DID I ORDER A YEARBOOK?

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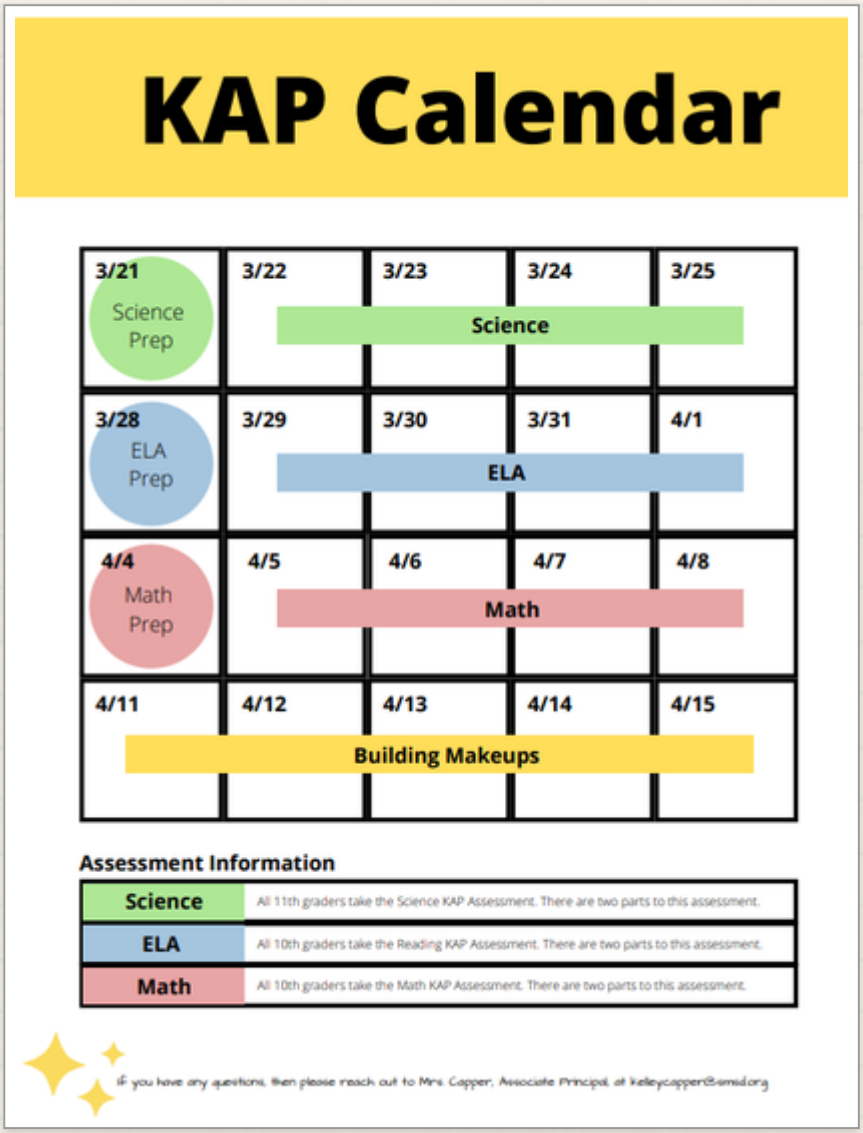
Kansas Assessment Calendar

Below is both a screenshot and a pdf of the Kansas Assessment Calendar. We thank all of our parents for making sure our students are well rested and fed, ready for testing.

All 11th graders will take the Science Assessment the week of 3/21-3/25.
All 10th graders will take the Reading Assessment the week of 3/28- 4/1.
All 10th graders will take the Math Assessment the week of 4/4 - 4/8.

SM West encourages all of our students to do their best on these assessments and to reach for improvement and growth. We thank you for your support.



KAP Calendar

3/21 Science Prep	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25
	Science			
3/28 ELA Prep	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1
	ELA			
4/4 Math Prep	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8
	Math			
4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15
Building Makeups				

Assessment Information

Science	All 11th graders take the Science KAP Assessment. There are two parts to this assessment.
ELA	All 10th graders take the Reading KAP Assessment. There are two parts to this assessment.
Math	All 10th graders take the Math KAP Assessment. There are two parts to this assessment.

If you have any questions, then please reach out to Mrs. Capper, Associate Principal, at kelleycapper@smsd.org

KAP Calendar - Families 2022.pdf

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SMSD R&D Forum

Spring 2022 is the 60th year of the Shawnee Mission School District's Research and Development (R&D) Forum. This year's forum will take place at the Center for Academic Achievement, and will feature a **Student Showcase** and a live-streamed **Pitch Finals competition**.

Pitch Finals Competition- Info Session on Jan. 27

For a second year, a pitch competition for student innovators will be offered as part of the district's annual R&D Forum. Not only can students win cash prizes for their *Next Great Idea*, but they can also receive additional funding to advance their idea.

An informational session will be held virtually:

Time, Date, Place: Webex, at 6 p.m. on January 27

Who can enter: Any interested student, grades K-12

What: Hear from past winners and to learn more about the process.

How to join: A link to the informational session can be found here.

How to apply: Application information can be found on the R&D webpage. The deadline to apply for the pitch competition is Friday, February 25, 2022. Practice sessions with industry mentors will be scheduled for students who apply to compete.

Final Competition and Prizes:

Applicants chosen as finalists will pitch their *Next Great Idea* to a panel of judges during the morning of April 30, 2022 at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st St. The pitch competition will be live-streamed so friends and family can participate as well. Top awards are $2,500, of which $1,000 is a cash award to be used by the winner to pursue their passion and education, and up to $1,500 will be awarded as "build it" grants to support making the winner's pitch a reality. A People's Choice category, determined by public voters, will be awarded a $500 prize. There will also be an Idea of Promise award with a prize of $500.

Student Showcase

The R&D Forum student showcase, with display-only and competitive exhibits, will be held in Spring 2022. Students, families, and staff members are encouraged to enter student-created projects, experiments, or art projects to share in this district-wide event. All submissions must be registered and

information on how to register can be found online. The deadline to register for the showcase is Friday, March 25, 2022. The Live Pitch competition is scheduled for April 30, 2022.

The SMSD community is invited to take part in this year's 60th R&D Forum by attending the following events at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st St.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL ART & ALL GRADES SCIENCE SHOWCASE

April 18-21, 2022 - 3:00 - 5:00 - Open House at CAA (entries on display)

April 21, 2022 - 4:00 - 7:00 - Reception for all entrants and families

ELEMENTARY ART & CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) SHOWCASE

April 25-28, 2022 - 3:00 - 5:00 - Open House at CAA (entries on display)

April 28, 2022 - 4:00 - 7:00 - Reception for all entrants and families

NEXT GREAT IDEA LIVE PITCH

April 30, 2022 - Morning - Finalists will present their Next Great Idea to a panel of judges

Public Voting to follow presentations

Afternoon - Awards ceremony for Showcase Entries, Regnier Award

winners, and the Next Great Idea Pitch Competition award winners

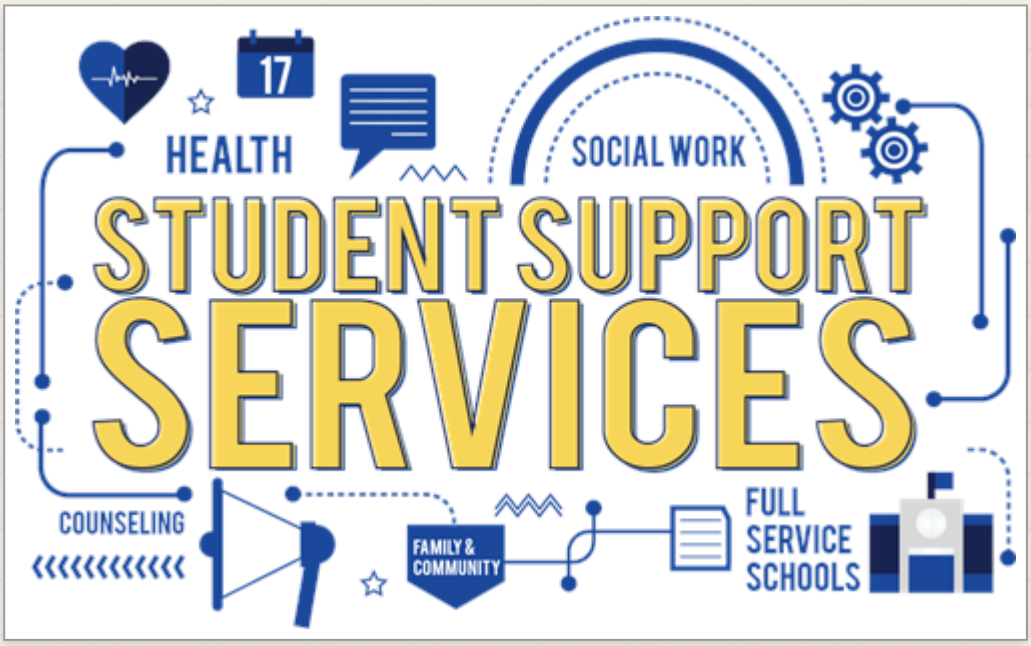
About the R&D Forum

The Shawnee Mission Research and Development Forum celebrates its 60th year in 2022. It is one of the SMSD's biggest showcases of the year!

This annual event has always served as a celebration of student achievement and highlights innovative student projects and talent from across the district.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Regnier Family for 60 years of generous support for the SMSD R&D Forum.

Click here for more information and contacts if you have further questions.



Notes from SM West Student Services

HOW CAN I HELP MY STUDENT AT HOME?
Parents, last week in seminar, our students learned a strategy called “WOOP” (WISH, OUTCOME, OBSTACLE, PLAN). This is a method for them to set goals, imagine what the desired outcome would be, identify obstacles that might get in the way and set a plan to move forward. They can use this for school, home or work. You can support your student by asking how he/she plans to use this throughout the semester. Let’s encourage them to take action early on and feel a sense of accomplishment.
You Viking social workers,
Mary Lea Kieffer & Donna Holmes

Students interested in attending Emporia State University have the opportunity to visit Feb 24th. There is limited availability. Interested students need to complete **THIS** interest form.

Eligible (US citizen or eligible non-US citizen) seniors considering postsecondary education (including 2-year/vocational/trade schools) should file the FAFSA. If you need help completing the FAFSA or have questions about an already submitted FAFSA, contact our College Adviser, Ashlyn Kirkpatrick (ashlynkirkpatrick@smsd.org) or **SIGN UP** to attend our FAFSA Night February 16th 5-6:30pm.

ATTENTION: FRESHMEN & JUNIORS! There is a

scholarship program available to freshmen and juniors with a 2.5 GPA who have a low-modest income. KC Scholars offers virtual help sessions every Monday 4-6pm and Tuesday 11-1pm during January and February. You can also get help applying at our KC Scholars application workshop during seminar on February 8th! For more information about KC Scholars visit https://kcscholars.org/.

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Important Events
January 25th during seminar - Wichita State & Pitt State will be on the bridge
February 1st during seminar - Ottawa University will be on the bridge
February 6th at 1:30pm - FHSU is hosting Tiger Nation event in KC with a chance for seniors to win $1,000 tuition scholarship, $600 book scholarship, or laptop!

February 8th during seminar - KC Scholar application workshop for FRESHMEN AND JUNIORS!

From our College Advisor: Ashlyn Kirkpatrick

Every student considering postsecondary education (including 2-year/vocational/trade schools) should file the FAFSA. We have several FAFSA events throughout the month of October or you can contact your College Adviser, Ms. Kirkpatrick for help.

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

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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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.

ACT Register online: www.actstudent.org
Cost of tests: ACT $60 and ACT Plus Writing is $85.

Late Registration 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**)

PTSA Meeting

Next PTSA meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm in the SM West library.
SM West Area Board member April Boyd-Noronha will be our guest at the meeting.

Bus Update

Second Semester Bus Fees Are Past Due
To make your payment visit DS **website**.
During colder months it is very important to be signed up to receive Textcaster alerts. Textcaster is the texting notification system DS Bus Lines uses to notify families and schools concerning any issues they may be experiencing with a bus (e.g., bus running more than 10 minutes late, route being run in a different bus, bus unable to run its route for the day). You must know your bus number to sign-up, and you will only receive text messages pertaining to the bus you signed up for. All family members may sign up.
Here is the Textcaster sign-up link:
https://my.textcaster.com/asa/default.aspx?ID=6c43d2d3-dcd5-4028-b06a-9a576508c5e6

HOW CAN YOU GET UPDATES FROM SMSD - Emergencies/Snow Days... etc

With winter weather season upon us, there may be days when district administration calls for a snow day due to inclement weather. The BEST way to be informed is to sign up for automatic alerts.
Shawnee Mission School District Alerts
The Shawnee Mission School District has a comprehensive communication platform that allows parents to receive communication in a variety of ways: phone calls, text-alerts, and e-mails. Families can sign up to receive alerts in the manner that works best for them.

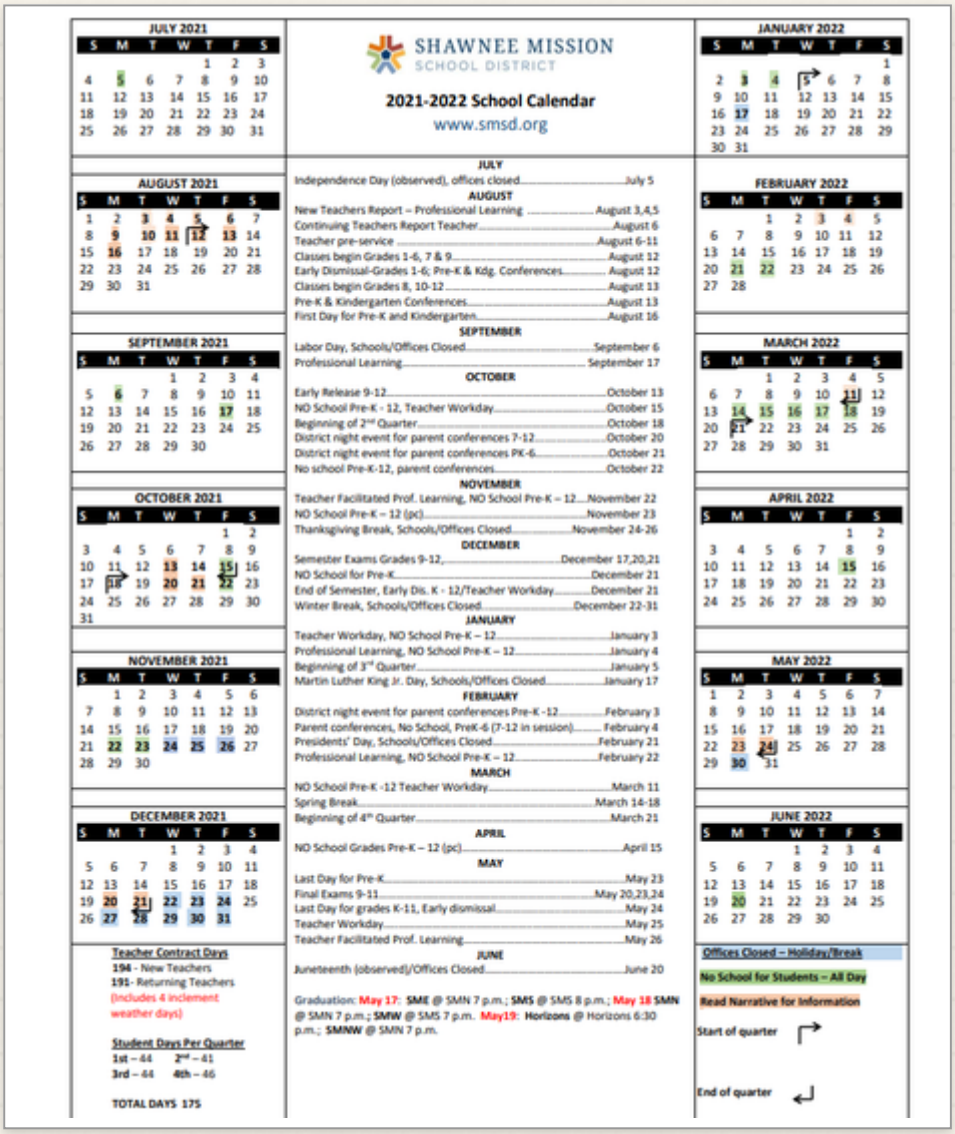
Alerts may include: Emergency messages, school closings, early dismissals, attendance information, and announcements from a school.

- For family members to receive phone calls and emails, parent/guardian contact information must be up-to-date in Skyward. Please go to the **Skyward Family Access Portal** and make those changes on the Student Info tab.
- Once the contact information is up-to-date in the Skyward Family Access Portal, to receive text messages, parents/guardians will need to opt-in by texting **Y** to **67587.**
- To review your communication preferences, visit the **Skyward Family Access Portal** and check preferences on the Skylert tab.

In addition to sending alerts, the district will post news with the following outlets:
Local TV Stations
Local Radio Stations
Shawnee Mission School District Main Website Page
School Websites
24-hour Information Line
(913) 993-7380

No announcement will be made when schools are to remain open

District Calendar BELOW



SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022 School Calendar

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JULY

Independence Day (observed), offices closed ..... July 5

AUGUST

New Teachers Report – Professional Learning ..... August 3,4,5
Continuing Teachers Report Teacher ..... August 6
Teacher pre-service ..... August 6-11
Classes begin Grades 1-6, 7 & 9 ..... August 12
Early Dismissal-Grades 1-6; Pre-K & Kdg. Conferences ..... August 12
Classes begin Grades 8, 10-12 ..... August 13
Pre-K & Kindergarten Conferences ..... August 13
First Day for Pre-K and Kindergarten ..... August 16

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day, Schools/Offices Closed ..... September 6
Professional Learning ..... September 17

OCTOBER

Early Release 9-12 ..... October 13
NO School Pre-K - 12, Teacher Workday ..... October 15
Beginning of 2nd Quarter ..... October 18
District night event for parent conferences 7-12 ..... October 20
District night event for parent conferences PK-6 ..... October 21
No school Pre-K-12, parent conferences ..... October 22

NOVEMBER

Teacher Facilitated Prof. Learning, NO School Pre-K – 12 ..... November 22
NO School Pre-K – 12 (pc) ..... November 23
Thanksgiving Break, Schools/Offices Closed ..... November 24-26

DECEMBER

Semester Exams Grades 9-12, ... December 17,20,21
NO School for Pre-K ..... December 21
End of Semester, Early Dis. K - 12/Teacher Workday ..... December 21
Winter Break, Schools/Offices Closed ..... December 22-31

JANUARY

Teacher Workday, NO School Pre-K – 12 ..... January 3
Professional Learning, NO School Pre-K – 12 ..... January 4
Beginning of 3rd Quarter ..... January 5
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Schools/Offices Closed ..... January 17

FEBRUARY

District night event for parent conferences Pre-K -12 ..... February 3
Parent conferences, No School, PreK-6 (7-12 in session) ..... February 4
Presidents' Day, Schools/Offices Closed ..... February 21
Professional Learning, NO School Pre-K – 12 ..... February 22

MARCH

NO School Pre-K -12 Teacher Workday ..... March 11
Spring Break ..... March 14-18
Beginning of 4th Quarter ..... March 21

APRIL

NO School Grades Pre-K – 12 (pc) ..... April 15

MAY

Last Day for Pre-K ..... May 23
Final Exams 9-11 ..... May 20,23,24
Last Day for grades K-11, Early dismissal ..... May 24
Teacher Workday ..... May 25
Teacher Facilitated Prof. Learning ..... May 26

JUNE

Juneteenth (observed)/Offices Closed ..... June 20

Graduation: **May 17**: **SME** @ SMN 7 p.m.; **SMS** @ SMS 8 p.m.; **May 18** **SMN** @ SMN 7 p.m.; **SMW** @ SMS 7 p.m. **May19**: **Horizons** @ Horizons 6:30 p.m.; **SMNW** @ SMN 7 p.m.

Teacher Contract Days
194 - New Teachers
195- Returning Teachers
(Includes 4 inclement weather days)

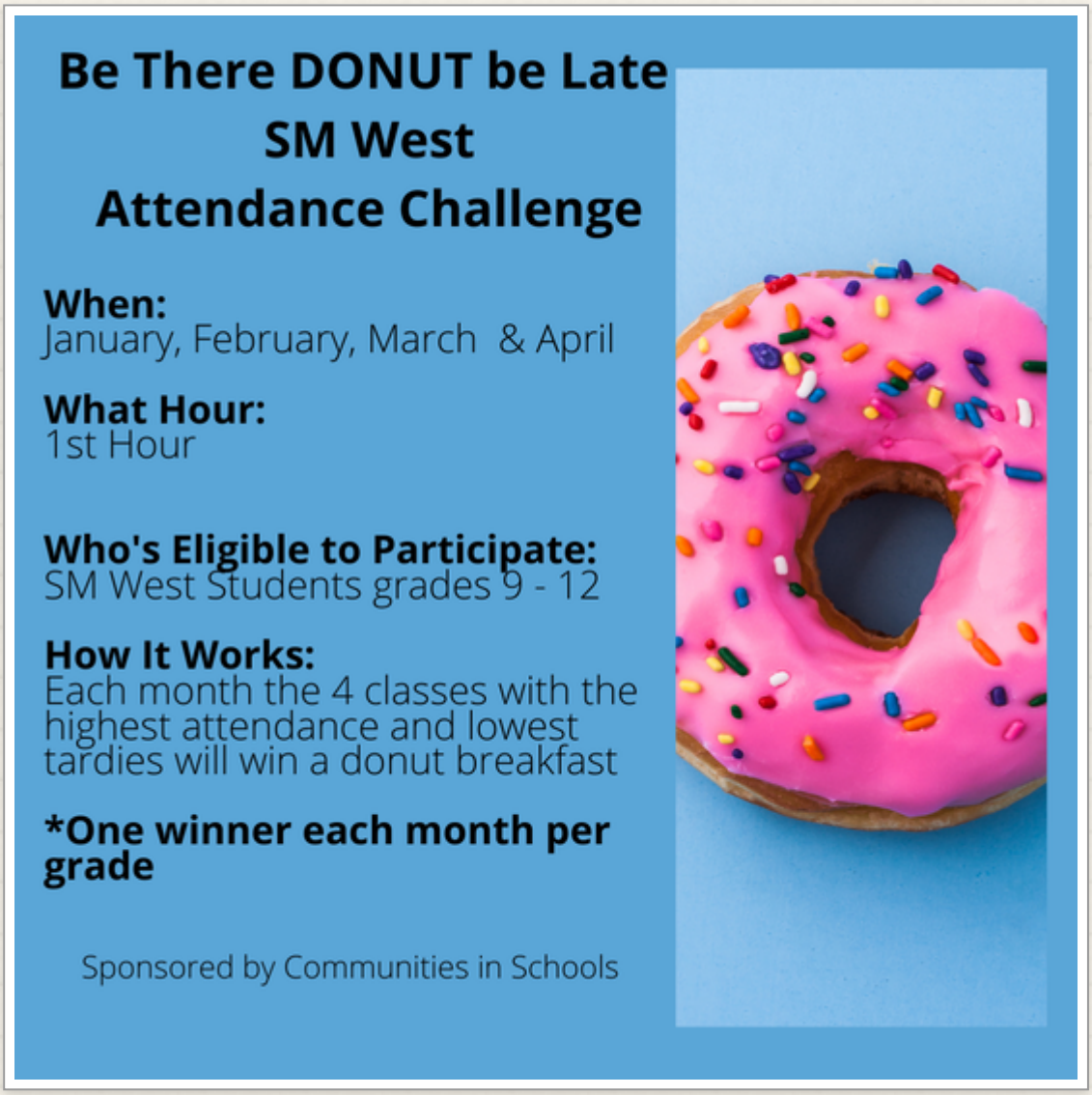
Student Days Per Quarter
1st – 44 **2nd** – 41
3rd – 44 **4th** – 46

TOTAL DAYS 175

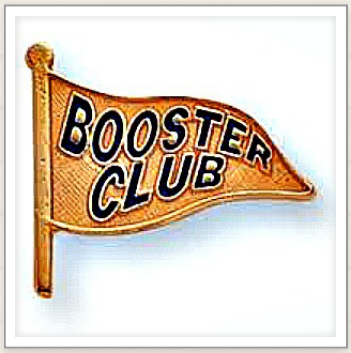
Offices Closed – Holiday/Break
No School for Students – All Day
Read Narrative for Information
Start of quarter
End of quarter

Attendance Challenge

Our Communities In Schools Student Support Coordinator, Shawnta Jeffries, is helping to promote an Attendance Challenge. Please encourage and support your students in trying to be in school and on time.



Booster Club



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

This is a great way to be able to support our SM West athletes and enjoy watching the games at a reduced cost if you were to buy at the door.

Here is the link to join the SM West Booster:
https://smwboosterclub.com/purchase-membership/

Will your student be enrolling in eSchool?

Some students might be working with their counselors to enroll in eSchool. Here is an important message from SMSD.

“Arena Scheduling” Button in Skyward
Attention Parents: There is a new feature to help with enrolling and paying for eSchool course(s) for the spring 2022 semester. You will see a new tab in Skyward Family Access called “Arena Scheduling.” This is for those interested in taking an eSchool course this spring. Others may disregard this.
For more eSchool information please refer to our webpage here: https://www.smsd.org/academics/eschool.

En Español: Algunos estudiantes podrían estar trabajando con sus consejeros para inscribirse en eSchool. Aquí está un mensaje importante del districto:

Botón "Arena Scheduling" en Skyward
Atención Padres: Hay una nueva característica para ayudar a inscribirse y pagar el curso(s) eSchool para el semestre de primavera de 2022. Verás una nueva pestaña en Skyward Family Access llamada "Arena Scheduling." Esto es para aquellos interesados en tomar un curso de eSchool esta primavera. Otros pueden ignorar esto.

Para más información sobre eSchool por favor consulte nuestra página web aquí: https://www.smsd.org/academics/eschool.

SM West PTSA

Help Wanted
Part-time rewarding job with flexible hours. Excellent opportunity to make new friends and be part of a great team. No experience required.
The PTSA Board is looking for parents, grandparents, or anyone else in the West community interested in being on the Board next year. There will be a Zoom meeting in January that people interested in joining the board can attend. There, you can learn more about each position and ask questions. If you are interested or have any questions about the positions, contact Kate Ampleman at amplemanfamily@gmail.com

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Below is a list of the Board positions and their duties.

Co-President (Lead)

- Preside over the four PTSA meetings held during the school year.
- Appoint all special committees.

Co-President (Will be the lead president the following year.)

- Act as aide to the President.
- Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence or inability to serve.

Secretary

- Bring your laptop and take notes at the four PTSA General Meetings.

Treasurer

- Write checks and make deposits
- Submit the books for an audit at the end the school year.

1st Vice President of Membership

- Host a table at Registration, Back to School Night/Viking View.
- Maintain list of members in the Memberhub website.

2nd Vice President of Ways and Means

- Plan spirit wear sales and other fun fund raising opportunities.
- Coordinate volunteers at the concession stand at one Girls Basketball game.

3rd Vice President of Programs

- Organize/plan a back to school breakfast for staff.
- Organize/plan Fall and Spring Dinner during conferences.
- Organize/plan Teacher Appreciation Week celebration.

If you are not yet a member, the link below will allow you to sign up.

PTSA MEMBERSHIP LINK

Thank you! **Senior Parents Help Plan Mr. Viking and Senior Sizzle**

Parents are needed to help plan and organize these two big senior year events. Mr. Viking is a night of fun and talent as seniors compete in the Mr. Viking Pageant! Money fundraised from Mr. Viking is used for Senior Sizzle, our drug and alcohol-free event on seniors' last day of school. If you would like to volunteer for either, or both, events contact Tracy Johnson at tracykjohn1970@gmail.com.

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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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.

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A Reminder from Food Service

FOOD SERVICE

A LA CARTE PURCHASE IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Each student may receive one breakfast and one lunch meal for free each day. Students may purchase additional food & beverages ala carte such as an extra slice of pizza but the student must have money on their account or cash in hand to purchase ala carte items. Students will not be allowed to charge ala carte items. Parents can use School Café to set low account balances, set limits for ala carte purchases and more. Parents can make payments to their students' food service account by sending money with their student, by credit card online through E-Funds or by calling the Food Service office with a credit card. With supply chain interruptions, the items available ala carte may be limited depending on availability.

SAIL Tutoring

The SM West after school SAIL Tutoring program is open to all of our SM West Students.
Tutoring is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this academic year and according to the SMSD school calendar.
Students should report to the cafeteria and can partake in a free snack.
See the fliers below for specifics.

Bus Transportation is available and travels along the main corridor of 87th street.

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

Sail Tutoring

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

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Math	ELA	Math
Science	Social Studies	ELA
Electives	Electives	Electives

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

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

SAIL TUTORING DATES

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We hope that all students take advantage of this free tutoring opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Capper at kelleycapper@smsd.org

Latinos of Tomorrow

SM West has started a new student organization: Latinos of Tomorrow. Students of all backgrounds are welcome to join us. The dates of our future meetings are on the attached poster
SM West ha empezado una nueva organización estudiantil: Latinos of Tomorrow. Los estudiantes de todo tipo pueden reunir con nosotros. Las fechas de nuestras reuniones están en el poster apegado.
Questions/Preguntas: Talk to Ms. E or Ms. Urenda

En Español:
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Preguntas: Habla con la Sra. Urenda (consejera) o con la Sra. E

Class Schedule

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.

On Late Start Thursdays:

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.

SM WEST HS 2021-2022 BELL SCHEDULE

VIKINGS

MONDAY

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

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

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

1st Period	7:40 - 9:15	95
3rd Period	9:20 - 10:55	95
5th Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
7th 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
2nd Period	8:50 - 10:25	95
8th - Advisory	10:30 - 10:55	25
4th Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
6th 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

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

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Health Partnership Clinic

Health Partnership Clinic Open at SM West

A school-based health clinic for all Shawnee Mission School District students and their siblings (3 to 20 years old) 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.

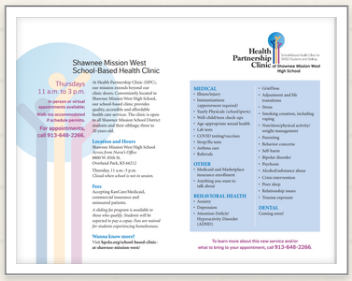
“We basically function as a doctor’s office, but in a school building,” Falk noted. “Services are available in person or virtual, and walk-ins will be accommodated if the schedule permits. The primary goal is to provide easy, immediate access to quality and affordable health care.”

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.)



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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 Lanning. 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.

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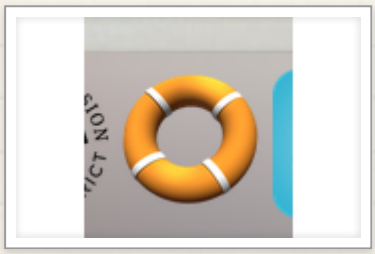

Technology and MacBook Help

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.

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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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!!!