

# SM WEST NEWSLETTER

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See images below.



## STEP 1

Right click on the page. Find in the box command for "TRANSLATE"



## STEP 2

Click translate and then the 3 dots to "CHOOSE ANOTHER LANGUAGE"



## STEP 3

Choose the language you prefer and hit "DONE". The document will now be in your chosen language. It is not perfect, but a fair representation.

## ATTENDANCE

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



**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.

## 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](#)



## UPDATED BELL SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 5TH-9TH



### 2023 Saga Yearbook SENIOR TRIBUTE

*As the parent of a senior, you have the special opportunity to place a congratulatory tribute for your son or daughter in the 2023 yearbook. Even though the book doesn't come out until May, now is the time to prepare your senior tribute.*

### ONLINE ORDERING

All tribute sales will be [online](#), and you will upload files on the yearbook company website. You can also order a yearbook



here, if you haven't already ordered one.

## ORDERING PROCESS

1. Go to the site for online ordering <https://bit.ly/3cXdGey>.

2. Follow the directions to order your ad, submit photos and pay online.

- We will download the files, design your ad, and contact you with a proof.
- You may also submit your own ad already designed.
- Yearbook staff members take a great deal of pride in personally designing an ad specifically for your student. They are trained to display your photos and message as professionally as possible and to treat your ad as if it were their own.
- If we have any questions, we will contact you.

## DEADLINES

### • early bird price Friday, Oct. 14

\* In order to receive the early bird price, you must pay in full and have your complete ad (including ALL photos) ready by Oct. 14.

### • regular price Friday, Nov. 18

After Nov. 18, we will take ads if space is available.

## SIZES AND PRICES

### Size dimensions early bird price regular price

**1/8 page** (4.1509" x 2.6667") \$75 \$95

**1/4 page** (4.1509" x 5.3333") \$105 \$125

**1/2 page** (8.3175" x 5.3333") \$145 \$165

**full page** (8.3175" x 10.6667") \$225 \$245

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Please submit high quality digital images/scans... a JPEG or PDF in at least 300 ppi.
- Smaller ads will look better with one great photo. Submit two or more photos for larger ads (five for a 1/2 page ad, no more than 10 for a full page).

## QUESTIONS?

**Yearbook staff contact:** [smwyearbookstaff@gmail.com](mailto:smwyearbookstaff@gmail.com)

Yearbook adviser: Amy Morgan [amymorgan@smsd.org](mailto:amymorgan@smsd.org) or 913-993-7911

**Thank you for your support of the 2023 yearbook!**



Please open the PDF below for additional hints/visual directions.



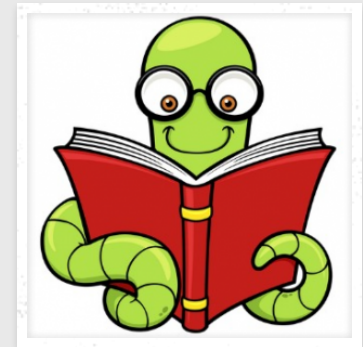
2023 SENIOR TRIBUTE (ads) - Google Docs.pdf

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## WEST READS

SM West is so very excited to introduce our first "West Reads" for the 2022-2023 academic year. This program actually began last year, but there has been such enthusiasm, we wanted to share with our whole community that receives the newsletter.



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.

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

This Week:

This week we are highlighting our National Honors Society! Junior, Samantha Pedrigi reads "A Visitor for Bear" by Bonnie Becker. [Here is the video!](#)  
Please be on the lookout for next week's video!

Thank you.



## HOMECOMING

West has many things planned for this year's homecoming. To start off there is a pep assembly on Monday, Sept. 12th at 10:00am. Voting will then take place to choose the Top 12 King and Top 12 Queen candidates (Results will be published in this newsletter.) Theme for the pep assembly is "Elements" - see image below.

The Homecoming parade will occur on Thursday, Sept. 29th. An updated bell schedule for that day will be published here. We hope our student clubs and organizations work to create some fun and engaging floats.

The Homecoming game will be at SM South stadium on Friday, Sept. 30th. Homecoming royalty will be presented at half time and the King, Queen, and the Court will be announced.

The Homecoming dance will occur on Saturday, Oct. 1st at SM West. More details about the dance will come soon from our SM West Student Council. If your student is wanting to invite someone that does not attend West, there is a Guest Contract that needs to be completed. All guests must be at least 9th grade and no older than 20 years of age. Please print the Contract from the PDF below or get a copy from the front office to complete. Read the directions carefully because the guests will need their school administrator to sign the form.

SKO' VIKES



**ARE  
YOU  
READY...**



**FACULTY AND  
STAFF:  
SPACE**

**WEAR PURPLE OR BLACK**



**FRESHMEN-AIR**  
WEAR WHITE/GREY



**SOPHOMORES:  
WATER**

**WEAR BLUE**



**JUNIORS:  
EARTH**  
WEAR BROWN OR GREEN



**SENIORS:  
FIRE**  
WEAR RED, ORANGE,  
OR YELLOW





Shawnee Mission West Marching Band

# Flower Sale

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9am to 2pm

Shawnee Mission West, Antioch Parking Lot

8" Potted Mums selling for \$12 each

*\*While Quantities and Colors Last*

Proceeds will go toward the band's expenses for their November 2022 trip to march in the **Hollywood Christmas Parade** in Los Angeles, CA!



## 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>





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2022

2023

# SM WEST

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEP.  
02

### COUGAR HUNT

AWAY @ SMN  
VS. SMNW

SEP.  
30

**NEON**  
HOMECOMING GAME  
HOME @ SMS  
VS. SME

SEP.  
09

### WHITE OUT

AWAY @ MILL VALLEY  
VS. MILL VALLEY

OCT.  
07

**PINK OUT**  
HOME @ SMS  
VS. OLATHE NORTH

SEP.  
16

### GOLD RUSH

HOME @ SMS  
VS. SMS

OCT.  
14

### BLACK OUT

SENIOR NIGHT  
HOME @ SMS  
VS. ONW

SEP.  
23

### TROPICAL

AWAY @ ODAC  
VS. OLATHE SOUTH

OCT.  
21

**COUNTRY**  
AWAY @ LHS  
VS. LAWERNCE HIGH SCHOOL

# #NORDIC NASTIES

# JUNIOR VIKING CHEER CAMP

**COME CHEER WITH US!  
ALL K-8TH STUDENTS  
WELCOME!**

**Camp: October 6th  
Game Performance: October 7th**



**PRE-REGISTER  
BY 9/22**



Junior Vikings Cheer Clinic Football FALL 2022.pdf

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**Repeat Information**





## SCHEDULE UPDATE

## BELL SCHEDULE

Below you will find the current bell schedule. Classes begin promptly at 7:40am on Mon., Tue., Wed., and Friday.

Please remember that Thursday are Late Start days.

Classes begin for students when the bell rings at 8:50 on Thursdays.

Busses will continue to run their normal routes and students that arrive before 8:30 will be asked to stay in the cafeteria, gym or on the bridge until they are released to class around 8:40.

Week of Sept 5-Sept 9

Mon. 9/5 – Labor Day NO SCHOOL


Tue. 9/6 – Even Day – Blocks 2, 8, 4, and 6

Wed. 9/7 – Odd Day – Blocks 1, 3, 5, and 7

Thurs. 9/8 – Even Day (Late Start) Blocks 2, 8, 4, and 6

Fri. 9/9 – Odd Day – Blocks 1, 3, 5, and 7

Thank you for continuing to talk with your students about the importance of being on time in the morning and to each class.



**MONDAY**

1 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:40 - 8:30	50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:35 - 9:25	50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	9:30 - 10:20	50
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:25 - 11:15	50
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:20 - 12:50	55
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:55 - 1:45	50
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:50 - 2:40	50

**5<sup>th</sup> Block Lunch Schedule**

Lunch A	11:20 - 11:50
Lunch B	11:50 - 12:20
Lunch C	12:20 - 12:50

**TUESDAY**

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Block Lunch Schedule**

Lunch A	10:55 - 11:25
Lunch B	11:45 - 12:15
Lunch C	12:30 - 1:00

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Block Lunch Schedule**

Lunch A	10:55 - 11:25
Lunch B	11:45 - 12:15
Lunch C	12:30 - 1:00

**THURSDAY**

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Block Lunch Schedule**

Lunch A	10:55 - 11:25
Lunch B	11:45 - 12:15
Lunch C	12:30 - 1:00

**FRIDAY**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Block Lunch Schedule**

Lunch A	10:55 - 11:25
Lunch B	11:45 - 12:15
Lunch C	12:30 - 1:00

(Late Start Schedule)

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## 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
<b>SAFE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect personal space</li> <li>Comply with emergency procedures</li> <li>Be where you're supposed to be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect others' personal space and property</li> <li>Clean up spills or report large spills to a supervisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep moving</li> <li>Be aware of your surroundings and report any problems</li> <li>Keep lockers secure</li> <li>Respect personal space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sit in assigned location</li> <li>Maintain clear aisles</li> <li>Cooperate with security and staff, especially during emergencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk directly to your bus</li> <li>Remain seated</li> <li>Maintain a reasonable volume level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be on time</li> <li>Be prepared</li> <li>Be an active learner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear your table and area of all items</li> <li>Place all utensils and trays in the correct location</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate positive Viking Spirit</li> <li>Comply with the facility rules and regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect all of your belongings including trash</li> <li>Be on time to your bus stop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use proper netiquette</li> <li>Follow copyright guidelines</li> <li>Cite sources to identify ownership of intellectual property</li> </ul>
<b>RESPECTFUL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow all directions</li> <li>Be considerate of others</li> <li>Follow the "Black and Gold Rule"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speak politely to staff and peers</li> <li>Use conversational voice volume level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain an appropriate voice level</li> <li>Use positive language</li> <li>Follow the "Black and Gold Rule"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give full attention to presenter or event</li> <li>Respect participants and other fans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have your ID ready</li> <li>Speak appropriately to driver and peers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate appropriate care and use of materials and equipment</li> <li>Charge device daily</li> <li>Use device for educational and school purposes only</li> <li>Evaluate databases, apps, &amp; websites for content, credibility, relevance, validity, and bias</li> </ul>

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



SM West Student Collective Commitments - Google Docs.pdf

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SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

# Sail Tutoring

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

**MONDAY**

Math  
Science  
Electives

**WEDNESDAY**

ELA  
Social Studies  
Electives

**THURSDAY**

Math  
ELA  
Electives

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

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

SHAWNEE MISSION WEST

# Tutoría SAIL

SAIL TUTORING ES UN  
PROGRAMA DE TUTORÍA  
DESPUÉS DE LA ESCUELA PARA  
TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES.

<u>Lunes</u>	<u>Miércoles</u>	<u>Jueves</u>
Matemáticas	ELA (Inglés)	ELA (Inglés)
Ciencias	Historia	Matemáticas
Materias Electivas	Materias Electivas	Materias Electivas

Las tutorías se llevarán a cabo los lunes, miércoles y  
jueves de 2:50 a 4:00 p. m. Comienza en la Cafetería.  
Se proporcionará transporte en autobús y un refrigerio.

ABIERTO A TODAS LAS ESTUDIANTES

## DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

We are pleased to announce that our SAIL Tutoring will begin on September 26th, 2022. SAIL Tutoring is an after-school 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.

### **Mondays**

Math  
Science  
Electives

### **Wednesdays**

ELA  
Social Studies  
Electives

### **Thursdays**

ELA  
Math  
Electives

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.

### Lunes

Matemáticas  
Ciencias  
Materias Electivas

### Miércoles

ELA (Inglés)  
Historia  
Materias Electivas

### Jueves

ELA (Inglés)  
Matemáticas  
Materias Electivas

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

Hay un autobús disponible después de las sesiones 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

## -JULY-

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## -AUGUST-

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## -NOVEMBER-

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## -JANUARY-

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## -FEBRUARY-

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

## FECHAS DEL PROGRAMA DE TUTORIA SAIL

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Esperamos que todos los estudiantes aprovechen esta oportunidad de tutoría gratuita. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en ponerse en contacto con la Sra. Capper a [kelleycapper@smsd.org](mailto:kelleycapper@smsd.org)

## BILINGUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

¡Hola familias Viking!

SMSD está organizando su segunda noche de regreso a clases (noche de recursos) bilingüe (español y inglés). Todas las organizaciones que asisten cuentan con personal y recursos bilingües para ayudar a la familia con los registros de vacunación, Skyward, becas y muchos otros temas. ¿Preguntas?

Envíe un correo electrónico a [Elizabeth Ault](mailto:Elizabeth.Ault@smsd.org).

Hello Viking Families!

SMSD is hosting their second bilingual in Spanish back to school night (resource night). All organizations attending will have bilingual resources and staff to assist you with vaccination records, Skyward, scholarships, and many other important topics. Questions? Please email [Elizabeth Ault](mailto:Elizabeth.Ault@smsd.org).



## SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

Please view the images below for more information about suicide prevention.

# Suicide Prevention

Suicide is an international problem and a major public health concern. Suicide claims approximately 1 million lives worldwide each year, resulting in one suicide every 40 seconds. There is an estimated 10 to 20 suicide attempts per each completed suicide, resulting in several million suicide attempts each year.

Risk factors remain essentially the same from country to country. Mental illness, substance abuse, previous suicide attempts, hopelessness, access to lethal means, recent loss of loved ones, unemployment and vulnerability to self-harm are just a few examples of risk factors.

Protective factors are also the same in all corners of the world. High self-esteem, social connectedness, problem-solving skills, supportive family and friends are all examples of factors that buffer against suicide and suicidal behaviors.

## Warning Signs

- Increased **substance use** (alcohol or drug)
- No reason for living; no sense of **purpose** in life
- **Anxiety**, agitation, unable to sleep or sleeping all of the time
  - Feeling **trapped** - like there's no way out
- **Withdrawal** from friends, family and society
- Rage, uncontrolled **anger**, seeking revenge
- Acting **reckless** or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking

## Ways to start a conversation about suicide:

- I have been feeling concerned about you lately.
- Recently, I have noticed some differences in you and wondered how you are doing.
- I wanted to check in with you because you haven't seemed yourself lately.

## Questions you can ask:

- Did something happen that made you start feeling this way?
- How can I best support you right now?
- Have you thought about getting help?



## What you can say that helps:

- You are not alone in this. I'm here for you.
- I may not be able to understand exactly how you feel, but I care about you and want to help.

## Ask the question directly!

- Are you thinking about killing yourself?
- Have you had thoughts of suicide?



## Ways to Help

### DO

- Be aware. Learn the warning signs.
- Get involved. Become available.
- Show interest and support.
- Ask if he/she is thinking about suicide.
- Be direct. Talk openly and freely about suicide.
- Be willing to listen. Allow for expression of feelings. Accept the feelings.
- Offer hope that alternatives are available.
- Reach out.

### DON'T

- Dare him/her to do it.
- Give advice by making decisions for someone else to tell them to behave differently.
- Ask 'why'. This encourages defensiveness.
- Offer sympathy.
- Act shocked. This creates distance.
- Be sworn to secrecy. Seek support.
- Offer reassurance; it only proves you don't understand.
- Be judgmental. Don't debate whether suicide is right or wrong, or feelings are good or bad. Don't lecture on the value of life.

### Crisis Resources:

In an emergency: 9-1-1

Johnson County Mental Health Center:

Immediate Help: 913-268-0156

To Access Services: 913-826-4200

National Hotline:

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK

### Other Helpful Resources:

[www.afsp.org/about-afsp](http://www.afsp.org/about-afsp)

[www.jocogov.org/suicideprevention](http://www.jocogov.org/suicideprevention)

[www.facebook.com/JOCOMNH](http://www.facebook.com/JOCOMNH)

**Suicide is preventable, help is available.**



JOHNSON COUNTY  
SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION



## PTSA MEETING - SEPT. 12TH

Our SM West PTSA has four meetings each year. All parents, students and staff in our community are welcome to attend. The first meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7pm in the SM West library.

Our guest speaker will be the SM West Real World Counselor, Tommie Davis. Mr. Davis will be talking about how West continues to help students with their Individual Plans of Study and the opportunities for them to gain Market Value Assets.

If you are not able to attend in person we will use the link below for you to view the live meeting:

<https://smsd.webex.com/meet/jennifersilverstein>

Immediately following the PTSA meeting, the Senior Sizzle committee will be meeting. We'd love anyone interested in helping make this year a success for our seniors. Please come

or email Jennifer Cairns, Senior Sizzle Chairperson.  
[jencairns@yahoo.com](mailto:jencairns@yahoo.com).



## PTSA REFLECTIONS

Each year the National PTSA organization sponsors a Reflections contest. Students are able to submit original works in a variety of areas (literature, dance choreography, music composition, film production, photography, and visual arts). Theme this year is "Show Your Voice".

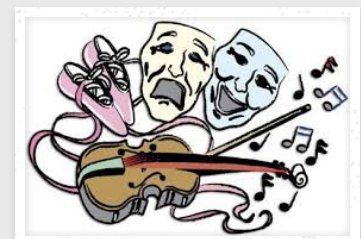
For information and for an entry form to be sent to you, please email: [smwreflections@yahoo.com](mailto:smwreflections@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your interest and participation.

The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section has a red background with a silhouette of a person shouting into a megaphone. The megaphone's cone is filled with the words 'SHOW YOUR VOICE' in white, slanted text. Above this, the National PTA Reflections logo is visible. Below the megaphone, it says 'Entries due October 17'. The right section has a light yellow background. At the top, it says '2022-2023' in red. Below that, 'CALL FOR ENTRIES!' is written in large, bold, dark red letters. Underneath, 'SHOW YOUR VOICE!' is written in large, bold, light brown letters. A line of text says 'Learn more and get involved!' in red. Below that, a line of text says 'For information on entry requirements for each category and an entry form email: [smwreflections@yahoo.com](mailto:smwreflections@yahoo.com)' in green. Then, 'EXPLORE THE ARTS AND EXPRESS YOURSELF!' is written in dark red. At the bottom, there are six circular icons representing different art categories: Dance Choreography (a person dancing), Film Production (a video camera), Literature (a book), Music Composition (a musical note), Photography (a camera lens), and Visual Arts (a paint palette). Each icon has its category name written below it in small capital letters.

## SMSD PERFORMING ARTS NEWSLETTER

So many exciting news from the SMSD Performing Arts Program. Please use this link for the first edition for this school year. Please open with Google Chrome.



<https://my.visme.co/view/q68exvkq-august-2022-pa-newsletter>



## FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

### Why Apply?

Filling out the Free or Reduced Lunch Application helps with more than meals. Applying and qualifying can benefit families and students across the Shawnee Mission School District in multiple ways.

For more info and links to apply:  
<https://bit.ly/3QaDJwZ>

### QUALIFYING APPLICATIONS CAN HELP WITH:



Food Service Department  
6701 West 83rd Street  
Overland Park, KS 66204  
(913) 993-9710  
[www.smsd.org](http://www.smsd.org)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## SCHOOL FUNDING

Increased state and federal money for staff and school resources at your child's school.

## REDUCED FEES

Eligible families may receive free/reduced instructional resources and Pre-K enrollment fees.



## TRANSPORTATION

Families may qualify for free/reduced transportation. Consent document must be completed.

## DISCOUNTS

Discounts on college application fees and on SAT, ACT, and AP testing fees.



## BROADBAND ACCESS

Discounts to improve internet and technology access in the home.



## 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.





## SM WEST YARD SIGN SALE

Each year our volleyball team's main fundraiser is taking and fulfilling orders for SM West Yard Signs. These yard signs are a way for families to showcase the amazing things your student does here at West.

Families can order the Yard sign itself, and then choose a variety of rider plaques to hang below the sign to highlight your students involvement in athletics, clubs, and organizations.

There is a picture below as well as the PDF order form that you can print.

Due Date is September 12th.

All payment and orders should be sent to the volleyball parent volunteer listed on the order form.



**\*\*DUE DATE SEPTEMBER 12\*\* SHAWNEE MISSION WEST**

Yard Sign Order Form

<b>Yard Signs</b>	18"x18" sign on white PVC	\$45 for Yard Sign (includes 1 rider)
<b>Riders</b>	3"x18" white PVC	\$8 for Each Additional Rider

Riders are available for any school activity  
Also comes with: Steel T-bar stake & "S" hooks

Rider Examples:

ANIME CLUB	COSTUME CREW	HOCKEY	STUCO
BAND	CROSS COUNTRY	HONORS	STUDENT COUNCIL
BASEBALL	DANCE	JAZZ BAND	SWIMMING
BASKETBALL	DANCE TEAM	JOURNALISM	TENNIS
BOWLING	DEBATE	LACROSSE	THEATER
CHAMBER CHOIR	DIVING	NAHS	THESPIAN CLUB
CHEER	DRAMA	NEWSPAPER	TRACK
CHEERLEADER	DRILL TEAM	NHS	Varsity Cheer
CHEERLEADING	DRUM LINE	ORCHESTRA	VIDEO PRODUCTION
CHOIR	DRUM MAJOR	PHOTOGRAPHY	VOLLEYBALL
CLASS OF 2023	FCA	SENIOR	WINTERGUARD
CLASS OF 2024	FOOTBALL	SOCCER	WRESTLING
CLASS OF 2025	FORENSICS	SOFTBALL	YEARBOOK
CLASS OF 2026	GOLF	STATE CHAMPS	(OR CUSTOM)

Circle selection above or write custom here: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECT OPTION:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Sign w/1 rider \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> Rider ONLY x 1 \$8
<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Sign w/2 rider \$53	<input type="checkbox"/> Rider ONLY x 2 \$16
<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Sign w/3 rider \$61	<input type="checkbox"/> Rider ONLY x 3 \$24
<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Sign w/4 rider \$69	<input type="checkbox"/> Rider ONLY x 4 \$32
<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Sign w/5 rider \$77	<input type="checkbox"/> Rider ONLY x 5 \$40

**Please make checks payable to SW West Volleyball**  
Cash also accepted; Venmo - @Janet-Walbert

If using Venmo, please email the order form to Janet Walbert - [cqwmom@gmail.com](mailto:cqwmom@gmail.com)

Please mail order form and payment to:  
Janet Walbert  
8412 Harbinger St.  
Lenexa, KS 66219

Questions?: Contact, Janet Walbert  
913-530-7858  
[cqwmom@gmail.com](mailto:cqwmom@gmail.com)

**Orders must be received by April 8th**  
Estimated delivery for orders received by 9/12/22 is by month end  
Orders received after 9/12/22 will be processed in the second order sometime in December



West Yard Signs pdf order.pdf

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## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - SIGN UP FOR TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

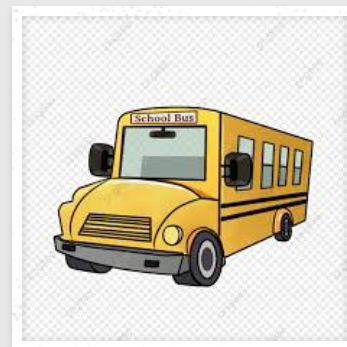
In the event there are times throughout the year when routes are running late and

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: <https://my.textcaster.com/asa/2795> 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.

## FROM OUR SM WEST NURSE

Immunizations!

If your student is 16 years old, they will need an immunization. A second dose of Meningococcal vaccine—also known as Menactra or Menveo is due.

A word to the wise, don't wait to have this done. The official due date is October 13th!!

Students who don't have immunizations done on time will need to be sent home until the immunization is given and documentation given to the Nurse Office.

Email immunization records to: [aciamorley@smsd.org](mailto:aciamorley@smsd.org)



I wanted to reach out to let you know that this year we have some new guidelines for Covid that are a little different than last year.

This year the CDC no longer recommends that students quarantine or stay home from school due to Covid exposure. However, should your student begin to have symptoms and test positive then they would need to remain home.

- If students test positive—Day 0 is test day and then they are out for 5 days
- Day 6—may return if no ongoing symptoms and no fever in the previous 24 hours
- Day 6-10—highly recommended and encouraged to mask

I know there has been a lot of changes around recommendations and Covid the last several years, so wanted to be sure to let you know the current recommendations. For more information please check out the link below:

<https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/health-services/coronavirus-or-covid-19-information>

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](mailto:kimberlytennissen@smsd.org)



## PICTURE RETAKES

The image below contains information about our picture day that occurred on Monday of this week, as well as how to order pictures.

There is also information about pictures retakes and Senior Picture Day.

# SM WEST IT'S ALMOST PICTURE DAY

In order to be included in the 2023 Saga yearbook, students must have a photo taken by Inter-State Studio. You do not have to purchase any photos in order to be in the yearbook.

## GRADES 9, 10, 11

Yearbook photos and ID card photos will be taken **Monday, Aug. 15.**

- 9th grade will go with English classes
- 10th and 11th grades will go when they pick up MacBooks

### ORDERING INFORMATION

- Pre-order photos by visiting [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order).
- Use order code **69608MF**
  - Online ordering is also available after picture day.

## SENIORS

• ID card photos will be taken **Monday, Aug. 15** when you pick up your MacBook.

• Senior yearbook photos will be taken **Tuesday, Aug. 23 and Wednesday, Aug. 24** during your English class.

Traditionally, students dress up a bit for senior yearbook pictures.

### ORDERING INFORMATION

Seniors will get proofs with ordering information from Inter-State Studio.

## PICTURE DAY DETAILS

- You may wear a mask in your photo if you are more comfortable doing so.
- Sunglasses, hats and hoods are not allowed in photos. Religious head coverings may be worn.
- Portraits will be used in the 2023 yearbook and for student ID cards. If you miss picture day, you will need to get an ID from the office.

**Retakes and last chance photos for all grade levels will be Wednesday, Oct. 19.**

## 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.

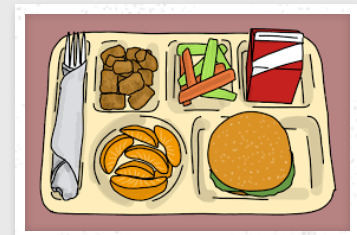
### 22 - 23 School Meals

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 [Food Service web](#) .

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.



## 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.

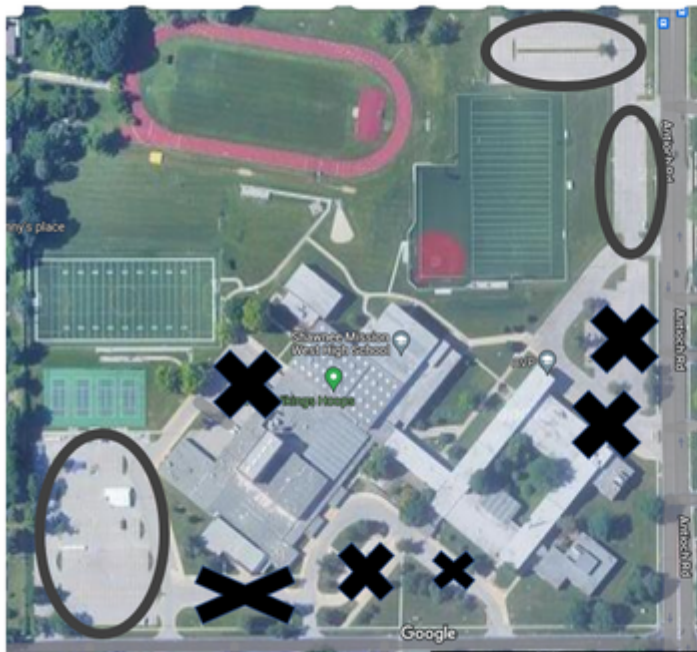
Also included is a map of West parking.



Parking Registration Form.pdf

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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.

Shawnee Mission West **VIKING THEATRE**  
2022-23 SEASON

November 17-19

**HOW TO  
SUCCEED IN  
BUSINESS  
WITHOUT  
REALLY TRYING**

February 2-4

**THE  
LARAMIE  
PROJECT**

April 20-22

**ONE MAN,  
TWO  
GUVNORS**

@SMWThesplans



## 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:**

**Sept. 12, Nov. 14, Feb. 13 and April 10.**

Each of the meetings will have reports from staff and PTSA committees and many times guest speakers are invited. Please consider volunteering to lead a committee. The PTSA needs leaders for the following committees:

- **Nurses Pantry** - Help coordinate donations of supplies of feminine hygiene products
- **Royalty** - Coordinate the presentation of Top 12 Candidates for Homecoming and Sweetheart Royalty at their respective games.
- **Senior Sizzle** - Team members are needed to lead the drug/alcohol free event for seniors and the fundraising efforts to pay for this event - including Mr. Viking
- **Safe Trick or Treat** - coordinate an activity for our annual event sponsored by FCCLA
- **SMAC Clothing Center** - help gather and work at the Shawnee Mission Clothing Center once or twice during the school year at West's assigned time
- **Staff Appreciation** - a team is needed to help coordinate staff appreciation events including conference meals, and teacher appreciation week.
- **Teacher Grants** - lead a small group to solicit and review applications for teacher grants in SM West and award small monetary grants
- **Unified Sports** - help coordinate the inclusion of unified sports activities with some of our students including Unified basketball and Unified Bowling.

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

Co-Presidents: [Jessica Leslie](#) and [Sean Campion](#)

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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# OVERLAND PARK POLICE EXPLORERS





JOIN THE OPPD  
EXPLORERS  
FIRST MEETING

6:30 PM THURSDAY SEPT. 22ND

SANDERS JUSTICE CENTER  
12400 FOSTER STREET  
OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS 66213

SCAN QR CODE FOR  
MORE DETAILS

OFFICER BUELT  
913-890-1393



### Police Explorer Student Announcement

Students, do you have an interest in the criminal justice system? Have you ever thought of becoming a police officer? Do you love Live PD???? The Overland Park Police Department has an Explorer program that will give you an insight into the world of law enforcement and criminal justice. Please join us at our open house, Thursday, September 22nd at the Overland Park Police Department's Sanders Justice Center.

The open house will be located at 12400 Foster Street and will begin at 6:30 PM. Please see your School Resource Officer for more details.



## FOOD SERVICE POSITIONS OPEN AT WEST

### West Families

Our Food Service Department has immediate openings for workers. If you are looking for a job, please consider becoming part of the West staff and join our food service team.



## > JOIN OUR SMSD TEAM! FOOD SERVICE POSITIONS --- NOW OPEN!

- > SCHOOL HOURS (no evenings or weekends and summers off)
- > PAID HOLIDAYS
- > HEALTH INSURANCE
- > RETIREMENT PLAN
- > UNIFORM ALLOWANCE
- > PAID SICK LEAVE



Help our students achieve unlimited possibilities! Apply today at [www.smsd.org](http://www.smsd.org)



SMW Outside Guest Dance Contract - Google Docs.pdf

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