

SM West Newsletter

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 - Issue #11



Contact Information

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Overland Park, Kansas 66212

<http://smwest.smsd.org/>

Phone: (913) 993-7800

Fax: (913) 993-8099

Report an Absence: (913) 993-7845

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Important Numbers

Main Office – 993-7800

Counseling 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.



SCHEDULE CHANGES

REMINDER:

Friday Oct. 22 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Parent Teacher Conference Day

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held both virtually and in person on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 5-8pm and Friday, Oct. 22 7:30-11:30 am and 12pm-3:15 pm.

ALL CONFERENCES ARE APPOINTMENT ONLY



Families have received emails with directions on how to schedule a conference with your students' teachers. See Below:

Thank you for those families who have already went on Skyward to sign up for a conference time for next week. Please make sure to add a note (see attachment step 4 & 5) in Skyward to your scheduled time to let the teachers know your preference of In-Person or WebEx. If you chose WebEx, the teachers will communicate with you directly with the link to connect. If you are choosing In-Person for your conference, please consider allowing time in between sessions for you to travel from classroom to classroom, instead of back-to-back times. Just a reminder that conferences are in the teacher's classrooms, instead of the gyms like previous years. We want to be respectful of everyone's time and we want to stay on track with the scheduled times.

Wednesday, 10/20/21: 5-8PM (Appointment only)

Friday, 10/22/21: 7:30-11:30 & 12-3:15 (Appointment only)

[PT Conference How-To Video](#)


We look forward to seeing you in person or online next week!

As always, please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns,
Grant Dreiling
Associate Principal

The attachments with detailed instructions are in a PDF form below - both English and Spanish versions.




PT Conferences 2021 - English.pdf

 [Download](#)
872.9 KB



PT Conferences 2021 - Spanish.pdf

 [Download](#)
950.8 KB



Parent Volunteers needed to plan/organize Senior Sizzle and Mr. Viking

Senior Sizzle / Mr. Viking Meeting for anyone who would like to be part of these committees for our Senior Class will be Oct 28, 7:00 pm on the Bridge.

We thank the parents of our seniors that are willing to take the time to help make these events fabulous and memorable for this great group of kids.

WINTER SPORTS

Winter Sports

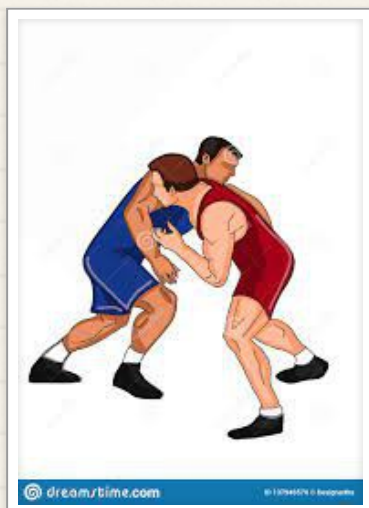
Winter sports season kicks off on Monday, November 15. Tryouts will begin right after school. Completed physicals and concussion forms must be on file in the athletic office to be cleared for participation.

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



Thanks,
Todd McAtee, CAA
Shawnee Mission West High School
Athletic Director
(913) 993-7843
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

HOSTED BY



**JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Wednesday - Saturday
FEBRUARY 16 - 19**

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



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

**APPLY
FOR
2022 KC
BIZ FEST**

**DUE FRIDAY
DEC 3 2021**



**CONTACT
FOR INQUIRIES**

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

**2022 KC BIZ FEST
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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

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DUE DECEMBER 3, 2021

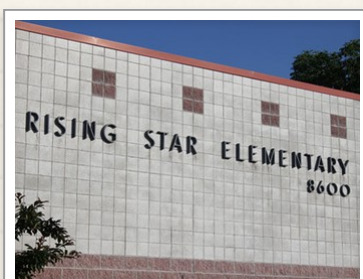
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Attention - Seniors that Attended Overland Park Elementary School

SMWest Class of 2022 Seniors who attended Overland Park Elementary: Group picture to be taken on Thursday October 28. Meet at 7:25am in the Overland Park Elementary parking lot. We'll assemble in front of the building and take pictures at 7:30. Please bring \$5 per student to help pay for the yearbook ad. Please share with all SMWest Class of 2022 Seniors who attended Overland Park Elementary.



Attention - Seniors that Attended Rising Star Elementary School



SMW RISING STAR CLASS OF 2022 SENIORS :

We will take a group picture Thursday, October 28th at Rising Star Elementary!

Meet at 7:25 a.m. at the Rising Star Front Entrance.
Pictures at 7:30 a.m. SHARP.

Please pass this on/Share to all SMWest Class of 2022 Seniors who attended Rising Star Elementary.

Collecting Donations to cover cost of the \$145 year book ad. \$5-\$10 per student recommended. Donation not needed to participate.



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



Notes from SM West Student Services

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.

October 26th during seminar: College Application Workshop - get help with college applications, FAFSA, or scholarship applications

All sign up forms are available at <https://linktr.ee/CollegeSMW>

The 2022-2023 FAFSA opens October 1st. Check out our financial aid events below for help filing. The 2022-2023 FAFSA uses 2020 taxes. Both the students and one parent will need to create an FSA ID. See Ms. Kirkpatrick with questions.

The US Marine Corps will visit on Wednesday, October 27th during lunch for students. Students may approach the table to gather information about joining the Marines!

The week of Oct 4 was Bullying Prevention Week. Here at West, we focused on choosing peace over bullying. We challenged our students to submit their statements about why they choose peace. We also had a poem/song/rap contest about bullying. We are excited to share the winners of the contest, as well as those whose names were drawn for submitting their

Drawing QT gift card winners: Noah Winans, Claire Deardorff, Maya Guinto, Kaitlyn Gallegos, Kristofer Washington
Winners of the poem, song contest:
1st place: Iona Shaha-Luster (AMC gift card)
2nd place: DJ Whitesell (Starbuck's gift card)
3rd place: Cashis Carter (Starbuck's gift card)

We are proud of all of the submissions.

For a list of upcoming scholarships [click here](#)
Apply to be a college ambassador [here](#) - this is a great resume-builder!
Find all upcoming event sign ups [here](#)

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

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

Alpha Breakdown of Counselors:
Laura Raney LAST NAMES A - E lauraeshelman@smsd.org
Kim Urenda LAST NAMES F - K kimurenda@smsd.org
Katy Reda LAST NAMES L- Rh katyreda@smsd.org
Jamie Heller LAST NAMES Ri- Z jamieheller@smsd.org

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

The fall ACT Test dates are:
October 23, 2021**
*December 11, 2021** November 5, 2021 November 19, 2021
ACT Register online: www.actstudent.org
Cost of tests: ACT \$60 and ACT Plus Writing is \$85.

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

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

[Children and Family Services Brochure](#)

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

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

Mary Lea Kieffer A-K 993-7836

Donna Holmes L-Z 993-7832

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

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

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

Donna Holmes (Alpha L-Z) donnaolmes@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

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

marnibollella@smsd.org

(913)993-7816 (office)

(913)993-1483 (fax) **Marni Bollella, BSN, RN, CFRN**

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SM West PTSA

LAST WEEK TO BE IN THE RUNNING FOR A GIFT CARD!

Teachers and students who sign up for PTSA membership by Sunday, Oct. 17 will be in the running for several gift card prizes. Don't miss your chance to win!

[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 tracyjohn1970@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

Co-President - MariaPurviance

zakeox@hotmail.com

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

Comuníquese con el Copresidente si tiene preguntas o necesita asistencia.

Copresidenta - Eric Forssberg

eaforssberg@yahoo.com

Copresidente - Maria Purviance

zakeox@hotmail.com



2021-2022 PTSA Membership Form Doc 2.pdf

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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.

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
Math Science Electives	ELA Social Studies Electives	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

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.

Steps for translating Family Access [CLICK HERE](#)
Pasos para traducir a Acceso de Familia [HAGA CLIC AQUI](#)



Skyward
Shawnee Mission School District
Student

Login ID:


Password:

[Forgot your Login/Password?](#)

Log In:

Step 1. Lightspeed Parent Report Form **(Required)**

[View Full Screen](#)

 **Lightspeed Form**

Shawnee Mission School District
8200 W. 71st Street
Shawnee Mission, KS 66204
Telephone 913-993-8200

Student: Grade:

Id: School Year: 2021-22

Lightspeed Content Filter Parent Portal

☐ Would you like to receive ongoing communication regarding my student's online activity with a Shawnee Mission School device?

[Click here to read more...](#)

[Complete Step 1 and move to Step 2](#)

1. Lightspeed Parent Report Form

2. Complete Lightspeed Parent Report Form

[Previous Step](#) [Next Step](#)

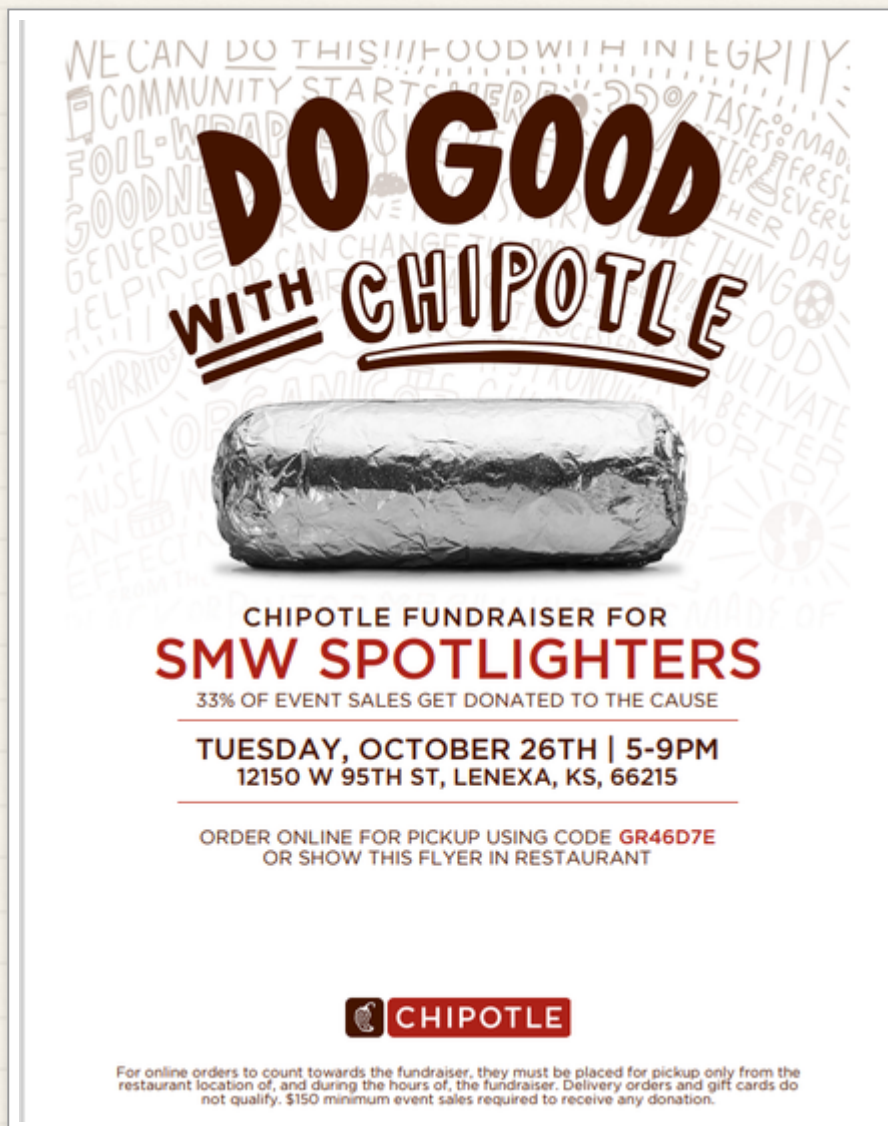
[Close and Finish Later](#)

An Online Form is now available to fill out

Lightspeed Parent Report Opportunity:
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" link below for your student(s).

Thank you.

[Fill out Online Form for](#)



Performing Arts Newsletter

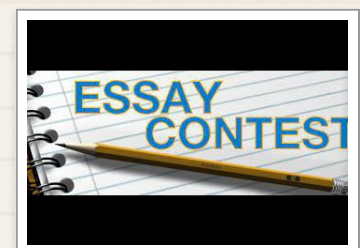
We are excited to share about the events and resources the Performing Arts Here is the link for the Preforming Arts October Newsletter.

<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.

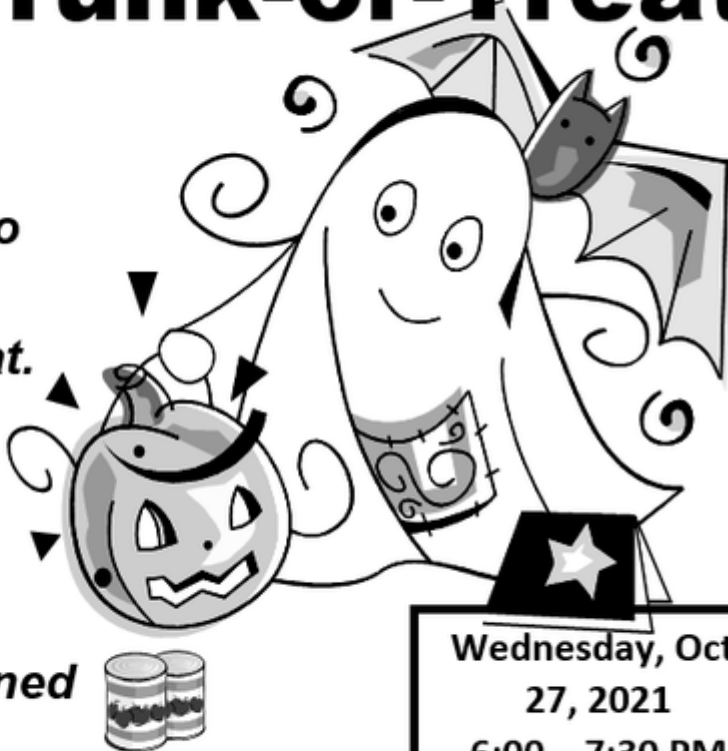




Shawnee Mission West Trunk-or-Treat

**Children in grades
PreK-3rd are invited to
Shawnee Mission
West's Trunk-or-Treat.**

**This event is FREE,
but please bring canned**



SMW student organizations are teaming together to provide
fun activities & treats for this event!

**Wednesday, Oct.
27, 2021**

6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Shawnee Mission West HS
Antioch & 85th Street
South Parking Lot**



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



LATINOS OF TOMORROW



Dates:
September 23
Oct. 7th and 21
Nov. 4th, and 18th
Dec. 2nd and 16th

Room 101
2:45PM - 3:30PM

**New Student
Organization @
West**

Come get involved!
All are welcome!

Questions?

Talk to Ms. E (101) or Ms. Urenda (SS)



Survey Request

Shawnee Mission School District students in the Medical Health Sciences Signature Program are partnering with researchers at the University of Kansas to study the effects of sports specialization on teens and young adults.

Data collection for this project involves a short anonymous survey that the researchers would like to send to your student-athlete, with your permission. This invitation is for any student-athlete, including athletes who might not be involved in fall sport. If you are willing to allow your student athlete(s) to complete this survey, please click on the link provided at the bottom of the attached form.

Thank you.

Dear Parent,

Your student is being invited to participate in a web-based online survey on sport specialization and its associated outcomes. This is a research project being conducted by The University of Kansas Health System and J.P. Darche, MD, a sports medicine physician at the University of Kansas. The survey is being conducted in accordance with local high schools.

It should take your student approximately 10 minutes to complete.

PARTICIPATION

Your student's participation in this survey is voluntary. You may refuse to allow your student to participate in the research, or your student may exit the survey at any time without penalty. Your student is free to decline to answer any particular question they do not wish to answer for any reason.

BENEFITS

Your student will receive no direct benefits from participating in this research study. However, your student's responses may help us learn more about the effects of early sports specialization and how it compares to various psychological outcomes, physical injuries, and other medical complications.

RISKS

There are no foreseeable risks involved in participating in this study other than those encountered in day-to-day life.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Your student's survey answers will be sent to a link at REDCap where data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. REDCap does not collect identifying information such as your student's name, email address, or IP address. Coaches, athletic trainers, teammates, or any school personnel will NOT have access to any of your student's responses. No personally identifiable information (name, birthday, address, etc.) will be collected, ensuring that your student's responses are unidentifiable. If any combination of the data makes your responses identifiable, they will not be reported when the study team publishes.

CONTACT

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact my research assistant, Ezra Goodrich at egoodrich@kumc.edu.

If you feel your student has not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or that your student's rights as a participant in research have not been honored during the course of this project, or you have any questions, concerns, or complaints that you wish to address to someone other than the investigator, you may contact the University of Kansas Medical Center Institutional Review Board by email at humansubjects@kumc.edu.

ELECTRONIC CONSENT: Please click on the link below to provide consent for your student to participate in this study. You may print a copy of this consent form for your records. Clicking on the "YES" button indicates that:

- You have read the above information
- You voluntarily agree to allow your student to participate
- Your student will not share any of their responses or other's responses
- You understand that your student's responses are entirely confidential. Absolutely no coaches, team trainers, team physicians, or school staff will have any form of access to your student's responses.

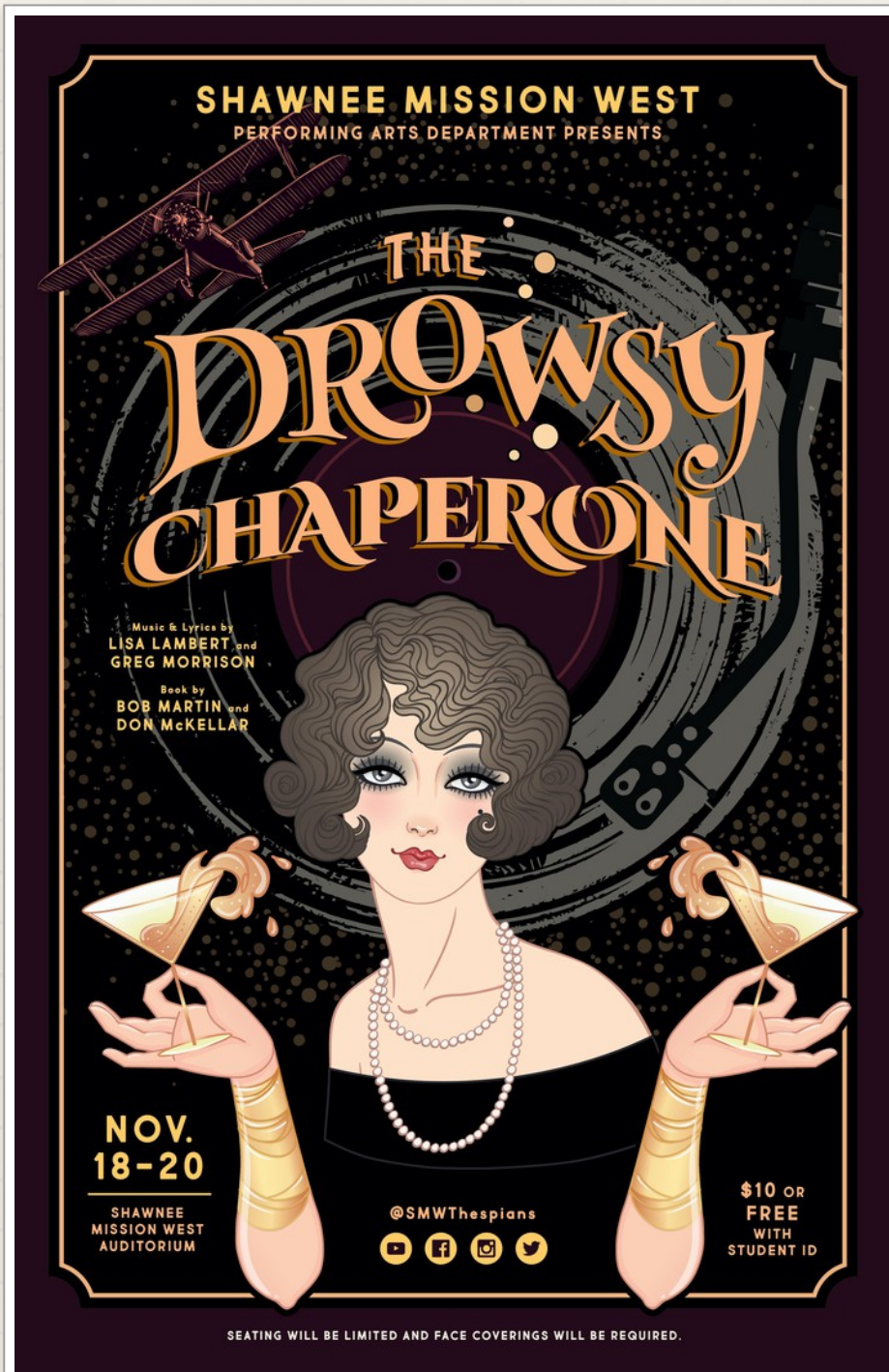
Link for electronic consent: <https://redcap.kumc.edu/surveys/?s=YMKEFC9DBE>



KUMC_SportsMedicine_ParentLetterSurvey for SMORE
newsletter.pdf

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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

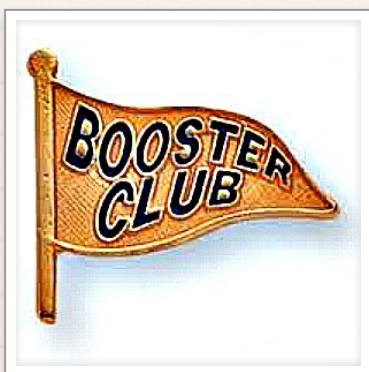
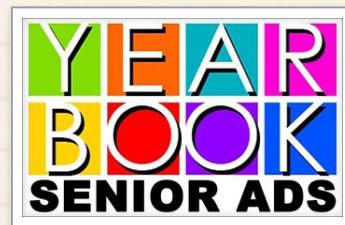
SENIOR PARENTS

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

**5th Block Lunch Schedule**

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

TUESDAY

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

4th Block Lunch Schedule

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

WEDNESDAY

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

5th Block Lunch Schedule

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

THURSDAY

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

4th Block Lunch Schedule

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

FRIDAY

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

5th Block Lunch Schedule

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

SM WEST HS 2021 - 2022 BELL SCHEDULE

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

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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

- Courtney Moffitt - moffitt5some@gmail.com

Membership: Charlotte Wallenburg - mwallenburg@yahoo.com

Secretary: Kristie Orme - kristieremsterorme@gmail.com

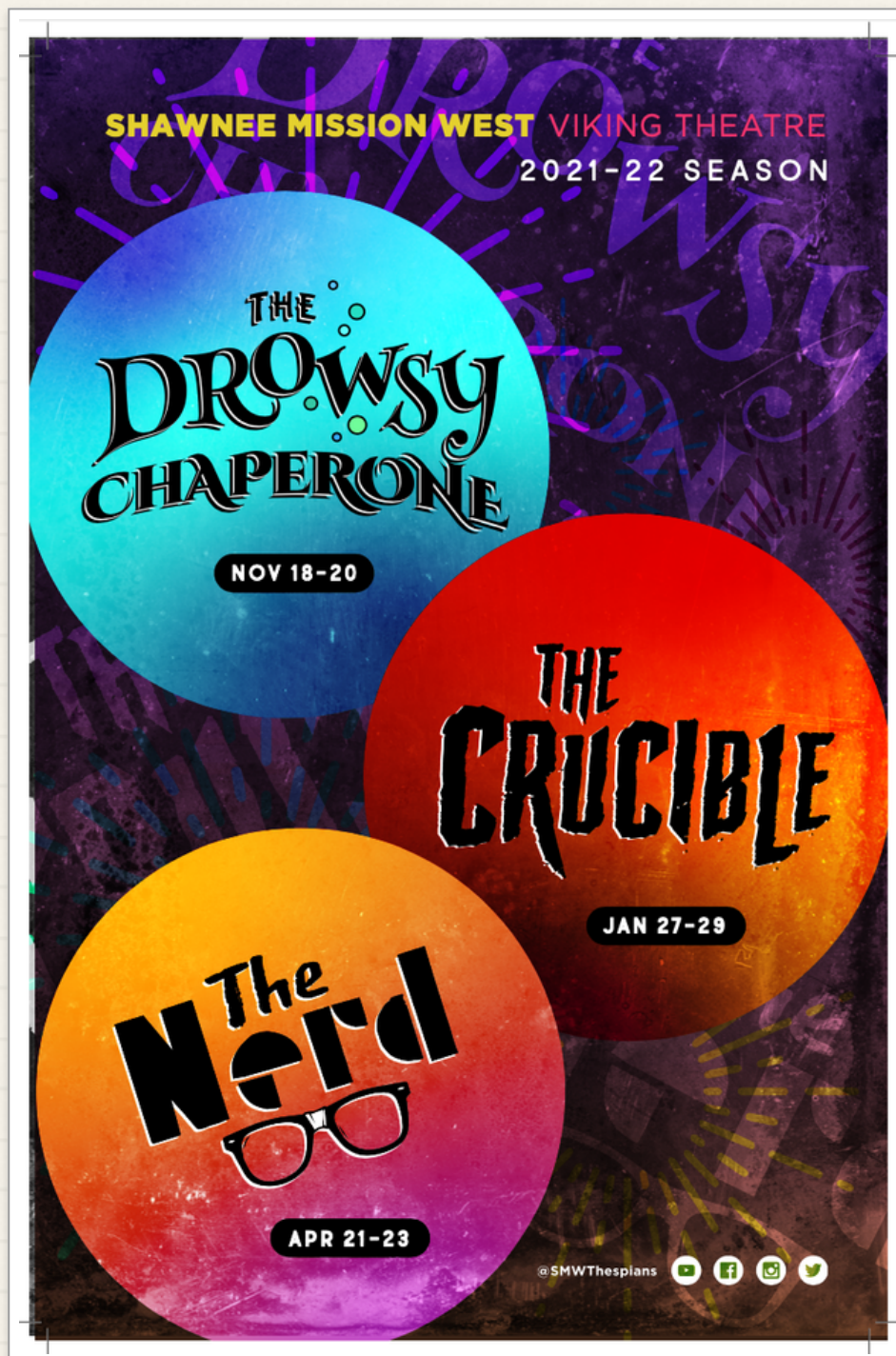
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- Jan Good-Bollinger - jgoodbollinger@gmail.com

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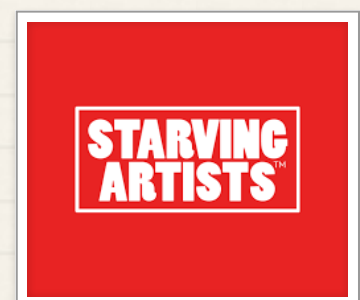
VP Publicity: Jennifer Clevenger - jeninote@clevengerfamily.net



Starving Artists Club

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

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





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,

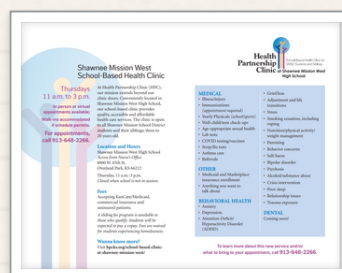
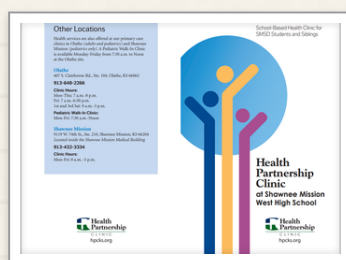
"We basically function as a doctor's office, but in a school building," Falk noted. "Services are available in person or virtual, and walk-ins will be accommodated if the schedule permits. The primary goal is to provide easy, immediate access to quality and affordable health care."

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.)



HPC News Release.pdf



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HPC Brochure English.pdf



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Tardy Policy

Tardy Action Plan 2021-2022:

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

*Every 10th tardy = 1 day of Unexcused Absence



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

993-7845



STUDENT PARKING

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

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

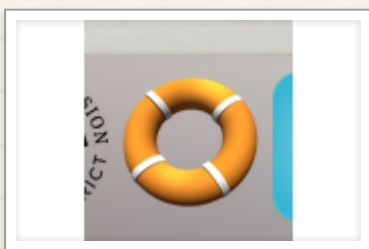
Please remind your student that there are designated staff and student parking areas and they need to make sure they follow all rules and procedures. Security staff will administer tickets for failure to follow rules/procedures.



Parking Registration Form.pdf

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Technology and MacBook Help

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

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

Español:

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

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

- 1) Intente ir al sitio web de SM West para ver el sitio de [Technology Rescue Site](#) (Rescate de tecnología). Este sitio de Google tiene muchas soluciones que los estudiantes pueden hacer en casa para resolver sus problemas de tecnología.

- 2) Ve al icono "Salvavidas" en la barra de tu navegador. Esto te llevará al Servicio de ayuda de SMSD para completar una solicitud de ayuda.

3) SEA PACIENTE. Espere a que un miembro del personal lo llame a la biblioteca para pedir ayuda. Tenga la seguridad de que el personal está trabajando muy duro para satisfacer las necesidades de todos nuestros estudiantes.

SENIOR OPEN LUNCH

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



Only Seniors are given the privilege to leave campus during their lunch time, but each of them need to have a Parent Permission form on file. Parents were sent a Google Form link via email. Please use this link to complete the form for your senior. The email address MUST come from a Parent email and not a student email.

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

Español:

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

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

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



SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE

August - December 2021



The Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA Clothing Exchange offers gently used clothing and shoes from infant to adult sizes. The Exchange is a free service open to those who live within the SMSD boundaries. All are welcome. If school is not in session, the Clothing Exchange is closed. www.smsd.org

SCHEDULE

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

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

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

NEW UNDERWEAR & SOCKS PROGRAM

Each child enrolled in the Shawnee Mission School District can receive 5 new pairs underwear and socks each semester.

Proof of enrollment is required:
Skyward account on phone, letter from the school, student ID card.

HOW TO DONATE & VOLUNTEER

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

LOCATION & CONTACT

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





SMAC PTA CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Agosto - Diciembre 2021



El intercambio de ropa de la PTA del Consejo del Área de la Misión de Shawnee ofrece ropa y zapatos usados con cuidado, desde tallas para bebés hasta adultos. Exchange es un servicio gratuito abierto a quienes viven dentro de los límites de SMSD. Todos son bienvenidos. Si el edificio de la escuela está cerrado, el intercambio de ropa está cerrado. www.smsd.org

Calendario

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

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

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

Nuevo Ropa Interior y Calcetines

Cada niño inscrito en el SMSD puede recibir 5 nuevos pares de ropa interior y calcetines cada semestre. Se requiere comprobante de inscripción: Cuenta Skyward en el telefono o Carta de la escuela.

Como donar y ser voluntario

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

Ubicacion y Contacto:

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



Covid and Masking Update

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

Shawnee Mission Board of Education Approves Updated Mitigation Plan

At the August 5, 2021, special meeting of the Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education, the Board approved

changes to the COVID-19 mitigation plan.

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

The details of the approved plan are included here:

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

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

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

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

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



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



August 5, 2021



MASKING:

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

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



VACCINATIONS:

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



EXCLUSION:

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

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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 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.



The front circle drive buses.

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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!!!

