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SMNW Fee Payment Dates

2013 - 2014 fee payment dates are Monday, July 29 and Tuesday, July 30. It is very important for students to attend one of these sessions to pay required fees, pick up their schedules, and receive their student ID cards. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors also have their yearbook photos taken at this time. Session times and other details will follow. See you there!

From the President

Summer is here! So many of our everyday routines continue regardless of the season - working, taking classes, traveling, sports conditioning, caregiving, entertaining, planning, and living. Whatever your plans include, make the most of them, and have a little fun! PTSA exists to support students, parents, staff, and SMNW overall, and we’re already busy making plans for the upcoming school year. We’re working diligently to make sure you have open lines of communication with Northwest, even during the summer months.

Please look for the volunteer form on page 11 of this newsletter and consider giving an hour or two of your time to assist with one of the activities PTSA sponsors. You can volunteer to help with a one-time event, serve behind the scenes, or lead a committee. Your participation is welcome and appreciated!

Visit www.smnwptsa.org for newsletters, contact information, and PTSA forms. If you’d like to help improve the website and make it more user friendly, and more functional, please let me know ... this is an area that needs attention!

PTSA membership fees and class funds are PTSA’s only source of income, so as you plan for this year’s fee payment process, please include PTSA in your budgeting! Memberships are \$10 each. By joining PTSA at SMNW, you are a member of Kansas PTA and National PTA as well. Links to these sites are available at www.smnwptsa.org; you should peruse them for useful information and member benefits available to you. PTSA dues and PTSA class funds are separate from school fees (including activity fees, class dues, and course fees), and because of school district restrictions cannot be paid online in conjunction with school fees.

You are always welcome to contact me or any member of the PTSA board with any question or concern. We will either have an answer, or assist you in finding one!

Have a safe and healthy summer, and don’t forget to have some fun! Enjoy!

Marianne D’Amato, SMNW PTSA President
marianne@magnaplus.com, 913.268.1278

SMNW Calendar

June

- 10 Session 1 Summer School starts, SMNW
- 14 Office closed for the summer; reopens July 15

July

- 15 Northwest office opens
- 25 Counselors back
- 29 **Fee Payment: Freshmen 8-11:30am, Juniors 11:30AM-3PM**
- 30 **Fee Payment: Sophomores 8-11:30AM, Seniors 11:30AM-3:00PM**

August

- 6 Last day to make schedule change appointments
- 12 **First day of school – freshmen only**
- 13 **First day of school – grades 10-12**
- 15 PTSA meeting, Library, 6:30 PM
- 16 Sports packets and concussion forms due in athletic office for fall sports
- 16 Freshmen Mixer, 7:00PM
- 19 First day of fall sports practice/tryouts
- 22 **Back to School Night, 6:30 PM**
- 26 Fall Sports Parent Meeting, 7:00PM
- 29 Yearbook Photo Make-up Day
- 29 Freshman StuCo representative elections, seminar

September

- 2 **NO SCHOOL**, Labor Day
- 3 Senior class picture
- 5 Soph. class ring presentation, seminar
- 5 Bonfire
- 10 **1:10 Dismissal**, Teacher workday
- 12 Progress Reports given to students
- 21 ACT Test @ NW, 8AM
- 24 Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, 7PM
- 25 SMEF Breakfast, 7AM, OP Convention Center
- 28 Homecoming Parade
- 30 **NO SCHOOL**, School Improvement Day

The 2013 - 2014 Shawnee Mission Schools District Calendar is available on the district website at www.smsd.org, under "Parents and Students".

Summer Lunch Bunch Program

Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation in the Shawnee Mission School District. We offer **free** hot lunches for **all children ages 1-18**. These meals are funded entirely by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provide a hot entree with a variety of side dishes. The Shawnee Mission Food Services Department prepares and serves these lunches. Please join us for lunch - all children are welcome!

When

- June 3 - July 26, 2013
(no Summer Lunch Bunch July 4 – 5)
- Monday through Friday
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Where

- Apache Elementary
- Brookridge Elementary
- Comanche Elementary
- Merriam Park Elementary
- Roesland Elementary
- Shawanoe Elementary

The NW National Art Honors Society will be collecting new crayon boxes and markers August 12 - 23 for Children's Mercy Hospital. Please check out the early August deals on school supplies and help us make a sick child's day brighter. Thank you for your support!



Fall Sports Physicals

Anyone trying out for a fall sport must have physical and concussion forms on file in the athletic office by August 16, 2013. These forms are available on the SMNW website, under Activities and Clubs.

Physicals must have been dated May 1, 2013 or later by the doctor in order to be valid for the 2013 - 2014 school year. Dr. Mark Balderston will do sports physicals for SMNW athletes for \$20.00. Call his office at 913-631-8888 to schedule an appointment. Sports schedules can be found at www.sunflowerleague.org.

[SMNW 2013-2014 Fee Payment Sessions](#)

SMNW Cafeteria

Monday, July 29

Freshman/Juniors 8AM-11:30AM/11:30AM-3PM

Tuesday, July 30

Sophomores/Seniors 8AM-11:30AM/11:30AM-3PM

****If you cannot attend your assigned day,

You may attend any session.****

Fee Payment Options: You will have 2 options for paying fees this year:

1) Fee Payment Sessions: Students may come to any session. The suggested times above are a guideline to try to evenly distribute traffic. For payment plans, make appointments with Mr. LyDay (913-993-7214) *prior* to July 29.

2) Internet Payments: (Highly encouraged due to new credit card system being untested and slow). To avoid the long credit card line, you may pay fees through the district website at www.smsd.org. Under the Parent & Student tab, select "Pay Fees." You will need your student's ID number. There is a \$3.00 fee for this service. **Print your receipt to bring to fee payment. You may then skip the payment line and proceed to the ID photo station. This site will be available beginning July 8, 2013.** Please allow 24 hours for your payment to update in our system.

All students must attend one of the fee payment sessions to have an ID picture taken. Students taking advantage of the Internet fee payment option who **bring their printed receipt with them** will report directly to the ID picture station. From there, the student will be directed to the yearbook picture, schedule pick-up, parking permit (etc.) stations.

If the student does not have his/her receipt, they will need to stand in the payment line to have a receipt printed.

Students may not attend classes until required fees have been paid. Required fees include Book Rental, ID Card, Activity Fee, Planner, English Annotation and first semester Course Fees.

Required fees must be paid in full before optional items can be purchased. (Seniors will order caps and gowns with their graduation announcements later in the year). Payment arrangements for the required Book Rental, ID card, Activity Fee, and Planner should be made prior to July 29. Please contact Mr. LyDay at 993-7214 to schedule an appointment. **All fee payment agreements will require a 20% down payment unless excused by Mr. LyDay.**

If the student is covered by KanCare-Medicaid Title 19, or is in the custody of the Kansas Foster Care Program, the Book Rental, Student ID Card and Planner Fee will be waived. Documentation of participation in these programs is required and must be presented at the time of fee payment. Please contact the KanCare Clearinghouse at 1-800-792-4884 to obtain documentation of Title 19 status prior to fee payment. KanCare CHIP-Title 21 and Missouri cards do not qualify for the waiver.

Explanation of Fees: Required fees total \$219.00 per student as follows:

Book Rental: \$110.00 (Required of all students)

Student ID: \$5.00 (Required of all students) Serves as lunch account card and ticket to home athletic events and theater productions.

Activity Fee: \$90.00 (Required of all students) Allows students to attend most home activities at no charge.

Planner: \$6.00 Handbook for student assignments, School rules and activities.

Optional items and contribution opportunities are available to students as follows:

Yearbook: \$59.00 Deadline for ordering is the end of 1st semester.

Class Dues: \$2.00-\$5.00 depending on grade level. Funds accrue for gift to school from Senior Class after graduation. \$2.00-Fr., \$3.00-Soph., \$4.00-Jr., \$5.00-Sr.

Student Directory: \$5.00-Includes student & parent names, along with students phone number and address.

Student Council: \$5.00-Helps finance Student Council sponsored events including homecoming, prom, mixers, etc.

Spirit Club: \$10.00-Finances projects designed to foster school spirit and support extracurricular activities.

Membership includes admittance to Spirit Club assemblies and a t-shirt.

Parking Permit: \$60.00-Juniors and Seniors only

Course Fees: Charges vary per course to cover the cost of student materials. English classes charge an \$8.00 annotation book fee. Check the on-line fee payment screen to view the elective courses your student is enrolled in which require a fee. The basic fee for Woods 1 & 2 courses is \$30.00 per semester, but the materials charge may vary depending on the projects selected by the student. The fee for Woods 3 & 4 courses will be determined based upon the projects selected. For this reason, fees for Woods courses may not appear on the student record at fee payment and may be added later. The same applies to some advanced art courses as well. First semester course fees must be paid by the first day of classes. Second semester course fees must be paid December 1.

Make sure course fees are included in checks sent to fee payment with students. Course fees may be viewed online beginning July 8 at www.smsd.org, select Parent & Students, "Pay Fees."

Fines: Fines for lost books, rebinds, equipment, etc., must be paid prior to fee payment. **You may check to see if your student owes fines by visiting the fee payment website at www.smsd.org, select Parent & Students, "Pay Fees."**

FEES CANNOT BE POSTED UNTIL FINES HAVE BEEN PAID.

Senior Open Lunch: permission forms are available in the office or on the Northwest High School website. We must have a signed notarized form on file no later than Monday, July 22 for your senior to be allowed to leave campus for lunch. **After July 22 there will be a \$5.00 fee to cover reprinting the ID card.** (Summer office hours are 7:00am-3:30pm M-F, beginning July 15).

Returned Checks: Returned checks are subject to the state allowed fee (plus applicable tax and fees). Returned checks along with the fee may be electronically presented to your bank without further notice.

Overpayments: The district reserves the right to apply any overpayments of fees or course fees to other nonpaid accounts or to the student lunch account.

2013-2014 FEE PAYMENT WORKSHEET
SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Grade 9</u> Student Name <hr/> ID # _____	<u>Grade 10</u> Student Name <hr/> ID # _____	<u>Grade 11</u> Student Name <hr/> ID # _____	<u>Grade 12</u> Student Name <hr/> ID # _____
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Book Rental, ID Card, Activity Fee, Planner, English Annotation and Course fees are required for all grades. All other fees are optional.

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Please fill out and bring to fee payment to expedite the payment process.
Check for fines and course fees at www.smsd.org. Click on Parent & Students, select Pay Fees

Having Locker Problems??

Please see Mrs. Lauer in the Main Office for a LOCKER PROBLEM CARD. Please complete the slip and return. A custodian/staff member will look into your problem and correct the issue as soon as possible. When the problem is resolved, Mrs. Lauer will call you to the Office over the PA system. If



you've forgotten your combination, please see Mrs. Stockton or Mrs. Ramsey in the Records Office during lunch or before or after school.

SMNW Office Opens July 15, 2013

Hopefully this newsletter finds you enjoying a good summer break. Please take a moment to read this issue* of the NW NEWS carefully. Knowing the information provided in this newsletter will help your student get off to a good start. If you have any questions, please call the school office at **993-7200**. The school office opens on Monday, July 15.

Bill Harrington, Principal

**This issue contains important school registration and PTSA membership forms. Please note that the school fees on pages 3 and 4 DO NOT include PTSA dues. Thank you for your support.*

SLAB

Student Library Advisory Board is a club for students who love libraries, books, and all things reading! Interested students should listen for announcements when the new school year begins.

About Parents @ School ...

This is an internet-based program that allows parents to access their student's attendance, grades, assignments, credit check sheet, student GPA and class rank, lunch balance and other information at any time. To register, go to www.smsd.org and click on select a school, then Shawnee Mission Northwest in the drop down box. Click on Parent Involvement, then Parent@School. **BOOKMARK THIS PAGE!** Click on the Registration button and complete the information requested. You may pick up your username and password in the NW Records Office beginning August 19. Be sure to bring a current picture ID.

If you have previously had a Parent @ School user account at Trailridge or SMNW, please do not register again. You can access SMNW Parent @ School with your previous password and user ID. IF you have a password and user ID from another student in your family you may add a student to that account by following the instructions within the Parent@School program. You can also change your e-mail address. Each family should only have one Parent @ School account.



REMINDER: Passwords and user ID's are case sensitive. Please use UPPER CASE. If you have misplaced your password or ID, email Mrs. Stockton at nwstockt@smsd.org or Mrs. Ramsey at nwramsey@smsd.org in the Records office and we'll send it back to you.

SMNW Staff Updates 2013-2014

We'll miss you:

Jennifer Bilyeu - 200-2013
Britt Haney - 2000-2013
Beth Koelker* - 1993-2013
Nancy Leo - 2012-2013
Debbie Mayer* - 1985-2013
Lesley McLaughlin - 2007-2013
Jennifer Quick - 2009-2013
Leigh Rysko - 2012-2013
Lois Scanlon-Geffert* - 1999-2013

* Retirements

We welcome our new staff:

Renee Chambers - Math
Dave Coopman - Math
Morgan Johnson - Language Arts
Ken King - Language Arts
Kiera O'Boyle - Family and Consumer Science
Jeff Roudebush - Science
Haley Stojak - Social Studies

Senior Open Lunch

The senior open lunch forms are available in the office and online at www.smsd.org (click on "Parents", schools, and select Northwest).

Both the student and parent need to sign the form and the parent's signature will need to be notarized on the back unless the parent brings the form in.

The forms are due back no later than July 22 so the "OL" can appear on the student's school ID. After July 22, students will need to pay \$5 to have their ID reprinted.

The final deadline date to turn in forms is August 30. After that date students will need to wait until second semester. If a senior has had any open lunch violations at any time, they will not be eligible until 2nd semester. **We will not have an open lunch meeting this year.**

Greg Parker Award given to Britt Haney

The Greg Parker Award is a teacher-generated award given to a NW staff member each year since its inception honoring Greg Parker. Greg was a drama and English teacher at Northwest for 17 years. He worked with Drama and Forensics, wonderfully directing many plays at Northwest and in the community theaters, and producing fine Forensics performers.

Greg was presented the first award in 1992. It has been awarded each year since then in his honor. Written nominations are made by the Northwest faculty. A committee of past recipients and other teachers review the nomination letters and select the winner. Criteria include:

- Teacher demonstrates a commitment to teaching as a profession.
- Teacher instills in students a desire and means to achieve excellence.
- Teacher is well respected by students and teachers alike as an outstanding educator.
- Teacher works with students outside the regular school day.

This year the award was presented to Britt Haney, Math and Music teacher and Varsity Bowling coach. Other nominees included Stacie Anderson, Beth Koelker, Carolyn LaFever, Lisa Morstadt, Doug Murphy, Mike Rose and Misty Verren.

Rules for Class Schedule Changes

The scheduling process began with students requesting classes during enrollment in January. Teachers were allocated based on these requests. Now that scheduling is complete, very few classes have openings. Please determine if your student has a serious schedule problem before pursuing a change and be aware of the following:

1. Entry into a different class is on a space available and class balance basis.
2. Changes to and from honors or remedial classes constitute as much of a change as from foods to art; the space available/class balance guideline applies.
3. We want to make needed changes at the first opportunity. Some examples of this are:
 - Student failed a prerequisite for a course on his/her schedule.
 - A senior schedule does not include enough credits to graduate.
 - A summer course will be completed in a subject on the student's schedule.

If your student needs to make a schedule change, please make it as soon as possible. Starting July 15, you may call the Counseling Office at 993-7230 to schedule an appointment with a counselor. All counselors will be back by July 25. The last day to make an appointment for a schedule change prior to the first day of school is August 6.

College Now Applications Available

Students taking their first class for college credit will need to turn in a JCCC application for admission and a High School Authorization Form. These forms only need to be turned in once while in high school.

The application can be obtained in the NW counseling office, on-line at www.jccc.edu, or at the JCCC Student Center. The High School Authorization form can be obtained in the NW counseling office.

Students taking an English class, a math class, or math-related class, will have to show either an appropriate ACT score in math, reading, or English, or take the JCCC Compass Assessment Test. This will have to be done before enrollment can be completed.

Students and parents, go to www.jccc.edu/collegenow to see admission and enrollment information. Answers to questions can also be obtained by calling 913-469-8500 x3731, or in person on the second floor of the Student Center.

It is highly recommended that students turn in the High School Authorization Form, the JCCC application, and fulfill testing requirements before school starts in the fall. This will facilitate easy enrollment in the College Now classes after school starts.

College Now Course Options

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors, as well as freshmen who have a gifted IEP, have the opportunity to earn concurrent credit at NW and JCCC when enrolled in certain courses. The cost is \$85 per credit hour if you are a Johnson County resident. In the following NW courses (JCCC course title and credit hours shown in parentheses), credit is available. Students must have a JCCC application and High School Authorization Form turned in and testing requirements completed by August 30. Students must be enrolled in classes by September 13, either on-line or in person.

American Government AP (Am. National Govt. – 3)

Biology 2AP (Principles of Biology/lab – 4)

Calculus AB AP (Calculus 1 – 5)

Calculus BC AP (Calculus 1-5) (Calculus II – 5)

Chemistry 2AP (General Chemistry 1 Lecture/Lab – 5)

English 11 AP (Composition I – 3)

English 12 AP (Composition II – 3)

French 4H (Elementary French I – 5)(Elementary French II – 5)

French 5 AP (Intermediate French I – 3)

German 4 H (Elementary German I – 5)(Elementary German II – 5)

Java Adv. (Concepts/Prog. Algorithms/Java – 4)

Latin 4 H (Elementary Latin I – 3)

Micro and Macro Economics (Econ 1 – 3, Econ 2 - 3)

Physics I H (Gen. Physics I – 5)

Pre-Calculus H (Pre-Calculus – 5)

Psychology AP (Intro. to Psychology – 3)

Spanish 4 (Elementary Spanish I – 5)(Elementary Spanish II – 5)

Spanish 5 AP (Intermediate Spanish I – 3)

Statistics H or AP (Statistics – 3)

U.S. History AP (U.S. History to 1877 – 3) (U. S. History from 1877 – 3)

Questions? Contact Jim Mowry, counselor at 993-7251. He will hand out JCCC enrollment materials during the second week of school to students enrolled in the classes listed above. Information is also available at www.jccc.edu/collegenow.

Shawnee Mission Northwest Campus Police

Shawnee Mission Northwest, as well as all other Shawnee Mission high schools, is staffed with two full-time school district police officers. These officers are academy-certified Kansas police officers. Northwest also has a School Resource Officer (SRO), who is employed by the Shawnee Police Department as an SRO and is assigned to a particular high school. All officers should be available during school hours. School district officers are also present at all the sporting events and many other extracurricular activities.

If you need to speak with a certain officer, you can call his number below and leave a voice mail. To report a crime or knowledge of a criminal nature, please contact an officer personally. For stolen items, a theft report can be filled out in the office. It will be handled, when possible, in the order received. You may also report crimes and criminal activity anonymously. Last school year, rewards were given in some cases where information led to an arrest and prosecution.

It's up to you to help keep our school safe. Persons involved in crimes at Shawnee Mission Northwest will face criminal prosecution as well as discipline through the school. Please feel free to contact either of the officers with information or any questions you might have. The campus police officers are also responsible for parking permits and enforcement. Please see them if you have any questions concerning parking on campus or obtaining a parking permit.

The Shawnee Mission Northwest police officers are Officer Hank Goodman (993-7338) and SRO Officer Mark Coenen (993-7223).

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

The Free and Reduced Lunch online application process will be available beginning July 16. There will be a link on the SMSD homepage, as well as each school's homepage, that will take the parent to an online application. They will be able to fill out the application in either English or Spanish. It is a very simple process that asks the same questions as a paper application. Everything has to be filled out completely before the application can be submitted. Paper copies will still be available at the schools.

Several computers will be available in the Food Service office at Broadmoor (6701 W 83rd) for anyone who doesn't have access to a computer. There will be someone in the office at Broadmoor beginning July 16, from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM to help fill out an online application.

PTSA Reimbursements

Just a reminder that all PTSA reimbursement forms need to be submitted to PTSA Treasurer, Pam Hale, no later than June 20. You can send a reimbursement form with receipts via email at psizedhale@everestkc.net or her home address (7306 Summit St, Shawnee, 66216). Be sure to include your mailing address so that PTSA can mail your check. The reimbursement form can be found on the PTSA website at http://www.smnwptsa.org/uploads/2012-13_Reimbursement_Form.pdf.
--Pam Hale

Regulations for cell phones and other electronic devices

Students may possess a cell phone or any other electronic device while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity, but are **prohibited** from using electronic devices during the school day as defined by the building administration. Violations of this policy will be handled by appropriate school personnel and may include losing the privilege of bringing a cell phone or other electronic device to school. The school district will not be responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen electronic devices.



PTSA Membership – Make a Difference!

What would school be like without dances, After Prom or Senior Breakfast? These experiences and many more create the wonderful memories that define the SMNW High School experience. PTSA is THE organization representing Parent, Teachers and Students at SMNW. Join today and help PTSA continue to support these events, as well as important local, state and national advocacy for education. Membership dues form the basis for the PTSA budget and donations to the Class Funds provide the additional funds needed to support the unique events for each class. Parents, teachers and students are all invited to mail in your dues or stop by tables at Fee Payment and join....every member makes a difference!

Back-to-School Shopping ‘No-Nos’

Students and parents, we need your assistance as you shop for back-to-school clothes. There is a difference between suitable dress for school and for weekend or 'social' activities.

School dress lends itself to maintaining a positive and supportive educational climate. It is more in line with appropriate dress for a job.

Clothing that displays any undergarment, shows bare backs, bare shoulders, bare midriffs, or has low or revealing necklines should not be worn to school.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Thanks to all who helped make the May 7 National Teacher Appreciation Day luncheon a success. The staff appreciated everything. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped this past year with all of the Staff Appreciation Events. These events would not be possible without the generosity of NW parents like you. A very special thanks to Shari Breckenridge for all of her help this year. I couldn't have done it without her.

--Cathy Haun, Staff Appreciation

2013 – 2014 PTSA Meetings

Thursday, August 15, 2013, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 11:30 am

Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 3:00 pm

All meetings will be in the SMNW Library.

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School Bus Forms Available Online

The 2013-2014 parent pay contract forms are available now on the SMSD website at <http://www.smsd.org/parents/transportation.html>. Click on the highlighted phrase "Bus Pay Contract". First Student has already begun accepting payments for the 2013-2014 school year. Contact First Student at 432-1900. Parent-pay bus fees for 2013-2014 are:

OPTION	GRADE	TYPE	COST
1	Kindergarten*	One- way	\$106 per student, per semester or \$212 per year
2	K-Grade 12**	Two- way	\$149 per student, per semester - First semester payment due by August 5. Contracts received after this date may be subject to processing delays. -Second semester payment due by January 3, 2014.
Early Pay Discount	K-Grade 12**	Two- way	\$127 per student, per semester or \$254 per year -Payment must be received or postmarked by July 1.

* Kindergarten mid-day transportation is available only at schools with 20 or more contracted bus riders.

**Bus service for grades 1 through 12 is available at schools where 40 or more students are contracted to ride the bus or where pay ridership has been mandated.

Health News from the Nurse

Medications

- Northwest will no longer supply **ANY** medications to students. If you think your student will need medications at school, please send a supply to school to be stored in the nurse's office until needed.
- Prescription medicine must be sent to the school nurse in the original prescription bottle and come with a written note from a parent or guardian.
- Any non-prescription medicine must be sent to the school nurse in the original container along with written permission from a parent or guardian. This written permission must be renewed every year.
- Students may be allowed to carry and self-administer asthma or anaphylaxis prevention medications, or diabetes medicine and supplies. Written permission from a doctor and a parent needs to be on file with the school nurse and renewed every year.
- All medication orders for this school year are now expired.
- The nurse is required to dispose of any medications not picked up at the end of the school year.

Immunizations

Letters were mailed home this spring if your student is due for any immunizations. The first exclusion date for non-compliance will be October 17, 2013. Failure to get the required immunizations will result in your student being excluded from school until the proof of immunization is completed. Please do not delay; we do not like having to exclude anyone from school, as these are unexcused absences.

From the Library

Hopefully, everyone will be enjoying a good book by the pool, at the campsite, on the plane, or wherever vacation may take you. I look forward to another great year of students reading, doing research, getting the daily crossword puzzle, and general gathering in the library. Please check for any misplaced library books that might be found at home this summer. Lost book charges have been added to student records.

Key Club

Key Club is a community service club, sponsored by Kiwanis.



Interested students should come to a meeting at the beginning of the school year. To be a member of Key Club, students pay dues of \$12.00 (for pin and certificate year one) and earn at least 50 service hours (no pay received, not done during school day) by March. Please consider purchasing dinner/movie tickets at <http://www.fundraiser365.org/smnwkeyclub> to help support the philanthropic efforts of Key Club. "Caring, Our Way of Life"

PTSA Newsletter Deadline

Northwest News is a publication of the staff and PTSA of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. The current issue is available at www.smsd.org/schools/smnorthwest. Past issues of the newsletter, as well as other information about SMNW PTSA, are available at www.smnwptsa.org.

Information and articles for the August newsletter are due by Friday, July 26, for publication on August 1. Submissions should be emailed to smnwptsa@gmail.com.

2013 – 2014 PTSA Executive Board

President	Marianne D'Amato	marianne@magnaplus.com
Vice President	Cheryl Entzminger	cheryl.a.entzminger@sprint.com
Treasurer	Pam Hale	psizedhale@everestkc.net
Corresponding Secretary	Denise Smith	lhsgrad4@yahoo.com
Recording Secretary	Barb Vonada	kujhawkers@everestkc.net

Summer Leadership Camps

The Student Council students will attend a variety of summer leadership camps. We will send incoming juniors to HOBY. We will send incoming seniors to Girls and Boys State. We will send incoming sophomores, juniors, and seniors to ESU, K-State, and JCCC. The Senior Executive Board will attend the CADA leadership camp in Santa Barbara, CA in July. These camps help train our StuCo students to be effective leaders in the classroom, in the school, and in the community.

Summer Blood Drive

Attention all **students age 17 and older, parents, and community members** interested in donating blood this summer! Shawnee Mission High School StuCos are hosting the **first annual** Shawnee Mission Area Community Summer Blood Drive on Friday, August 2 at the Sylvester Powell Community Center (6200 Martway, Mission, KS) from 12:00 – 4:00 pm to benefit the Community Blood Center. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Your blood donation only takes minutes and can help save lives; now is the time to donate! Sign up online at <https://www.esavealifenow.org/index.cfm?group=op> and "find a drive" CODE: SMSD or walk in. Each SMSD high school is competing to see how many representatives from our respective schools can give blood!! We'd like bragging rights for SMNW! Come give blood and let's show the Community Blood Center that SMNW can be counted on to make a difference. Thanks so much!

Freshmen Representatives

Elections for Student Council Freshmen Representatives will be held on Thursday, August 29 during Seminar. See Mrs. Sarah Dent in Room 132 once school starts for an Election Contract and Speech Guidelines the first week of school. Also, listen to school announcements and more details will follow.

Important Dates for Fall 2013 include:

- The Freshmen Mixer on August 16 in the SMNW Cafeteria from 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Orange Army T-Shirts will be on sale at the beginning of the school year and at Back to School Night!
- The 2013 Homecoming Dance will be October 5 in the SMNW Cafeteria from 8:00-11:00 pm.
- The Halloween Carnival will be October 26 at SMNW from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- The Fall Blood Drive will be on November 5, to benefit the Community Blood Center.
- The Canned Food Drive will be November 4 - 8 with proceeds going to Johnson County Christmas Bureau.
- The Mother Son/Father Daughter Dance will be November 7, in the SMNW Cafeteria from 8:00-10:00 pm.
- Adopt-A-Tot will be December 6 to benefit Head Start of Shawnee Mission.

2013-2014 StuCo Representatives

Student Body Executive Board Members

Sam Gross, President
Connor Johnson, VP

Grace Freeman, Publicist
Colton Allen, Secretary

Phil Shamet, Treasurer
Carolina Mach, Parliamentarian

Seniors

1. Natalie Chance, VP
2. Spencer Cook
3. Dallas Ernsdorff
4. Megan Johnson
5. Hayley Nugent
6. Brady Skeens
7. Alex Springer
8. Nate Sterns, President
9. Sarah Taylor
10. Josh Van Auken

Juniors

1. Julie Branson
2. Harrison Chen, VP
3. Tatum Graves
4. Tom Green, President
5. Ben Johnson
6. Abbie Musson
7. Sam Nobrega
8. Carley Olson
9. Ojas Patel
10. Griffin Robinson

Sophomores

1. Blake Allen
2. Madalyn Fagan
3. Amelia Hoelting
4. Hallie Ingraham, President
5. Maddison Jarman
6. Nathan Jones
7. Alexa Styers
8. Katy Terry
9. Emiel Winkelmolten
10. Zachary Ziegenhorn, VP

Freshmen: TBD

If you have suggestions, comments, or questions for Student Council, please feel free to contact a representative or the sponsor: Sarah Dent (nwdents@smsd.org). Thank you!

School Pictures Taken at Registration

Photographs for the 2013 - 2014 school year will be taken at the high school during normal enrollment hours on July 29 and 30. ALL STUDENTS will be photographed by DeCloud Studios for yearbook pictures and optional picture packages. DeCloud is the official school photographer and all senior yearbook pictures must be taken by them.

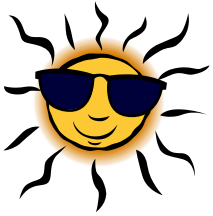
All students who wish to purchase picture packages must pay in advance, at the camera. Order forms will be available at that time. Please bring exact amount in cash or check, PAYABLE TO: DeCloud Studios. Major credit cards also accepted. Change cannot be made at time of purchase.



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Summer Skin Protection

Cancer of the skin is the most common of all cancers. Melanoma accounts for about 4% of skin cancer cases, but it causes 79% of skin cancer deaths. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2002 there will be 53,600 new cases of melanoma in this country. About 7,400 people will die of this disease.

Four Ways to Protect Your Skin: Slip! Slop! Slap!...And then Wrap is a catch phrase for kids that works well for adults too. It reminds people to use four key methods to protect themselves. Slip! on a shirt, Slop! on sunscreen, Slap! on a hat. Wrap on sunglasses when outdoors to protect the eyes and sensitive skin around them from ultraviolet light.

Tips for Correct Use of Sunscreen: For maximum effectiveness, apply sunscreen 20 to 30 minutes before going outside. Be generous and use a product with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. About one ounce of sunscreen should be used to cover the arms, legs, neck, and face of the average adult. Less is needed for a child. For best results, most sunscreens need to be reapplied every two hours and immediately after swimming or sweating heavily.

If swimming or perspiring, don't forget to reapply sunscreen to maintain protection. Remember that sunscreen usually rubs off when you towel yourself dry.

The UV Index Sunny Day Forecast: The UV index, 0-10, measures the amount of ultraviolet radiation reaching the ground during an hour around Noon. There's a [daily UV forecast](#) for 58 cities, based on local conditions, which many newspapers and TV stations report. The higher the number on the scale, the greater the exposure to UV radiation. On a typical spring day, the UV index will rise to high (7, 8, 9) or very high (10+). For a fair-skinned person sun damage can begin in 15 minutes without skin protection.

Beyond Sunscreen: Seeking shade, wearing tightly-woven clothing, and avoiding the sun from 10 to 4 are excellent ways to protect yourself from sunlight and skin cancer. Some people think about sun protection only when they spend a full day at the beach or pool. But sun exposure compounds daily. It happens whenever you are in the sun--gardening, fishing, hiking, biking, attending a baseball game, or going to and from your car.

How to Do a Skin Check: Dermatologists recommend doing a **skin check** monthly, so you'll be more likely to notice small changes and even find a skin cancer when it's still small. People with dark skin tones, need to check their palms, fingernails and feet carefully. The best time to examine your skin is after a shower or bath. Check yourself in a well-lighted room using both a full-length mirror, and a hand-held mirror. Become familiar with your birthmarks, moles and blemishes so that you know what they usually look like and then can easily identify any changes they undergo. Signs to look for are changes in size, texture, shape, and color of blemishes or a sore that does not heal. If you find any changes, see your doctor or health care provider. Also, during regular checkups, ask your doctor to check your skin.

ABCD Rule: The ABCD rule is a convenient guide to the usual signs of melanoma. Be on the lookout and notify your doctor about any changes in the following factors:

- **A is for ASYMMETRY:** Half of a mole or birthmark does not match the other.
- **B is for BORDER:** The edges are irregular, ragged, notched, or blurred.
- **C is for COLOR:** The color is not consistent, but may have differing shades of brown or black, sometimes with patches of red, white, or blue.
- **D is for DIAMETER:** The area is larger than 6 ml (about ¼ inch -- the size of a pencil eraser) or is growing larger.

The most important warning sign for skin cancer is a spot on the skin that is changing in size, shape, or color over a period of one month to one or two years.

2013 - 2014 SMNW PTSA Membership Form

PTSA MAKES MEMORIES!

PTSA is THE organization representing Parent, Teachers and Students at SMNW, and we want you to be a part of the SMNW team. Please join us in creating great memories like After-Prom and Fun Nights, as well as supporting important service programs like Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Staff Appreciation, SMNW Newsletters, Legislative Awareness, and Grant Fund. Membership dues are our primary source of funds, so we need you! Please join today!

Yes, we want to join PTSA!

_____ Adult Membership(s) @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Student Membership(s) @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____ **

**** Students who join before August 24th will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card!**

Check here if you are a: _____ Teacher/Staff Member _____ PTSA Board Member

PTSA Class Funds

PTSA membership dues and student ticket prices do not cover all that is needed to sponsor student events during the year. It is important to provide safe, drug-free and alcohol-free celebrations for your students ... so we need your help! The class funds are used together with STUCO funds to provide refreshments, decorations, and prizes for events throughout the year, including: **Mixers, Homecoming Dance, Queen of Courts, WPA, After Prom Party, Senior Breakfast, and After Grad Party.** These funds make a BIG difference in making these events memorable!

_____ Freshman @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____ _____ Junior @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Sophomore @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____ _____ Senior @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____

Other donation= \$ _____

Total PTSA Memberships & Class Fund Contributions = \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to SMNW PTSA)

Parent Name(s) _____

Student Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail* _____

Has this information changed from last year? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Not sure

*If you include your email, we will put you on our PTSA notification list. You will receive volunteer opportunities, PTSA & NW activity updates and reminders.

Please place this form and your payment in an envelope marked "PTSA Membership" and put it in the PTSA mailbox in the NW mailroom. You may also turn in your envelope at **Registration/Fee Payment** or **Back-to-School Night** or mail to: **Ann Zimmerman, 4845 Alden St., Shawnee, KS 66216**

2013 – 2014 PTSA Volunteer Form

PTSA needs your time and talent to make school events successful! Get to know other parents and our school by volunteering to help with a one-time event, serve behind the scenes, or lead a committee. Your participation is welcome and appreciated! Please check any areas that interest you and return this form to the PTSA mailbox in the school office or email **Marianne D'Amato** at marianne@magnaplus.com

_____ **Academic Achievement:** Help fill out honor roll certificates for students with 3.0 or higher GPA in June.

_____ **After Grad:** Organize a drug-free, alcohol-free party for seniors immediately after graduation on May 15th, 2014. Currently scheduled at PowerPlay.

_____ **After Prom:** Help with NW PTSA's largest event of the year. Sub-committees include fund-raising, decorations, food, prize room, games, volunteer coordinator and more.

_____ **Beautification:** Work to improve SMNW grounds; requires an interest in gardening.

_____ **Citizenship Contest:** Coordinate KS PTA contest for SMNW 9th graders in the fall.

_____ **Concessions:** Work concession stand at NW sporting event, date TBA.

_____ **DAPP (Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program):** Work with SMNW staff coordinator to organize activities and distribute information for drug prevention program. Main focus is Red Ribbon Week in October.

_____ **Directory:** Organize supplied data into proper format and coordinate printing in June.

_____ **Food Donations:** Help provide food and drinks throughout the year for various student and staff events. Email requests are sent as items are needed.

_____ **Grant Fund:** Review teacher grant requests as a committee and determine recipients based on acceptance criteria.

_____ **Hospitality:** Help prepare refreshments for PTSA activities.

_____ **Legislation:** Distribute legislative updates relevant to school issues to interested people.

_____ **Membership:** Help with the PTSA membership drive, primarily in the fall.

_____ Volunteer to work at Back to School Night on August 22nd.

_____ Volunteer to work at registration/fee payment on July 29th or 30th.

_____ **Newsletter:** Prepare monthly newsletter for email distribution.

_____ **Reflections:** Coordinate National PTA contest for SMNW students in the fall.

_____ **Senior Breakfast:** Assist with breakfast prior to graduation practice on May 13th, 2014.

_____ **SMAC Clothing Center:** Coordinate four volunteers to work one day in the spring for the center's "changeover" day. May organize a clothing drive based on needs.

_____ Volunteer to work at clothing center

_____ **Staff Appreciation:** Assist with activities for Back to School night, conferences, and staff appreciation week.

_____ **StuCo Parties:** Assist with planning, food, decorations, or coat check at student council parties including freshman mixer, Homecoming dance, and WPA.

_____ **Student Fun Nights:** Organize an outside activity for students; may include skating, sand volleyball, bowling.

_____ **Volunteer:** Agree to be contacted for specific activities or projects as needs arise.

_____ **Website:** Update website with newsletters, meeting minutes, and other information.

Volunteer's Name (please print) _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____