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Please call the attendance hotline to report absences for your student. If you are planning to pick your student up from school, please allow 30 minutes for your call to be processed and for a pass to be delivered.

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Please leave the name of your student and spell the last name. State the time in which you will pick up your student and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



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STAFF DIRECTORY

Please use this link to access the Staff Directory on our Webpage.

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ATHLETIC WEBPAGE

Please use this link to access the SM West Athletic Webpage.

West Athletic Page

For the most up to date athletic schedule please use the Sunflower League page.

Sunflower League Webpage





SCHEDULE UPDATE

With the unexpected SNOW DAY this past Wednesday, Jan 25, we will have a slight change in our schedule next week.

Monday Jan. 30 will be an Odd day - Blocks 1, 3, 5, and 7 Tues Even Day Wed Odd Day Thurs Late Start Even Day Fri Odd Day

Thank you.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please continue to watch the newsletter and other email updates for more details about our Feb. 8th Parent Teacher Conferences.



Conferences will be held in the evening on Wed. Feb. 8th from 5-8pm.

Teachers will be able to meet in person and on WebEx.

PTSA will host a meal for our teachers. Please continue to watch for updates for how you can help.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parent/Teacher/Student connection.



SM WEST SWEETHEARTS

Please view the graphics below to see the Top 12 Candidates for the 2022-2023 Sweetheart Royalty Court as well as advertisement for the Sweetheart Dance.

The Sweetheart Court will be announced during the boys basketball game on Friday, Feb. 3rd.

The Sweetheart dance is being coordinated by our SM West Latinos of Tomorrow organization and will be held on Feb. 11th. All guests will need to be invited guests of a SM West student. Guest Contract forms will need to be completed and signed by the guest's school administrator. Download and print the pdf below or have your student pick up a guest contract in the front office.

2022-2023 Sweetheart Candidates

TOP 12



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SM WEST SENIOR SIZZLE

Each year, a PTSA committee plans, organizes, fundraises and hosts a special event for our graduating seniors. This event is called "Senior Sizzle" and is a alcohol and drug free event that occurs in May.



The committee is going to be actively fundraising for this event. Please watch the newsletter for upcoming fundraising events.

Below is a Parking fundraiser, as well as a Dine to Donate for the month of February. Coming soon - Senior Banners and the ever popular Viking Pageant in April!

Thank you for your support of our graduating class of 2023!





SENIOR SIZZLE DINE TO DONATE

Support Senior Sizzle! Bring this flyer in or order online through the MOD app or website and use the provided coupon code and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support their great work! FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES20

8742 Loiret Blvd Lenexa, KS 66219

RAISE SOME DOUGH

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: SMW SENIOR SIZZLE

FUNDRAISER DATE: February 15, 2023

Bring this flyer in or order online through the MOD app or website and use the provided coupon code and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support their great work!



ADDRESS: 8742 Loiret Blvd Lenexa, KS 66219

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES20

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD Pizza identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered through MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit or ganizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundrasing program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundrasing, wish **Https://modpizza.excludes.com/turesises/**



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Spring 2023 is the 61st year of the Shawnee Mission School District's Research and Development (R&D) Forum. This year's forum will feature a **Student Showcase** and a live-streamed **Pitch Finals competition** at the Center for Academic Achievement.

Pitch Finals Competition- Info Session on Feb. 2

Research & Development Forum Sharrer Mission School District

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 February 2
- Who can enter Anv interested student grades K-12

- What: 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 <u>R&D webpage</u>. The deadline to apply for the pitch competition is Friday, March 3, 2023. 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 29, 2023, 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 2023. Students, families, and staff members are encouraged to enter student-created projects, experiments, or art projects to share in this districtwide event. All submissions must be registered and information on how to register can be found<u>online</u>. The deadline to register for the showcase is **Friday, March 24, 2023**.

The SMSD community is invited to take part in this year's 61st R&D Forum by attending the following events at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st St.

SHOWCASE OPEN HOUSE RECEPTIONS

• April 25, 26, and 27, 2023 - 4:00 - 7:00pm – Entries on display at CAA with a reception for all entrants and families

NEXT GREAT IDEA LIVE PITCH

April 29, 2023:

• 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 61st year in 2023. 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 61 years of generous support for the SMSD R&D Forum.

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



SMSD PERFORMING ARTS NEWSLETTER

Please enjoy the latest <u>Performing Arts newsletter</u>. You will see the December events our students participated in and the upcoming events. Feel free to share the link with other staff or parents if you want to. Please open the link in Google Chrome if possible.

POLAR PLUNGE

Educators, students, and community members are invited to join a districtwide Polar Plunge Team!

You can find steps to register here.

The Polar Plunge will be held:

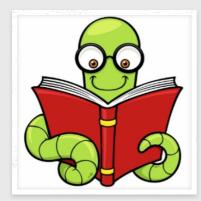
The morning of Feb. 18, 2023

We are SHAWNEE MISSION

Lake Olathe Swim Beach, 445 S. Ward Cliff Dr. Olathe, KS 66061 Participants in the Polar Plunge take a brief jump in icy, cold water in support of Special

Olympics Kansas. Across Shawnee Mission, students, families, and staff benefit from opportunities created through Special Olympics and we are excited to support them as One Shawnee Mission Team!

If you are not interested in joining the team, there is also a 5K opportunity as well as other festivities and ways to support. <u>Click here to find out more about the event.</u>



WEST READS

SM West is so very excited to introduce our first "West Reads" for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Each week a different student that might represent one of our clubs/organizations here at West is asked to choose a children's book to read aloud and be recorded. This recording is shared with our elementary feeder schools. This is such a great way to showcase some of the amazing leaders we have in our community and I know the elementary students love seeing the high schoolers sharing literature with them.

This week we are highlighting SMW Teacher Education! Maggie Johnson reads "Wacky Wednesday" by Tobie LeSieg. <u>Here is</u> <u>the video!</u>

And a bonus reader highlighting SMW Choir! Tania Smith reads "The Day Leo Said I Hate You" by Robie H. Harris. <u>Here is the</u> <u>video!</u> We hope you enjoy this edition and will look forward to future editions.

Thank you.

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

ASVAB Testing Returns To West on February 28th!

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.



SMW is offering this exam to registered JUNIORS and SENIORS ONLY who have an interest in joining the military after high school. The exam will be given on Tuesday, February 28th at 7:40 a.m. in the NJROTC classroom. If interested, please sign up below to receive information via your school email. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, February 22nd.

https://forms.gle/s6XE24B3d5m4ynpXA

Shawnee Mission West students are able to attend a 2-night ACT test prep class through PowerPrep on Wednesday, February 15th & Thursday, February 16th from 6:30 pm to 8:55 p.m. each night. Sessions will be held out at the Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center (7700 W 143rd St Overland Park, KS 66223). The cost is \$85.

Register here

Is Social Media harming my teen? Try something new this year. Click this link for helpful tips on how to monitor and limit your teen's use of electronics without having to take it away. <u>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tv-habits.html?ref=search</u>

Están las redes sociales perjudicando a mi adolescente? Prueba algo nuevo este año. Haga clic en este enlace para obtener consejos útiles sobre cómo controlar y limitar el uso de dispositivos electrónicos por parte de sus hijos adolescentes sin tener que quitárselos. <u>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tv-habits.html?ref=search</u>

SMAC PTA Clothing Exchange

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

UMKC Application Fee Waiver

UMKC is waiving the \$45 application fee for all domestic undergraduate students applying for the Fall 2023 semester. That means students can <u>apply</u> to UMKC for free!

that we are halfway there. Tracking logs are due to Mrs. Holmes in Student Services by the end of March. For reminders about eligibility, please go to <u>https://presidentialserviceawards.gov/eligibility</u>

Looking for scholarships? For a list of upcoming scholarships <u>click here</u>.

College Representative Visits For a list of upcoming college representative visits <u>click here</u>.

Is your student interested in a possible military career?

Representatives from the military branches visit our school in order to talk about their programs with students. Interested students can check the SM West Student Services Canvas page for a list of the military representative's contact information and schedule for when each branch will be at West!



UPCOMING PTSA MEETING

Please join us virtually on Monday, February 13th from 7pm to 8pm for our next PTSA meeting. We will hear from Mr. Loe, Stuco, and others giving us updates on all things West and our special topic this meeting will be peer loss. Donna Holmes and Kathryn Harter, West social workers, will discuss ways the school, our friends, and our families can help support our students when they experience the loss a friend/classmate at such a young age. We hope our students and families will join us.

Virtual Link: https://smsd.webex.com/meet/jennifersilverstein



PTSA FUNDRAISER

Shawnee Mission West PTSA members:

We are excited to let you know about an exciting SMW PTSA fundraiser as the Chiefs make another run for the Super Bowl title. Every donation to our PTSA during the playoffs and leading up to the Super Bowl will be entered into a drawing for fantastic prizes, including:

- \cdot (2) tickets to a Chiefs home game in 2023
- · An official NFL football signed by Patrick Mahomes
- · Official Kansas City Chiefs merchandise, including:
- · Coffee mugs and stainless steel drink tumbler (5 winners)

 \cdot Pet merchandise (dog collars & leashes,, chew toys and pet jerseys)

• Kansas City Chiefs golf gift set (balls, tees, divot, tool, shirt and hat)(\$155, value)

 \cdot Plus every donation receives a Chiefs keychain as a thank-you gift

How does this help our PTSA?

- \cdot \$15 donation = \$10 to our PTSA
- · \$25 donation = \$20 to our PTSA
- \cdot \$50 donation = \$40 to our PTSA
- · Entry deadline: Friday, February 10, 2023 (Super Bowl Weekend)
- · Winners selected: Sunday, February 12, 2023 (Super Bowl Sunday)
- · Funds remitted to PTAs (Week of February 13, 2023)

All you have to do is donate to Shawnee Mission West PTSA at

this link --->> <u>Click Here</u> (Your email confirmation number is

your sweepstakes entry number.)

Then, you will be entered into a drawing to win these fabulous

prizes!!! Plus, every donation receives an official Kansas City

Chiefs keychain as a thank-you gift!

Thank you for your support, and be sure to share with all your friends on social media.

The more people who enter, the more money we can raise for our school!!!

Thanks again, and go, Chiefs! SMW PTSA

Consulados Móviles y Jornadas Fin de Semana 2023

¿Cómo agendar una cita?

1. Seguir las redes sociales del Consulado para conocer la apertura de las citas

2. Agendar mi cita a través de MiConsulado



Jornadas Sabatinas Ier semestre 2023

Localidad	Fecha
Kansas City, MO	11 de febrero
Kansas City, MO	11 de marzo
Kansas City, MO	15 de abril
Kansas City, MO	13 de mayo
Kansas City, MO	10 de junio

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Localidad	Fecha
Wichita, KS	25 y 26 de marzo
Saint Louis, MO	22 y 23 de abril
Springfield, MO	20 y 21 de mayo
Jefferson City, MO	24 y 25 de junio



IMPORTANT REMINDER -ATTENDANCE MATTERS



The first class of the day STARTS promptly at 7:40am. Students are welcome to arrive after 7am and breakfast is served starting at 7:15am.

On Late Start Thursdays the first class of the day STARTS promptly at 8:50am. Breakfast on these is served starting at 7:30am.

We need EVERYONE'S cooperation to be here on time.

Students who understand the value of punctuality and attend school on time, **get better grades** and enjoy a greater sense of well-being and confidence

The school day ends at 2:50pm. Students should be off campus after 3:00pm unless they are under the direct supervision of a coach or sponsor.

SAIL tutoring will start up again on Monday, Jan. 23rd. Please see information further in the newsletter for more details about our tutoring program.

Regular attendance is vital for student success.

• Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year or about 18 days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it.

• Some absences are unavoidable. We understand that children will get sick and need to stay

- home occasionally. The important thing is to get your children to school as often as possible.
- Sporadic absences, not just those on consecutive days of school, matter. Before you know it
- just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.

• If too many absences occur, it is still a problem whether they are excused or unexcused because they represent too much lost learning time in the classroom.

We appreciate our students, parents, staff and community helping to prioritize the importance of coming to school and then making sure to arrive on time to each class throughout the day.

Thank you.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS

West is starting all of the preparations for our class of 2023 Graduation.

The SM West Graduation ceremony will be held on Wed., May 17th at SM South Stadium.

Mr. Loe is visiting all of the seniors this week to inspire them to finish strong and to pass along to the students a handout with some important dates and answers to FAQ's. Please see the PDF below for that handout.

All seniors should have visited the Josten's website to order their cap/gown. These orders were due before winter break. If you need to complete this step, please work on that ASAP. The only required purchase is the cap/gown/stole/tassel combination.



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GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION



Senior Intro

<u>Subject:</u> Important Graduation Information West Senior Parents,

Over the next two weeks, senior families will be ordering graduation products including caps and gowns. Please follow the link below for a schedule of events and an overview of the process.....**PLEASE WATCH!!**

GRAD ORDER DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th!!!!!!!

Please watch the short video below: https://view.vidreach.io/g/YgwrfX57

PDF Below explains the steps for ordering the cap and gown. This was also sent as an email to families/students on Nov. 29th.

There is an **additional set up videos** by our Josten's representative that are available to view. <u>https://view.vidreach.io/q/3rOIM2qs</u> Please do not delay in ordering your graduation items now. Thank you.



Navigating the Jostens Website FY23.pdf





MESSAGE FROM OVERLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

West received a request from our neighbors at the Overland Park Police Department.

Please respect that their parking lot is reserved for those with business in their office. If you need to enter West or wait for your students, please use the West parking lot areas.

Thank you for your support.

ATTENTION STUDENT WRITERS

If you are interested in submitting an creative work to this year's edition of West's literature magazine OUT OF HAND - use the QR Code below.

Please see Amanda Courtney if you have any questions or concerns.







JAG-K NEWSLETTER

Please use the link below to access the December newsletter for our JAG-K program here at SM West.

https://sway.office.com/yHxFCDoRwZSWSTJM?ref=Link

Thank you





MACBOOK/IT - IMPORTANT

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



- MacBook Update
 - All students should be running on Monterey 12.6.1. If they do not, then their devices will force the update. The device has to have a 50% charge to update. The update take about 30-45 minutes. To check, follow these steps:
 - Click on the apple in the left hand corner
 - Select "About this Mac"
 - If it doesn't say 12.6.1, then click Software Update
 - If the Ventura update shows, then click "More info"
 - Then click on the Safari 12.6.1 update
- Tech Resource Page
 - We have a Tech Resource Page that assist students with tech issues that arise.
 Please bookmark this page. Link => <u>https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issue</u>

 Google Storage Limit - All students need to have less that 5GB or items stored on their Google Drive. If your smsd account exceeds this amount after Jan. 1, 2023 service may be interrupted. Please ask for help if you need assistance in cleaning out your storage.



INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES 2022-2023/PROCEDIMIENTOS DE INCLEMENCIAS DEL CLIMA 2022-2023

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

Inclement Weather Announcements

If plan **A**, **B**, or **C** is announced, this information will be shared broadly. Staff and families can receive direct emails, texts, and voice messages. Families can sign up to receive alerts in the manner that works best for them.

<u>Click here for details on how to sign up for alerts.</u> Additional Resources:

The main page of the district website

Facebook Twitter Instagram

Local radio and television stations 24-hour information line at (913) 993-7380 No announcement will be made when schools are to remain open.

<u>A medida que se acercan los meses de invierno, es</u> <u>especialmente importante que los miembros de nuestra</u> <u>comunidad estén enterados de los procedimientos de</u> <u>inclemencias del tiempo y cómo pueden ser alertados si se</u> <u>anuncian planes para el cierre de escuelas.</u>

Procedimientos

Si las condiciones hacen necesario que el SMSD cierre las

Haga clic aquí para ver los planes.

Anuncios sobre Inclemencias del Tiempo

Si se anuncia el plan **A**, **B** o **C**, esta información se compartirá ampliamente. El personal y las familias pueden recibir correos electrónicos directos, mensajes de texto y mensajes de voz. Las familias pueden inscribirse para recibir alertas de la manera más conveniente.

Haga clic aquí para obtener detalles sobre cómo inscribirse para recibir alertas. Recursos adicionales:

La página principal del sitio web del distrito Facebook Twitter Instagram

Estaciones locales de radio y televisión Línea de información las 24 horas al (913) 993-7380 No se hará ningún anuncio cuando las escuelas permanezcan abiertas.

No School.	What does this	What does this mean for staff?
 All District facilities are CLOSED including YMCA and JCPRD Daycare. No remote learning/teaching 	 mean for parent(s)/student(s)? Students will not report to school (Decisions on activities will be made later in the day) 	 No staff reports to work No CAA staff reports to work No building secretaries report to work No O&M or custodial staff reports to work *(Could be contacted to report later in the day) Building Principals work remotely Associate Principals work remotely Cabinet works remotely

PLAN	No School. • All District Schools and facilities are CLOSED • YMCA and JCPRD daycare are in session at the following locations: • Benninghoven • Highlands • Overland Park • Trailwood • No remote learning/teaching	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? • Students will not report to school (Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)	What does this mean for staff? • All O&M/custodial staff report • No certified staff reports to work • No classified staff reports to work • CAA employees work remotely • Building Principals work remotely • Associate Principals work remotely • Building Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request) • Cabinet works remotely
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 Remote Learning Day Remote teaching and learning go into effect. Meal services will be provided at the following site: Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Center/ Broadmoor YMCA and JCPRD daycare are in session at the following locations: Benninghoven Highlands Overland Park Trailwood 	What does this mean for parent(s)/student(s)? • All students will learn remotely from home (Decisions on activities will be made later in the day)	 What does this mean for staff? Staff may work remotely or from their building *Staff log into classrooms at normal time virtually All O&M/custodial staff reports to work Building Principals report to work Associate Principals report to work Building Secretaries work remotely (per Admin request) CAA employees report to work
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FROM OUR SM WEST NURSE

Keeping our Students Healthy

You may have recently heard news reports about increases of illness this fall. In SMSD, we have begun to see increases in absence due to illness; with a few physician diagnosed illnesses and many generalized symptoms.

One of the most important things: if your student is not feeling well – keep them home.

 \cdot If your child has a temperature of over 100.0 or has vomited or has had diarrhea, they must stay home.

 \cdot Students may return to school when they have been free from fever (without medication), vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours.

• Your child may also be ill, but may have a sore throat, headache, cough, or generally not feel well. If you suspect illness, please keep your student home.

Influenza A and B

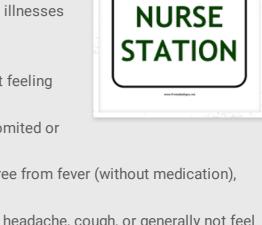
If your student has been diagnosed by a doctor with Influenza A or Influenza B the state of Kansas has provide some guidance for this illness:

The Kansas state statute states that if a person is positive for influenza, you must remain in home isolation for at least 5 days and be fever free without the help of medication for 24 hours, whichever is longer. Here is the state's number if you would like further clarification: 1-877-427-7317

https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14160/Influenza-Recommendations-Memo-PDF

Covid

Again, students do not have to stay home from school due to Covid exposure. However, should your student begin to have symptoms and test positive for Covid then they would need to remain home.



· If students test positive-Day 0 is test day and then they are out for 5 days

- · Day 6--may return if no ongoing symptoms and no fever in the previous 24 hours
- · Day 6-10-highly recommended and encouraged to mask

As always, please reach out to the Nursing Office if you have any questions or concerns. <u>kimberlytennissen@smsd.org</u> or <u>aciamorley@smsd.org</u>Immunizations!

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



FOOD SERVICE, CUSTODIAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL OPENINGS AT SM WEST

West Families,

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, SM West has immediate openings in several departments: Food Service, Custodial and our Paraprofessional Workers

You can use the link below to take you to the SMSD Human Resources page to apply.

SMSD PAGE

Thank you for your support.



INTRODUCING SM WEST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

SM West is please to announce the establishment of a SM West Athletic Hall of Fame.

The link below will take you to the SM West Athletic page. There you will find a link to the Charter Rules as well as a link to a Fillable Nomination Form.



https://smwest.smsd.org/athletics

The Shawnee Mission West Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor former studentathletes, coaches, and administrators for their outstanding accomplishments and contribution to the Shawnee Mission West athletic programs.

Nomination forms will be accepted from January 1 through July 1 of any calendar year. Nominees must have exemplified the qualities of good character, citizenship and personal integrity, both while as a student at SM West and throughout his of her life.

Thank you for taking the time to review the guidelines.



MESSAGE FROM FOOD SERVICE

We want all of our students at SM West to be able to eat a good breakfast and lunch. Please read the information below from Food Services. Students are free to bring a sack lunch to school, but no fast food items should be brought into the building.

SM West does not have an open lunch policy except for Seniors whose parents have completed the permission form link. (An email was sent to all senior parents from Jennifer Silverstein with the link). Open Lunch for seniors will not begin until after ID cards have been distributed. Tentatively after Labor Day.

22 - 23 School Meals

Food Service will continue to offer healthy and appealing breakfast and lunch options for all students this school year. Unfortunately, the USDA nationwide waivers allowing for free school meals for all students concluded with the end of the 2021 - 22 school year.

The meal prices of 2022 - 23 are below . Breakfast at the High School \$1.65 Lunch at the High School \$3.00

Families will be able to complete a child nutrition meal benefit application to see if they qualify for free or reduced priced meals. The information and link regarding the meal benefit application will be a part of the parent online verification process as well as be available on the <u>Food Service web</u>.

Families are encouraged to check their student's current food service account balance on School Café -<u>https://www.schoolcafe.com/SHAWNEEMISSION</u> . Payments to a student's food service account can be done by check or cash at the school, credit card online through e Funds (\$3 fee) or by calling the Food Service office 993-9710 (no fee). Student account balances (positive or negative) do roll over to the next year – even if the student switches schools within the district.

Food Service will continue to follow the procedure of serving students a full breakfast or a full lunch regardless of the money they have in their account. During the 2022 - 23 school year, when a student's account is low or in the negative, notifications will be made to parents. When an account is -\$75.00, the parent/guardian will receive a notification that if the account is not paid it will be turned over to the collection agency. Students will not be permitted to purchase ala carte items if their account is negative.

Thank you.

A NOTE FROM MR. LOE

Viking Families:

We need some help from our students and parents.

On Late Start Thursdays, we need for our students to stay on campus after their bus or a parent drops them off in the morning.

We have had some issues with some students leaving campus to go to our neighboring Price Chopper. Many students will make their purchase and leave, but there are some that stay in the store, roam the aisles, and have shown disrespect to the employees. The vast majority of our students make the right choice to stay on our campus and we appreciate that. If parents could please talk with your students about staying on campus if they plan to be here for late start Thursdays. We have supervision in the cafeteria, on the bridge and in the gymnasium.

Thank you for your help.

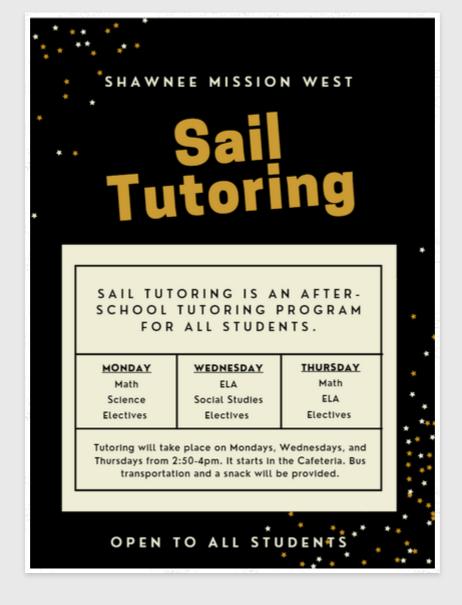


TUTORING

Please review the flier below about tutoring. This is a great opportunity for students to receive additional help and support for their classes.

A snack is provided for all of those attending. Bus transportation is also provided. The bus is able to make stops along the 87th street corridor.

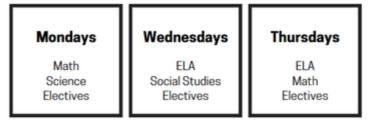






DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

We are pleased to announce that our SAIL Tutoring will begin on September 26th, 2022. SAIL Tutoring is an afterschool program that allows space for all students to get assistance with classwork. Sessions will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:50-4pm. Each day will have specific content areas offered (see below) but students are able to come on any day to work on any content.



Students will meet in the Cafeteria or attend through Webex. Participants will receive a sack lunch (if your child has special dietary needs please let us know).

There is a late bus after tutoring that will run along 87th Street only to assist students in getting home. Families may pick up students at 4pm if the student is not riding the bus or walking home.

ESTIMADAS FAMILIAS y/o GUARDIANES

Nos complace anunciar que nuestro programa de tutoría SAIL comenzará el 26 de septiembre del 2022. SAIL Tutoring es un programa extraescolar que permite un espacio para que todos los estudiantes reciban ayuda con las tareas de clase. Las sesiones se realizarán los lunes, miércoles y jueves de 2:50-4pm. Cada día se ofrecerán materias específicas (detallado abajo), pero los estudiantes pueden venir en cualquier día para trabajar en cualquier materia.



Los estudiantes se reunirán en la cafetería. Los participantes recibirán un almuerzo (si su hijo tiene una dieta con necesidades especiales, por favor comuniquese con la escuela).

Hay un autobús disponible después de las sessiones tutorías que sólo se va por la calle 87. Es para ayudar a los estudiantes llegar a casa. Las familias pueden recoger a los estudiantes a las 4 pm si el estudiante no va a tomar el autobús o caminar a casa.

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

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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.



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

And - Booster club is now on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085697523245</u>



SM WEST STUDENT COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS

Shawnee Mission West is so very fortunate to have an exceptional staff and some truly amazing students.

We all strive to follow the "West Way" on a daily basis. (See image below).

We also want to continue to focus on our Student Collective Commitments. (Attached in the PDF) - This document outlines our code of conduct and points out the importance of attendance and tips on how to achieve academic success.

* IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS:

Please take a look at the bell schedule above. Please try to refrain from contacting your student on their cell phone during

instructional times. Students are able to use their cell phones during passing periods and lunch times. If it is an emergency and you need to contact your student immediately, please call our main number at 993-7800.

Thank you for your support.

"THE WEST WAY"

School Wide Positive Behavior Supports (SWPBS) is a research based systemic approach at handling behavior by being proactive. At West High School we call this "The West Way." Through this model we first teach our expectations of Safe, Respectful, and Responsible behaviors in various settings. By being proactive in our attempts to ensure a safe and comfortable environment in which students can learn, we avoid making assumptions of what students know by teaching and modeling the expected behaviors consistently throughout West and at all West activities and events. The matrix below outlines the expectation of "The West Way".

	CLASSROOM	LUNCHROOM	HALLWAYS & BRIDGE	EVENTS	TRANSPORTATION	DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP
SAFE	 Respect personal space Comply with emergency procedures Be where you're supposed to be 	 Respect others' personal space and property Clean up spills or report large spills to a supervisor 	Keep moving Be aware of your surroundings and report any problems Keep lockers secure Respect personal space	 Sit in assigned location Maintain clear aisles Cooperate with security and staff, especially during emergencies 	 Walk directly to your bus Remain seated Maintain a reasonable volume level 	 Demonstrate online safety Demonstrate cyber security Report cyber predators and cyber bullying Keep personal information confidential
RESPONSIBLE	 Be on time Be prepared Be an active learner 	 Clear your table and area of all items Place all utensils and trays in the correct location 	 Be on time Take all required materials to class Be proud of our home and keep it clean 	 Demonstrate positive Viking Spirit Comply with the facility rules and regulations 	 Collect all of your belongings including trash Be on time to your bus stop 	Use proper netiquette Follow copyright guidelines Cite sources to identify ownership of intellectual property
RESPECTFUL	 Follow all directions Be considerate of others Follow the ""Black and Gold Rule" 	 Speak politely to staff and peers Use conversational voice volume level 	Maintain an appropriate voice level Use positive language Follow the **Black and Gold Rule*	 Give full attention to presenter or event Respect participants and other fans 	Have your ID ready Speak appropriately to driver and peers	Demonstrate appropriat care and use of material and equipment Charge device daily Use device for educational and school purposes only Evaluate databases, app & websites for content, credibility, relevance, validity, and bias

"Black and Gold Rule" is to treat others as you would want to be treated.

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NOTES FROM FOOD SERVICE

Food Service was allowed to carryover eligibilities from school year 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22. **These carryover meal benefits** (free and reduced priced meals) will be expiring on September 23rd. Families have been sent email notices regarding this. As of Wednesday, this affected 987 students in the district. In addition, official enrollment is September 20th. For these two reasons, Families are encouraged to apply for meal benefits on https://www.schoolcafe.com/SHAWNEEMISSION. Feel free to use the *What's in a Meal* graphic to encourage parents to apply. For families who do not qualify for meal benefits, payments for school meals can be made by sending cash or check to the school, online at <u>eFunds</u> or by phone by calling the Food Service office at 913-993-9710. Low balance and negative balance phones are going out nightly.



LAS SOLICITUDES QUE CALIFICAN PUEDEN AYUDAR CON:





Food Service Department 6701 West 83rd Street Overland Park, KS 66204 (913) 993-9710 www.smsd.org Esta institución es un provedor de jaquidad de oportunidad DESCUENTOS escuentos en las tarifas de solicitud universiti

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THANK YOU

SM West would like to thank one of our community partners for their support of our staff and students.

Thank you Southwind Management Inc.



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE -SIGN UP FOR TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

In the event there are times throughout the year when routes are running late and

notification is needed at the school and family level, we want to encourage you to sign up for Textcaster notifications. We have previously pushed a number of communications about this to

families via school newsletters (with your assistance) as well as through district communications reminding of the availability to sign up for text notifications when routes are running late *or compressed with other buses*. **We encourage you to also sign up to receive text notifications as it is the fastest way to provide notice of any changes.**

Sign up for notifications at the following link: <u>https://my.textcaster.com/asa/2795</u> where you can select the route numbers pertaining to your school (you may select multiple bus routes). Additionally, we will do our best to provide you with updates as we receive them.





PARKING PERMITS

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

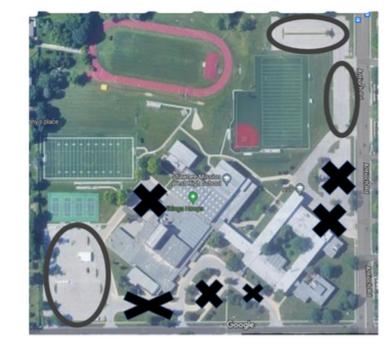
Parking is \$50 for the year.

It is extremely important that students only park in assigned areas for students, and not staff parking. Tickets will be assessed by our security staff. All rules and regulations are listed with the parking application. See the PDF below. Also included is a map of West parking.



Parking Registration Form.pdf





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

The X's indicate STAFF parking.

Students are excluded from parking in the staff spaces.

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



PTSA

The PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student-Association) is an important support system for our students and staff. Please consider becoming a member of our PTSA. Dues go to support senior scholarships, teacher grants for instructional support in the classroom, teacher appreciation and much more. **We encourage our community to attend any/all of the four scheduled meetings during the year: Feb. 13 and April 10.**

Each of the meetings will have reports from staff and PTSA committees and many times guest speakers are invited.

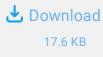
PTSA Officers for 2022-2023 academic year:

Co-Presidents: <u>Jessica Leslie</u> and <u>Sean Campion</u> VP Membership: Kristy Campion VP Ways and Means: Angie Guniion VP Programs: Kate Ampleman Treasurer: Darci Robinson Secretary: Christina Middleton

Please view the attachments below so that you and your family can become members. Thank you for your support.



ptsa membership form.docx





ptsa qr code.pdf

