

# SM West Newsletter

Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 - Issue #12



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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 – 993-7840

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 una ausencia**

Intérprete de español – 993-7840

## 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.



## ATTENTION SENIORS

It is time to start thinking about Graduation.

The SM West class of 2022 graduation ceremony is scheduled for Wed., May 18, 7:00pm at SM South Stadium.

Packets from the Balfour company were distributed at a recent senior meeting. If you need one, you can pick one up in the Student Services Office.

**Balfour Representatives will be AT SCHOOL on the following dates and times to take orders and payment.**

(If you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony the only REQUIRED Purchase is the cap/gown/tassel/stole unit which is \$30 (tax included).)

**Nov. 2 and Nov. 3 - During Lunch there will be a representative on the Bridge**

**Nov. 3 - From 5-7pm there will be a representative on the Bridge**

### VERY IMPORTANT

All Seniors need to take a moment and use the link below using their smsd gmail account to complete the Senior Google Form. The information on the google form will help in the ordering of diplomas as well as the pronunciation of names at the ceremony in May.

<https://forms.gle/gZWztw3N8uNcw7N7>

(As of 9am on 10/28 there are 146 seniors out of approximately 400 that have completed the form)


The document below (English and the Spanish versions) outline some of the important dates leading up to graduation.

More information will be forthcoming during 2nd semester as we progress towards graduation day.

Please encourage our seniors to continue to work hard and finish strong.




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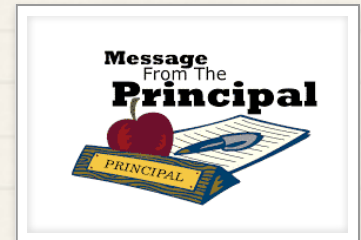
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## Letter from Principal Loe - this is copied from a Previous email sent to our community



Viking Families,

Hope all is well! We just wrapped up our first quarter of the year.

Thank you to our students for working hard as they get back to a more normal routine. It hasn't been easy, but student effort is evident. Remember, at the high school level, Quarter 1 grades are really a progress report. Students still have time to improve grades, if that is a concern. The semester grade is the final grade that will go on the transcripts.

Parents and Guardians, we could use your help with a couple items. First, student tardies are an issue. Our West Tardy Policy is listed in the Newsletter for you to review. Our administration is working hard to conference with students and apply consequences in hopes to curb this behavior. We'd like your help in monitoring your student's tardies, because being on time is an important life skill.

You will find attached to this email a guide to how you can view your student's attendance through Skyward at any time as well as to sign up for automated updates to your email when your student is tardy or absent from a class. We anticipate that the partnership between staff and parents will be cohesive and unified as we work with our students to improve.

Second, we have some issues with some of our Viking students leaving campus during late start on Thursday mornings and hanging out at Price Chopper. This has led to some theft, minor vandalism, and disrespect to Price Chopper employees. Most of our students are doing a great job during late starts, but we need to address those who are not behaving. West administration will be at Price Chopper to help monitor the situation, but parents and guardians, please reinforce to your students the need to be respectful to our Price Chopper neighbors. Price Chopper is not a place to hang out on late starts. We have breakfast and games at West, so our students should be on campus.

Thank you for your continued support of SM West.





## 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**

## 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.

# Speaking of Food Service - SMSD currently looking for new staff members



## SM West PTSA

The next PTSA meeting is on November 8 at 7pm in the school library. Our guest speaker is Kim Urenda, Student Services Coordinator, will be presenting "Finding Success for Your Student." Kim will talk about academic resources, outside and inside the school, plus great ways to communicate and use technology as a family. She will also do a review of how to find things in Skyward.

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](mailto:tracykjohn1970@gmail.com).

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.

Thank you,

*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](mailto:eaforssberg@yahoo.com)

Co-President - MariaPurviance

[zakeox@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:eaforssberg@yahoo.com)

Copresidente - Maria Purviance

[zakeox@hotmail.com](mailto:zakeox@hotmail.com)



## Notes from SM West Student Services

From our College Advisor: Ashlyn Kirkpatrick

University scholarship deadlines are quickly approaching! I have included scholarship deadlines at Wichita State, Pittsburg State, University of Arkansas, and Kansas State. If your student is applying (or has applied) elsewhere, you should check the school website for information on scholarship deadlines. As always, sign up forms FOR ALL EVENTS can be found at <https://linktr.ee/CollegeSMW>

### Important Dates

**November 1st: Pitt State & Wichita State scholarship applications due**

**November 2nd during seminar:** Miami University virtual admission rep visit

**November 5th:** Deadline to register for the December ACT

**November 9th during seminar:** IN PERSON Rockhurst admission rep visit, virtual St. Olaf & University of Minnesota rep visit

**November 9th 6:30-8:30pm:** FAFSA help at JCCC

**November 10th 3-6pm:** Drop-in FAFSA Completion at SMW (in English & Spanish)

**November 15th: University of Arkansas priority scholarship deadline**

**November 16th during seminar:** Virtual Cleveland University-Kansas City, Northwest Missouri State, and Donnelly College admission rep visits

**November 30th during seminar: virtual K-State and KCKCC admission rep visits**



### **Application Week & Prize Info!!**

The last week in October (Oct 25-29) is Application Week! Seniors applying to colleges/trade schools or joining the workforce after graduation have an opportunity to win up to \$70 in prizes!!

1. For each college/trade/job application, you will earn ONE entry in the drawing.
  1. There will be FIVE "Level 1" winners who will get their pick of a \$10 prize
  2. There will be THREE "level 2" winners who can choose a \$20-25 prize (including a Brita pitcher, an Echo dot, a bath robe, and MORE!)
  3. There will be TWO "level 3" winners who can win up to \$45 worth of prizes
  4. And there will be ONE lucky GRAND WINNER who can win up to \$70 worth of prizes

You can find google forms to submit college/trade school/job applications and a full list of prizes on <https://linktr.ee/CollegeSMW> under the "Application Week Info & Prizes" tab.

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](mailto:ashlynkirkpatrick@smsd.org) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

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

### **Alpha Breakdown of Counselors:**

Laura Raney LAST NAMES A - E [lauraraney@smsd.org](mailto:lauraraney@smsd.org)  
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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](http://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:

November 5, 2021 registration deadline for December 11, 2021 test date.

ACT Register online: [www.actstudent.org](http://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](mailto:marykieffer@smsd.org) 913-993-7836 o

Donna Holmes (Alpha L-Z) [donnaholmes@smsd.org](mailto: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)



# Repeat Information

## WINTER SPORTS

Winter sports season kicks off on Monday, November 15. Tryouts will begin right after school. Completed physicals and concussion forms must be on file in the athletic office to be cleared for participation.

For more information, check out the new Shawnee Mission West Athletic Department website. Please visit <https://shawneemissionwestvikings.com/> for all things related to Viking Athletics.

You can find sports schedules on the athletic department website. For the most accurate sports schedule information first try: [www.sunflowerleague.org](http://www.sunflowerleague.org)

Thanks,

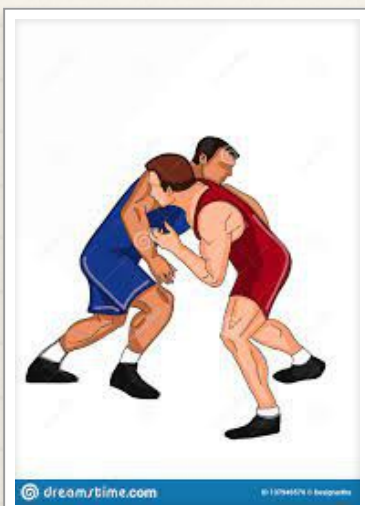
Todd McAtee, CAA

Shawnee Mission West High School

Athletic Director

(913) 993-7843

[toddmcatee107@smsd.org](mailto:toddmcatee107@smsd.org)



## Students interested in SM West Wrestling

**Attention...Any Students Interested in Going Out for Wrestling This Year:**

Coach Riddle will hold preseason conditioning sessions after school starting Monday, October 25. These workouts will go from 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM, Monday through Thursday. These workouts will end on Thursday, November 4. Interested students should meet Coach Riddle on the Track at 3:15 PM each day.



SHAWNEE MISSION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Youth Equity Stewardship

## Student Leadership Series



A student leadership opportunity, 5 off-site leadership sessions, work collaboratively with teachers and other students from your school and throughout SMSD.

An opportunity to gain perspective and a wider diversity lens for recognizing and eliminating educational disparities.

A mindset centered on growing empathy at the personal and organizational levels.

A model that builds leadership capacity and multi-generational collaboration to support authentic school improvement efforts.

Learn more and apply!





**HISPANIC  
COLLABORATIVE**



# 2022 KC BIZ FEST

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**JOHNSON COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Wednesday - Saturday  
**FEBRUARY 16 - 19**

**CAPITOL FEDERAL  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
REGNIER CENTER BUILDING  
12345 COLLEGE BLVD.,  
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210**

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO  
PARTICIPATING 2022 BIZFEST STUDENTS**



**APPLY  
FOR  
2022 KC  
BIZ FEST**

**DUE FRIDAY  
DEC 3 2021**



**CONTACT  
FOR INQUIRIES**

[mjimen10@jccc.edu](mailto:mjimen10@jccc.edu)  
[emmedina@olatheschools.org](mailto:emmedina@olatheschools.org)  
<https://sites.google.com/view/kc-bizfest>

**2022 KC BIZ FEST  
APPLICATION**



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OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210**

BizFest is a four-day intensive life-skills and business techniques training event for high school students in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. By attending KC BizFest, students gain entrepreneurial experience, economic literacy, and improved skills in math, reading, writing, and verbal communication while gaining workforce readiness when creating feasible business plans.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT BIZ FEST**

**BY VISITING**  
The Greater Kansas City  
Hispanic Collaborative

**2022 KC BIZ FEST APPLICATION**  
**DUE DECEMBER 3, 2021**

**APPLY FOR 2022 KC BIZ FEST**

**CONTACT FOR INQUIRIES**

mjimen10@jccc.edu  
emmedina@olatheschools.org  
<https://sites.google.com/view/kc-bizfest>

## Attention - Seniors that Attended Pawnee Elementary School

Seeking 2022 SMW Seniors that attended Pawnee Elementary

Attention Pawnee families! Do you know a SMWest 2022 Senior that attended Pawnee? We are organizing a photo for our seniors to have a yearbook ad. Please contact us ASAP so we can gather a headcount & set a date. The more participation we have, the cost could be as few as \$10 per family. If your family isn't comfortable spending the amount, but your student still wants to participate, please ask for help when sending your info. The photo will be taken in front of Pawnee.



Catherine Molloy "Tori's mom"

(913)568-4938

[Mcatmolloy@gmail.com](mailto:Mcatmolloy@gmail.com)

# NOTE FROM OUR NURSE

If your student has symptoms of COVID-like illness, please have them stay home and call the nurse (913-993-7816). Please be aware that our return to school protocol requires ONE of the following:



1. A negative PCR COVID test (SMSD offers **free** PCR testing for all students, staff and family members who have symptoms). Please note that rapid, antigen and home test kit results are not accepted for returning to school.

2. A doctor's note indicating student is cleared to return to school.

3. Student stays home for 10 days from the start of symptom (absences will be excused).

Call Marni Bollella, RN at 913-993-7816 for information regarding testing, COVID symptoms or any other concerns.

Students who are vaccinated for COVID and develop symptoms still need to follow this protocol; multiple cases of COVID have been reported here at SM West in vaccinated individuals.

Please be patient if the nurse contacts you with questions or concerns about your student. It is difficult to have a clear picture of how many students are ill or who may have had an exposure to COVID when families will not share information. Our goal is to keep in-person classes, sports and activities in place and to ensure as safe an environment as possible here at SM West. Thank you for your partnership.

**Marni Bollella, BSN, RN, CFRN**

School Nurse, Shawnee Mission West

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School Nurse, Shawnee Mission West

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2021-2022 PTSA Membership Form Doc 2.pdf

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Translated copy of 2021-2022 PTSA Membership Form Doc 2[1].pdf

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Need help with Thanksgiving dinner?

# #givehope Thanksgiving Outreach

Pick up turkey/ham and groceries

**Monday, Nov. 22, 2021  
5-9PM**

City Center Church  
17500 W 87th Street  
Lenexa, KS 66219

Call your school social worker to sign up!



## 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**

Math  
Science  
Electives

**WEDNESDAY**

ELA  
Social Studies  
Electives

**THURSDAY**

Math  
ELA  
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](mailto:kelleycapper@smsd.org)

# Students, Screentime & Health

WITH CHRIS JENSON

**SM South**  
**Nov 3**  
**7pm**

Join Chris Jenson, Public Health Advisor, former educator, former ER doctor, to discuss screen time & social-emotional health post pandemic



## SMSD Support

Use these links below to see current information and events offered for our parents.

### [Updated Parent SMSD Site](#)

- **Students, Screentime & Health with Chris Jenson @ SM South from 7-8pm November 3, 2021 Please [RSVP](#) to reserve your tickets!**



### **LIGHTSPEED PARENT REPORT AVAILABLE OCTOBER 4, 2021**

This service will provide parents with a live student internet history for the last 7 days. To register click on the "Fill out Online Form" for your Skyward account.

To register parents should go to Skyward. An online form is available to register for this district provided service. Once the form is completed, parents will receive an email to provide access to the parent portal website.

See Screenshots below.

This service is only for students that have been assigned a Shawnee Mission School District Device. Service updates will occur once a week with new enrollments.

The image shows two screenshots of a web application. The top screenshot is the Skyward login page for Shawnee Mission School District students. It features a login ID and password field, a 'Login' button, and a 'Forgot your Login/Password?' link. The bottom screenshot is the 'Step 1. Lightspeed Parent Report Form (Required)'. It includes a 'View Full Screen' link, a 'Previous Step' button, a 'Next Step' button, and a 'Close and Finish Later' button. The form contains fields for Student ID, Grade, and School Year (2021-22). It also has a section for 'Lightspeed Content Filter Parent Portal' with a checkbox for receiving ongoing communication and a link to 'Click here to read more...'. At the bottom, there is a 'Complete Step 1 and move to Step 2' button.



## Performing Arts Newsletter

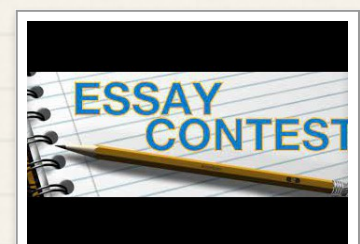
We are excited to share about the events and resources the Performing Arts Here is the link for the Preforming Arts October Newsletter.

<https://my.visme.co/view/4dyr97pq-october-pa-newsletter>

## FRA Americanism Essay Contest

Please download the PDF below if you are interested in participating in an essay contest.

Good luck.







FRA Essay Contest 2021-2022.pdf

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## Latinos of Tomorrow

SM West has started a new student organization: Latinos of Tomorrow. Students of all backgrounds are welcome to join us.

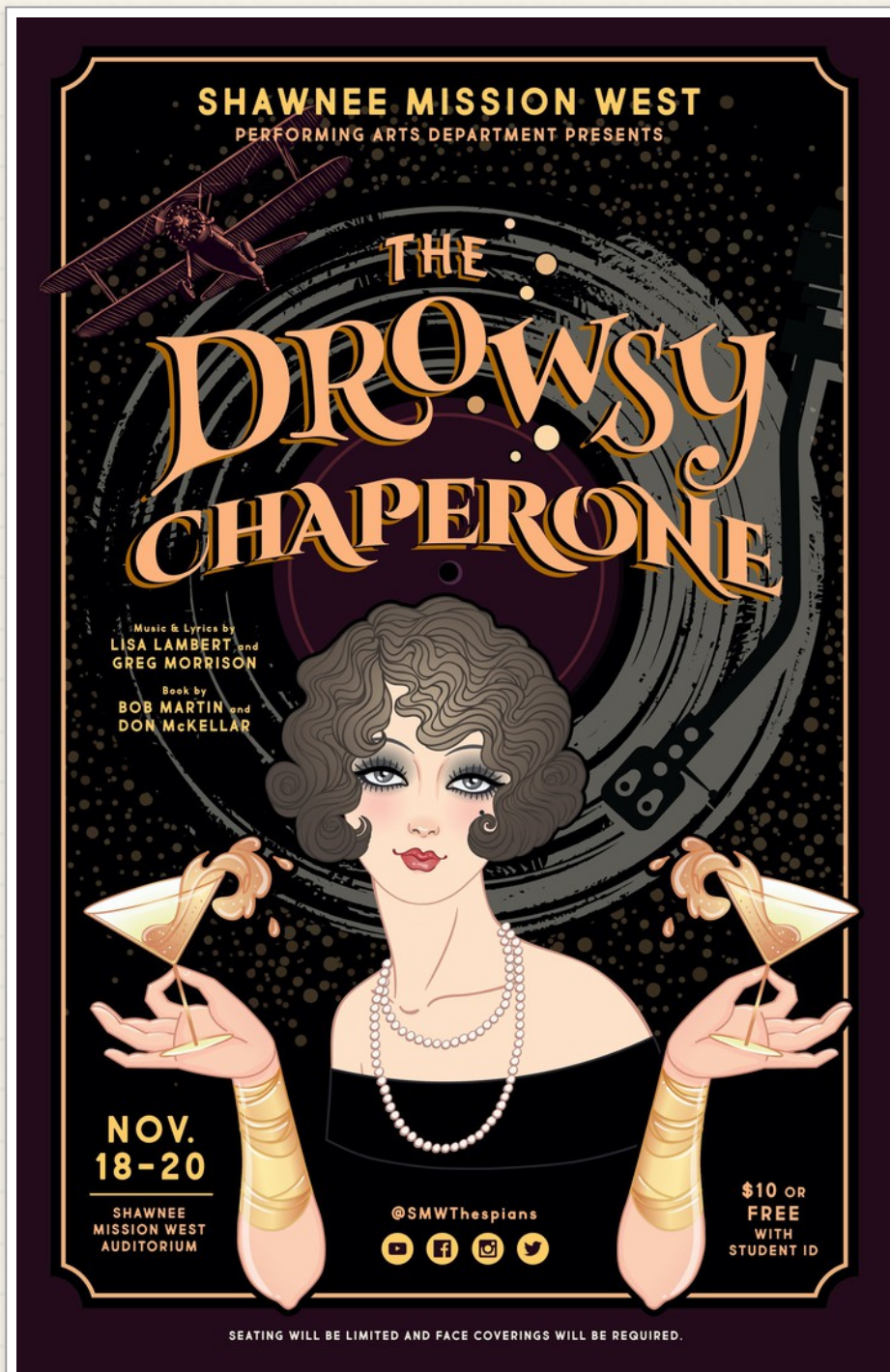
The dates of our future meetings are on the attached poster

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





## Message about Tele-Health Appointments

*In keeping with the Shawnee Mission School District's current guidance for Fall events during the 21-22 school year, external building visitors, including outpatient treatment case managers and clinicians, are not allowed in schools during the school day. This also applies to tele-counseling and virtual, web-based appointments. The expectation is that while students are in school they are engaged and in class, lunch and/or seminar. Parents/Guardians scheduling appointments for students during the school day should attempt to do so before or after school hours. Where an appointment must take place during school hours, the parent/guardian should contact the school attendance center so their student can be called out of class/school for the appointment. Thank you for your understanding and adherence to this expectation.*

# SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS

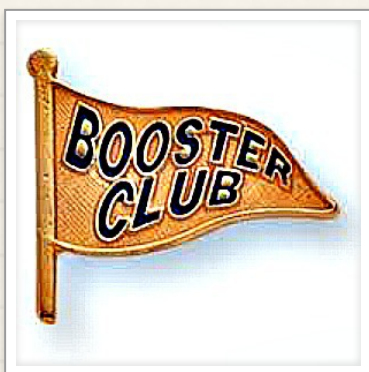
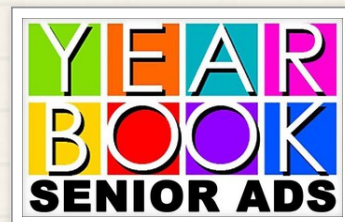
## SENIOR PARENTS

You have the opportunity to place a congratulatory tribute in the 2022 yearbook for your student. You can find all the information [HERE](#), including all the details related to sizes, prices and

deadlines in addition to the link to order online. The deadline for the early bird rate is Oct. 8 and the deadline for regular price is Nov. 12. We will have yearbook students available to help design your ad and answer questions during parent-teacher conferences Oct. 20.

Please email [amymorgan@smsd.org](mailto:amymorgan@smsd.org) or [smwyearbookstaff@gmail.com](mailto:smwyearbookstaff@gmail.com) with questions.

Thanks!



## 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/>

## 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.





**MONDAY**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Period	7:40 - 9:15	95
8 <sup>th</sup> Seminar	9:20 - 10:55	95
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:05 - 2:40	95

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:40 - 9:15	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	9:20 - 10:55	95
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:05 - 2:40	95

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:50 - 10:25	95
8 <sup>th</sup> - Advisory	10:30 - 10:55	25
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:05 - 2:40	95

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:40 - 9:15	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	9:20 - 10:55	95
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:00 - 1:00	90
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:05 - 2:40	95

**5<sup>th</sup> 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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SMW 21-22 Bell Schedule (Late Start)[1].pdf

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# 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>





## **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.

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](mailto:sjwatson60@gmail.com)

- Courtney Moffitt - [moffitt5some@gmail.com](mailto:moffitt5some@gmail.com)

Membership: Charlotte Wallenburg - [mwallenburg@yahoo.com](mailto:mwallenburg@yahoo.com)

Secretary: Kristie Orme - [kristieremsterorme@gmail.com](mailto:kristieremsterorme@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Becca Wagner - [becca.wagner@yahoo.com](mailto:becca.wagner@yahoo.com)

VP Programs:

- Jan Good-Bollinger - [jgoodbollinger@gmail.com](mailto:jgoodbollinger@gmail.com)

- Katy Myers - [katy.myers@yahoo.com](mailto:katy.myers@yahoo.com)

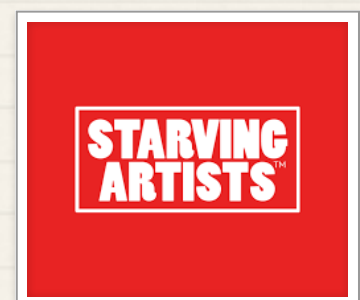
VP Publicity: Jennifer Clevenger - [jeninote@clevengerfamily.net](mailto:jeninote@clevengerfamily.net)



## 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](mailto:amandacourtney@smsd.org) for more details!





## 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,



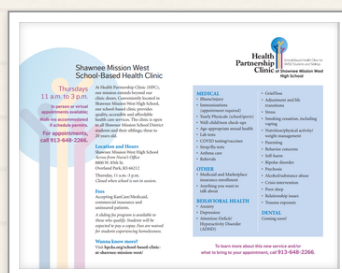
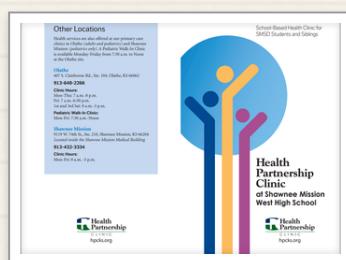
"We basically function as a doctor's office, but in a school building," Falk noted. "Services are available in person or virtual, and walk-ins will be accommodated if the schedule permits. The primary goal is to provide easy, immediate access to quality and affordable health care."

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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HPC Spanish Brochure.pdf

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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 Garlington. He will then give your student a parking pass to be placed on the back driver's side window of their car.

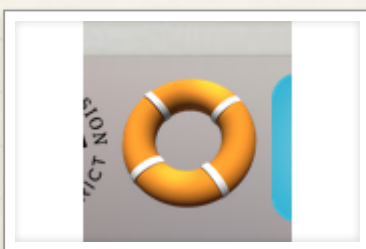
Please remind your student that there are designated staff and student parking areas and they need to make sure they follow all rules and procedures. Security staff will administer tickets for failure to follow rules/procedures.



Parking Registration Form.pdf

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jennifersilverstein@smsd.org).



## 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](http://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](http://smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange) for donation options and volunteer sign-up links.

### LOCATION & CONTACT

SMSD Early Childhood Education Center  
6701 West 83<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Overland Park, KS 66204  
Enter at back of the building at Door #7  
Web: [smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange](http://smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange)  
Email: [smacce@smac-pta.org](mailto: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](http://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
<b>CERRADO POR CAMBIO</b>	
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	
<b>CERRADO POR THANKSGIVING</b>	
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](http://smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange) para conocer las opciones de donacion y registrarse como voluntario.

#### Ubicacion y Contacto:

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



## 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](http://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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**CANVAS**  
FOR PARENTS/FAMILIES



## 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](mailto: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>



## 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.



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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!!!

