# SM WEST NEWSLETTER

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#### 913-993-7845

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



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## STAFF DIRECTORY

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

#### **STAFF DIRECTORY**





## **ATHLETIC WEBPAGE**

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

#### West Athletic Page

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

Sunflower League Webpage



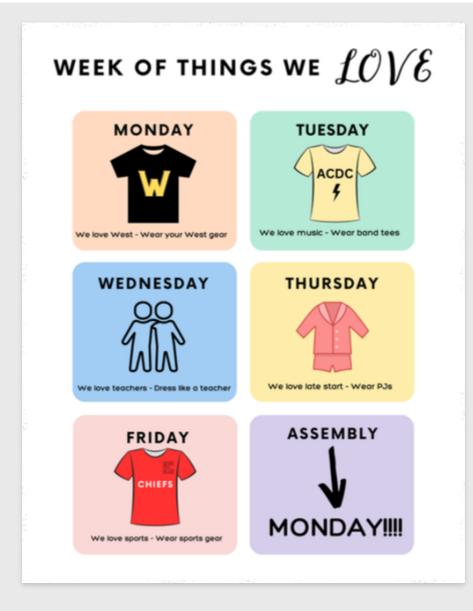


## HEART OF THE WEST WEEK

SM West is excited to celebrate 'Heart of the West' week from Monday, Feb. 27- Friday, Mar 3rd.

Each day is a spirit day and all week long staff members will have surprises for our students in and out of class to celebrate our fabulous West community.

See below for each day's theme:



## FROM OUR SM WEST NURSE

Keeping our Students Healthy

• If your child has an injury like a sprained ankle please be sure to let the Nurses Office know. You can call or email or drop of any discharge paperwork with recommendations.

This will help us to communicate with teachers and make accommodations if needed. We want our students to be safe getting around the school!



- If your child takes a medication as needed for asthma, anxiety, stomach issues etc. and they would like to be able to take these at school—we are happy to keep a supply in the Nurses Office! We just ask that the medication be in a labeled prescription bottle. If needed you can ask the pharmacy to give you an empty labeled bottle for school—they can do this free of charge.
- Again, if your child has been diagnosed or tested positive for Covid or Influenza A or Bthey need to remain at home for 5 days. They may return on Day 6 and are encouraged to wear a mask for 5 days while in school.
- Please reach out with any questions or concerns—sometimes email is the best: <u>kimberlytennissen@smsd.org</u> or <u>aciamorely@smsd.org</u>

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



## **RECENT PTSA MEETING GUEST SPEAKER**

At the most recent February PTSA meeting, we were fortunate to have Kathryn Harter come present on how to support teens through the loss of a loved one or classmate. Both Kathryn Harter and Donna Holmes, our SM West Social Workers, worked to create a Power Point Presentation. Please view the PDF below to view this helpful and powerful presentation.



Supporting Teens.pdf

Download 71.8 KB

## **SM WEST SENIOR SIZZLE**

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



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

Below is a Parking fundraiser, as well as a Dine to Donates for the month of March. March 8 -Noodles and Company, March 22 - Freddy's. Coming soon - Senior Banners and the ever popular Viking Pageant in April!

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

## DIG INTO A DELICIOUS CAUSE... YOURS.

#### Enter offer code GIVING25 at checkout\*

#### Raise your fork to raising funds.

Nourishing our communities is an essential part of our mission at Noodles. And we make it so easy. Dine with us on the evening of your group's event and mention your organization when ordering. You can also order online or use our app:

- · Log in to your Noodles Rewards account
- Place your order and enter offer code Giving25 at checkout.\*
- · Not a member? Join Noodles Rewards today

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Oak Park Mall

March 8, 2023 4-8 pm



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## Escribe el código GIVING25 al momento de pagar\*

#### Toma el tenedor y recoge fondos.

Alimentar a nuestras comunidades es un ingrediente esencial de nuestra misión en Noodles. Y lo simplificamos mucho. Come con nosotros en la noche del evento de tu grupo y menciona el nombre de tu organización cuando hagas tus pedidos. También puedes pedir por Internet o con nuestra aplicación:

- Inicia sesión en tu cuenta de Recompensas de Noodles
- Haz tu pedido y escribe el código Giving25 al momento del pago.\*
- ¿No eres miembro? Suscríbete hoy a Recompensas de Noodles.

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Oak Park Mall 11339 95th St, Overland Park, KS 66214 March 8, 2023 4-8 pm **25%** 

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SMW Senior Sizzle Fundraiser



# **NOODLES FOR GOOD.**

Make sure your fundraising dollars get to the right place.

- 1. On the day of the fundraiser, order your favorites online at noodles.com/order or on our app.
- 2. Once your order is complete, head to checkout.
- 3. Enter code "GIVING25" in coupon code and hit "Apply."
- 4. Look for red check V for confirmation and proceed to checkout.







#### COME ENJOY YOUR FREDDY'S FAVORITES WHILE HELPING A GREAT CAUSE!

### March 22, 2023 4PM-8PM

16300 W 87th St Lenexa, KS 66219

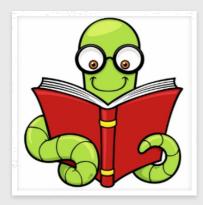
A FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING: SMW Senior Sizzle

Offer valid only on select date(s). Only non-profit organizations are eligible to participate in the Freddy's fundraising program. Freddy's will donate 15% of qualifying food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, catering and delivery are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, email fundraising@freddysusa.com. Applies to orders placed through the Freddy's app, online and in-store.









## WEST READS

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

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

This week we are highlighting SMW Black Student Union, Marlev Battles reads "I Can Read With Mv Eves Shut" bv Dr.

#### Seuss. Here is the video!

Last week we were highlighting SMW Pep Club, Oksana Candelaria reads "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss. <u>Here is</u> <u>the video!</u>

We hope you enjoy this edition and will look forward to future editions.

Thank you.

## MACBOOK/IT - IMPORTANT

An update was pushed out to all devices, requiring all devices to be updated to *13.2.1.* It is essential that all devices are updated before March 2nd. If your device is not updated by March 2nd, then you will be guarantined until the update is completed.



If you need guidance on how to update your device, then please follow the steps in the <u>Update</u> <u>to Ventura Document</u> (thank you Mrs. Stowers) or the <u>ICT Software Updating document.</u> If you are still experiencing issues, then please put in a ticket.

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

#### **ICT Updates**

We want to remind you of a few things now that we are back in the swing of the school year:

- 1. Your MacBook must have the district issued case on it at all times. (Failure to have the cover in place will result in confiscation of the MacBook.)
- 2. Please only carry your MacBook with the screen shut and with both hands to keep the machine secure.

- 3. Do not ever pick up the MacBook by the screen. The LCD is very sensitive and the pressure of your grip will break the screen.
- 4. Keyboard covers should not be used since non-Apple keyboard covers might be too large and can put pressure on the screens and cause damage.
- 5. Please don't leave your MacBook in a car overnight.
- 6. Needed programs can be found on Manager. You will not be able to download programs from the App Store for use on these devices.
- 7. Downloading VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) or other programs that mask your device on the network are a violation of the Responsible Use Policy you have agreed to. Use of these will result in the confiscation of the MacBook and you may MacBook access for the semester/school year for consistent violations.
- 8. Due to the MacBook refresh this summer and the cost of the new hardware, the replacement device cost has gone up. Although, the charger cost has dropped. The incident fees have stayed the same (fees reset in high school).
  - 1. 1st Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$100.00
  - 2. 2nd Incident/Damaged Device fee: \$150.00
  - 3. 3rd and Subsequent Incident/Damage Device fee: Actual cost of repair/replacement or \$300.00 whichever is greater.
  - 4. Apple MacBook Air M1 USB-C Cable Replacement \$19
  - 5. Apple MacBook Air M1 Charger Replacement \$39
  - 6. Apple MacBook Air M1 Adapter Set Replacement \$58
  - 7. Apple MacBook Air M1 Replacement/Lost Device fee \$1,117.95
- If you ever need help or support with your device, please review our Tech Rescue Page (<u>https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/smwtechrescue/tech-issues</u>). If you are still experiencing issues, then you can submit a Web Help Desk Ticket (<u>https://support.smsd.org</u>).

Please reach out if there are any questions or issues. We do work with students and families through this process.



## **JAG-K NEWSLETTER**

Students have wrapped up their local CDC competition or JAG-K games against their fellow JAG peers. Thank you to Coach Lawler, Mr. Charles Bueso, Mrs. Anne Stowers, and the entire Student Services for making the competition a success. First-place winners:

For **Career Development--**Criss Leiva Lopez (Freshman) and Amaya Abron

For **Employability Skills-** -DeMarcus Houston (Junior) and Aiyanna Hightower

For **Financial Literacy--**Phoenix Riesner (Senior) and James Rugley

For **Prepared Speaking**--Avi Leftridge (Junior) and Milton Hernandez

All the best at regionals!

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

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

Thank you



#### Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Application Assistance Event with Kansas Gas Service



#### Johnson County Aging & Human Services Outreach Program will be partnering with Kansas Gas Service to provide LIEAP application assistance\*

#### Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 2 pm

North East Multi-Service Center 6000 Lamar, #200, Mission, KS 66202

#### Please bring the following items:

- Copies of all proof of income for all permanent individuals in the home who are 18 years or older
- Copies of utility bills (gas, electric, propane, wood, etc.)

\*This application assistance outreach is to assist all Kansas customers who may be eligible for federal funds. You do not need to be a Kansas Gas Service customer to attend and receive assistance in completing your application. Clients are required to have at least \$80 in payments within the last 90 days.



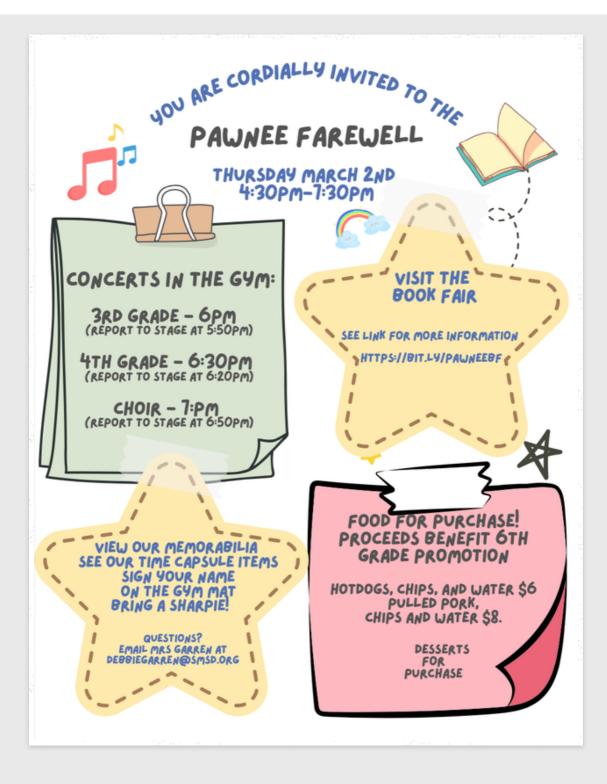
Scan the QR Code here for more information, dates, and eligibility requirements

2023 LIEAP Income Eligibility Guidelines

Number in the Household	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,699
2	\$2,289
3	\$2,879
4	\$3,469
5	\$4,059
6	\$4,649
7	\$5,239
Add \$590 for each	additional person

For more information, please contact the Johnson County Utility Assistance Line at 913-715-6653 Visit www.KansasGasService.com/LIEAP to learn more.

## **PAWNEE FAREWELL**







## HONOR ROLL

Please open the PDF's below to view the Honor Roll Lists for 1st semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.



Excerpt from Handbook - "Shawnee Mission West recognizes academic excellence by placing students on one of two honor rolls: a 3.0 Honor Roll or a Principal's Honor Roll.

To be named to the 3.0 Honor Roll, a student must have a GPA (grade point average) of 3.0 for a minimum of 2.5 credits per semester. The grades of "A", "B", "C", "D" and "F" will be used to calculate the GPA. Grades of "Q", "P", "E", "K", "NG", "WP" or "WF" are not used in the GPA computation formula. A grade of "N", "D", "F", or "I" will eliminate the student from being named to the Honor Roll.

To be named to the Principal's Honor Roll, a student must have a GPA of 4.0 or above and be enrolled in a minimum of 2.5 credits per semester. The grades of "A", "B", "C", "D", and "F" will be used to calculate the GPA. Grades of "Q", "P", "E", "K", "NG", "WP" or "WF" are not used in the GPA computation formula. A grade of "N", "D", "F", or "I" will eliminate the student from being named to the Honor Roll. Students who earn all "A's" will have special designation by an asterisk on any information distributed to the public.

We want to acknowledge all of those students who continue to make learning and achieving a priority. Congratulations to all of those who are recognized on these honor rolls.



## SENIOR BANNER FUNDRAISER

Each year the Senior Sizzle committee sponsors a senior banner fundraiser to help support our Senior Sizzle event.

Now is the time to start ordering a banner for your senior. Please open and print the order form using the PDF below. All forms and payments should be directed to the coordinators of the fundraiser.

2023 Senior Graduation Banner Order Form Show your pride in your SM West Graduating Senior
CONGRATULATIONS Michelle Class of 2023
Order Deadline: Friday April 14
Order early, get your banner sooner! More time to celebrate your graduate.
Each banner is 72" x 18", gold with black print and made of weather-proof material with grommets for hanging outside; customized with your graduate's first name and the two SM West logos on each end as shown above. Order your banner today, and you will be notified when they are available for pick up.
Payment Options: Venmo or Check **Venmo: @smwsenior_sizzle2023 Enter your Seniors first and last name along with SENIOR SIZZLE in the comment section and then email this form to <u>ksanborn19@gmail.com</u> OR
**Check made payable to SM WEST PTSA (please note Senior Sizzle in the memo) along with this order form and send to: Keri Sanborn 15708 W. 86 <sup>th</sup> Street, Lenexa, KS 66219. Questions? Contact Keri Sanborn at 913-558-0400/ ksanborn19@gmail.com
Banner size and price: 72" x 18" - \$40
First name of graduate as you would like it to appear on the banner (please print clearly: uppercase first letter, lowercase to follow, and other punctuation as appropriate).
Graduate Name:
Parent's Name:
Email Address:
Contact phone #: O Check enclosed
Order/Payment DEADLINE: Friday, April 14 All proceeds support Senior Sizzle: a safe drug-free, alcohol-free event for SM West Senior Class.
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SMW Senior Banner - Class of 2023.pdf

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## **STUDENT SERVICES NEWS**

KC Scholars <u>Scholarship</u> for 11TH GRADERS up to \$50,000 What are the eligibility requirements for the Traditional Scholarship?

You must meet all of the following requirements to apply: 1.Be a current 11th grader during the application cycle;



2.Be home-schooled or attend a public, charter, or private high

school in the following six counties: Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte (MO) or Johnson and Wyandotte (KS);

3.Be lawfully present in the U.S. or DACA eligible and DACA applied/approved;

4.Have at least a 2.5 cumulative high school unweighted GPA (five semesters from 9th grade to the fall semester of 11th grade) or at least a 16 on the ACT or at least an 800 on the SAT); and

5.Be considered low- or modest-income. Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculation on the <u>Federal Student Aid Estimator</u> must be 12,000 or less. The calculation is based on household income, number of members in the family, and number of family members that will be in college at the same time. This is the amount of annual financial support a family can be expected to pay toward the student's college education.

How can I apply for the scholarship?

Use this <u>scholarship checklist</u> to walk you step by step through the application process.

KC Scholars <u>College Savings Match</u> for 9TH GRADERS up to \$1,400 Students with 529 College Savings Plans are four times more likely to complete college. Begin saving and planning for college and your path to a more financially secure future.

#### KC Scholars Adult Learner Scholarship for Adults up to \$50,000

There are 281,000 adults with some college and no degree, and 96,000 with an associate's but not bachelor's degree in the six counties that KC Scholars serves. Many of these adults believe they will never have the opportunity to return to and complete their degrees. KC Scholars provides that opportunity. The Adult Learner scholarships are eligible for adults (18+) with a high school diploma or equivalent, or to adults with associates degrees looking to complete a bachelors. Adult learners can receive up to \$10,000 per year for up to five years and can enroll full-time or part-time.

Summer Internship Opportunity - <u>Real World Learning Internship experiences with Webco</u> <u>Manufacturing</u>. This information is for anybody who might be interested or who might know of students who would be interested in this opportunity.

They are currently taking applications for the three sessions listed in the flyer. Interested students can apply using the QR code contained within the flyer.

#### ASVAB Testing Returns To West on February 28th!

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

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

#### https://forms.gle/s6XE24B3d5m4ynpXA

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

#### Register here

Is Social Media harming my teen? Try something new this year. Click this link for helpful tips on how to monitor and limit your teen's use of electronics without having to take it away. <u>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tv-habits.html?ref=search</u> Están las redes sociales perjudicando a mi adolescente? Prueba algo nuevo este año. Haga clic en este enlace para obtener consejos útiles sobre cómo controlar y limitar el uso de dispositivos electrónicos por parte de sus hijos adolescentes sin tener que quitárselos. <u>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tv-habits.html?ref=search</u>

#### SMAC PTA Clothing Exchange

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

#### UMKC Application Fee Waiver

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

Presidential Service Awards: If your student is tracking volunteer hours, please be advised that we are halfway there. Tracking logs are due to Mrs. Holmes in Student Services by the end of March. For reminders about eligibility, please go to <a href="https://presidentialserviceawards.gov/eligibility">https://presidentialserviceawards.gov/eligibility</a>

#### Looking for scholarships?

For a list of upcoming scholarships click here.

#### **College Representative Visits**

For a list of upcoming college representative visits click here.

#### Is your student interested in a possible military career?

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

Amaris Alcantara, Cameron Roberson, Kortez Washington, Jace Morales, Christina Kavira, Dakota Thurber & Dania Ringo represented our West Sources of Strength peer leaders at the 2023 round table. They interacted with peer leaders from other schools and brought back ideas to implement at West.

Sources of Strength is a program to encourage healthy habits and prevent suicide.



## Connected: Addressing Social Media Fatigue and Mental Health



Experts address mental health issues and offer helpful tips to improve generational connection.

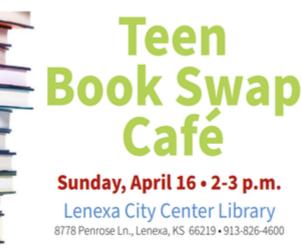
Tuesday Feb. 28, 2023, 6:30 - 8:30





## SMSD PERFORMING ARTS NEWSLETTER

Below is the link to the February Performing Arts newsletter. Please share the link with anyone you think would enjoy reading about PA programs within SMSD. <u>https://my.visme.co/view/1j63qppm-february-2023-pa-</u> <u>newsletter</u> (Best to open in Google Chrome)



Tired of being stuck at home with your old books? Ready for a spring refresh? Bring a stack of books, audiobooks and other media to

swap at the Library! Get to know other members of the book community as you grab a snack, chat and trade new or lightly used books. Teens 12-19 welcome. This program



is trade only – so no selling will be allowed. Limit of 10 books per person to trade. Registration is required; register at jocolibrary.org/events. Registrants will get a free tote to carry all your new books.

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## COMPETITION

Please read more about the KC SuperStar competition. Produced by the Jewish Community Center, KC Superstar is an "American Idol" style event that will award **\$10,000** to the best high school singer in the metropolitan area. Second, Third and Fourth place winners will receive \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000 respectively.

Preliminary auditions for this unique competition are March 26th & 28th at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park KS. We hope you will want to publicize the auditions to your students. In addition to the prizes, KC SuperStar is a great opportunity to audition outside of school and grow as a performer. There is no fee to participate. If your students are interested, they can visit <u>www.kcsuperstar.org</u> to register and get more information.

A brief quote from the mother of one of a finalist "I want you to know that the whole KC SuperStar competition has been the greatest experience for our daughter. She has loved every moment from auditions to practices to the final event. She has made some nice friends... You all have influenced her to work hard and strive for the best she can be. AND I THANK YOU! A lot of people go their whole life without getting an opportunity as such and she understands she is blessed. YOU ALL ARE THE BEST! Many, many thanks!"



## **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

Spring 2023 is the 61st year of the Shawnee Mission School District's Research and Development (R&D) Forum. This year's forum will feature a **Student Showcase** and a live-streamed **Pitch Finals competition** at the Center for Academic Achievement. **Pitch Finals Competition- Info Session on Feb. 2** 



A pitch competition for student innovators will be offered as part of the district's annual R&D Forum. Not only can students win

cash prizes for their Next Great Idea, but they can also receive additional funding to advance their idea.

#### An informational session will be held virtually:

- Time, Date, Place: Webex, at 6 p.m. on February 2
- Who can enter: Any interested student, grades K-12
- What: Learn more about the process.
- How to join: A link to the informational session can be found here.

• **How to apply:** Application information can be found on the <u>R&D webpage</u>. The deadline to apply for the pitch competition is Friday, March 3, 2023. Practice sessions with industry mentors will be scheduled for students who apply to compete.

#### Final Competition and Prizes:

Applicants chosen as finalists will pitch their Next Great Idea to a panel of judges during the morning of April 29, 2023, at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st St. The pitch competition will be live streamed so friends and family can participate as well. Top awards are \$2,500, of which \$1,000 is a cash award to be used by the winner to pursue their passion and education and up to \$1,500 will be awarded as "build it" grants to support making the winner's pitch a reality. A People's Choice category, determined by public voters, will be awarded a \$500 prize. There will also be an Idea of Promise award with a prize of \$500.

The R&D Forum student showcase, with display-only and competitive exhibits will be held in Spring 2023. Students, families, and staff members are encouraged to enter student-created projects, experiments, or art projects to share in this districtwide event. All submissions must be registered and information on how to register can be found<u>online</u>. The deadline to register for the showcase is **Friday, March 24, 2023**.

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

#### SHOWCASE OPEN HOUSE RECEPTIONS

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

#### NEXT GREAT IDEA LIVE PITCH

April 29, 2023:

• Morning - Finalists will present their Next Great Idea to a panel of judges; Public Voting to follow presentations

• Afternoon - Awards ceremony for Showcase Entries, Regnier Award winners, and the Next Great Idea Pitch Competition award winners

#### About the R&D Forum

The Shawnee Mission Research and Development Forum celebrates its 61st year in 2023. It is one of the SMSD's biggest showcases of the year!

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

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Regnier Family for 61 years of generous support for the SMSD R&D Forum.

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



## IMPORTANT REMINDER -ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regular attendance is vital for student success.

• Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year or about 18

• Some absences are unavoidable. We understand that children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. The important thing is to get your children to school as often as possible.

• Sporadic absences, not just those on consecutive days of school, matter. Before you know it

- just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.

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

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

Thank you.

## **ATTENTION STUDENT WRITERS**

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

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







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

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

#### Inclement Weather Announcements If plan A. B. or C is announced, this information

If plan **A**, **B**, or **C** is announced, this information will be shared

<u>Staff and families can receive direct emails, texts, and voice</u> <u>messages.</u> <u>Families can sign up to receive alerts in the manner that works</u> best for them.

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

The main page of the district website

Facebook Twitter Instagram

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

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

#### **Procedimientos**

<u>Si las condiciones hacen necesario que el SMSD cierre las</u> <u>escuelas, el distrito implementará uno de los tres planes: A, B</u> <u>o C.</u>

Haga clic aquí para ver los planes.

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

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

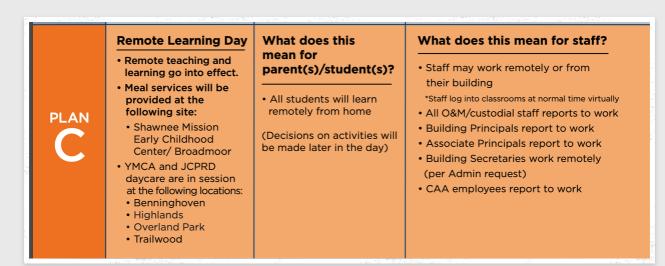
<u>La página principal del sitio web del distrito</u> <u>Facebook</u> Twitter

#### **Instagram**

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

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## FOOD SERVICE, CUSTODIAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL OPENINGS AT SM WEST

West Families,

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

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

#### SMSD PAGE

Thank you for your support.



## INTRODUCING SM WEST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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

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



https://smwest.smsd.org/athletics

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

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

Thank you for taking the time to review the guidelines.



## **MESSAGE FROM FOOD SERVICE**

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

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

#### 22 - 23 School Meals

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

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

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

Families are encouraged to check their student's current food service account balance on School Café -

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

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

Thank you.

## A NOTE FROM MR. LOE

Viking Families:

We need some help from our students and parents.

On Late Start Thursdays, we need for our students to stay on

campus after their bus or a parent drops them off in the morning.

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

Thank you for your help.

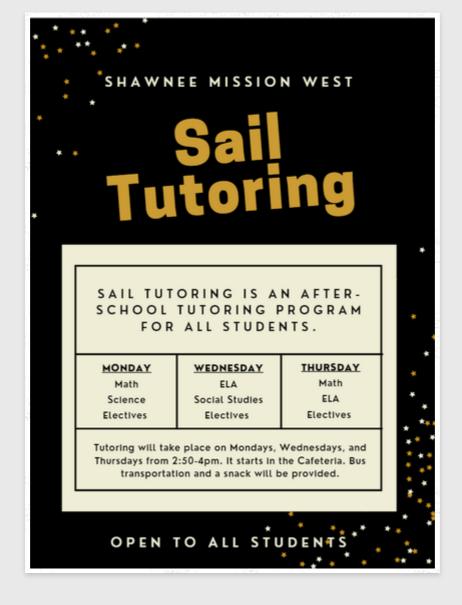


## TUTORING

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

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

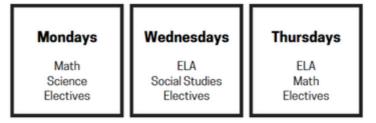






### DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

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



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

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

#### ESTIMADAS FAMILIAS y/o GUARDIANES

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



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

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

## SAIL TUTORING DATES

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

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## **BOOSTER CLUB**

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



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

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



## SM WEST STUDENT COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS

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

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

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

#### \* IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS:

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

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

Thank you for your support.

#### "THE WEST WAY"

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

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

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

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SM West Student Collective Commitments - Google Docs.pdf





#### SOLICITUD DE ALMUERZO GRATUITO **O PRECIO REDUCIDO**

>¿Por qué Aplicar?

Llenar la solicitud de almuerzo gratuito o precio reducido ayuda con más que las comidas. Solicitar y calificar puede beneficiar a las familias y estudiantes en todo el Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission de múltiples maneras.

Para obtener más información y enlaces para aplicar: https://bit.ly/3QaDJwZ.

#### LAS SOLICITUDES QUE CALIFICAN PUEDEN AYUDAR CON:





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## THANK YOU

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

Thank you Southwind Management Inc.



## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE -SIGN UP FOR TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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





## **PARKING PERMITS**

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

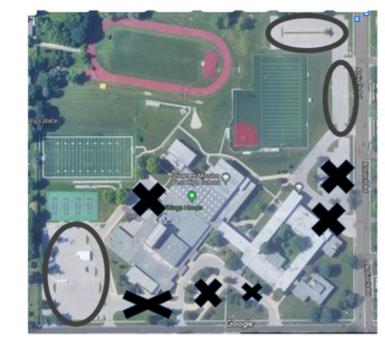
Parking is \$50 for the year.

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



Parking Registration Form.pdf





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

The X's indicate STAFF parking.

Students are excluded from parking in the staff spaces.

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



## PTSA

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

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

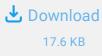
#### PTSA Officers for 2022-2023 academic year:

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

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



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