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Technology Initiative

Parents, please be on the lookout for e-mails from Mrs. Gruman, Northwest Principal, regarding technology initiatives for next year.

Reminder

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.

From the President

Greetings everyone! It is hard to believe summer is here! Before you head off for a little rest and relaxation, I wanted to remind you to of a few PTSA items. SMNW PTSA does many wonderful things to support our students, parents, staff, and our building in general. We financially support StuCo parties, provide multiple great events for our Seniors (Senior Breakfast, After Grad party at PowerPlay) and the biggest party of them all – After Prom! We provide meals for our staff multiple times throughout the year and provide grants to assist with educational activities that are outside of normal funding. Have you noticed all of the new plantings around the entrances? Those are being provided by PTSA through grants we have been receiving through the Hudson Foundation. We do all these things and so much more for our school and we need your help to keep making this all happen! We're already busy making plans for the upcoming school year and need people who are willing to help. Please look for the volunteer form on the last page of this newsletter and consider giving an hour or two of your time to assist with one of the activities PTSA sponsors. PTSA membership fees and class funds are PTSA's only source of income, so please become a member of PTSA! Everyone can be a member – students, parents, grandparents – anyone wishing to support our efforts for SMNW. Memberships are \$10 each and the form can be found at the end of the newsletter.

You are always welcome to contact me or any member of the PTSA board with any question or concern. We may not have all the answers, but will find someone that does!
Enjoy your summer!

Pam Hale, SMNW PTSA President 2014-2015

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SMNW Calendar

June

- 9 Session 1 Summer School starts, SM Northwest
- 14 ACT Test, SM Northwest, 8:00AM
- 20 Office closed for the summer;
Re-opens July 15

July

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

August

- 12 **First day of school – freshmen only**
- 13 **First day of school – grades 10-12**
- 15 Sports packets and concussion forms due
in athletic office for fall sports
- 15 Freshmen Mixer, 7:00PM
- 18 First day of fall sports practice/tryouts
- 19 NHS Parent Meeting, 7pm
- 21 **Back to School Night, 7PM**
- 25 Fall Sports Parent Meeting, 7:00PM
- 28 Yearbook Photo Make-up Day
- 28 Freshman StuCo representative elections,
seminar

September

- 1 **NO SCHOOL**, Labor Day
- 4 Senior class picture
- 4 Soph. class ring presentation, seminar
- 4 Bonfire
- 9 **NO SCHOOL**, Staff Development/Teacher
Workday
- 13 ACT test @NW, 8am
- 25 Orchestra Concert, Aud., 7pm
- 25 SMEF Breakfast, 7am,
OP Convention Center
- 27 Homecoming Parade
- 29 **NO SCHOOL**, School Improvement Day

SMNW Staff Updates 2014-2015

We'll miss you:

Ken Clow* – 1986 – 2014
Chandra Beadleston – 2012 – 2014
Kirsten Crandall – 2013 - 2014
Jeff Dickson – 2010 – 2014
Tracy Gardiner – 2013 - 2014
Marc Gibbens – 2006 – 2014
Richard Grinage – 2008 – 2014
Fran Illum – 1982 – 2014
Tina Keith – 2010 – 2014
Lindsay Kincaid – 2004 – 2014
Connie Lutz* – 1985 – 2014
Charleen Mankameyer* – 1992 - 2014
Ben Meseke* – 1997 - 2014
Bill Sanderson* – 1998 – 2014
Rhonda Talbott – 2001 - 2014
Joe Thimes* – 1979 - 2014
Evelyn Thompson* – 2005 - 2014
Paula Voelker* – 2004 – 2014
Stefanie Williams – 1992-2014
**Retirements*

We welcome our new staff:

Jennifer Ancell – Math
Jake Burkholder – Science
Sarah Frederickson – Family & Consumer
Science
Josiah Keith – Science
Colleen Lauer – Principal's Secretary
Brett Mach – Language Arts
Jane Stanley – Business
Tyler Stewart – Physical Education
Rhonda Talbott – Receptionist
Brenda Tretbar - Counselor
Nancy Tynon – Associate Principal
Carol Yasuhara – World Language

Office Opens July 15, 2012

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 Tuesday, July 15.



Greg Parker Award given to Stacy Robins



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 includes:

- *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 Stacy Robins, Science teacher. Other nominees included Marc Gibbens, Doug Murphy and Ziba Vossoughi.

Rules for Class Schedule Changes

The scheduling process began with students requesting classes in January during enrollment. Teachers were then 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. You may call the Counseling Office at 993-7230 starting July 15 to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

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 21 so the "OL" can appear on the student's school ID. After July 21, students will need to pay \$5 to have their ID reprinted.



The final deadline date to turn in forms is August 29. 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.**

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

The Free and Reduced Lunch online application process will be available beginning July 14. 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 14, from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM to help fill out an online application.

Crayon Collection



The NW National Art Honors Society will be collecting new crayon boxes and markers in August 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!

Summer Reading

Summer reading letters were distributed to all eighth graders at Trailridge and 9-11 students at Northwest in May. Students attending elsewhere this past year but coming to Northwest for 2014-15 were mailed their letters in May. This is an academic requirement for both standard and honors English classes at all levels. Any student who is missing the information may contact the NW counselors' office for another copy.

From the Counseling Department

If your student has anxiety, and is nervous about starting school in August, please call Susan Hartman, the social worker, after July 22nd. I will be happy to talk with you and your student about some things we can do to ease the transition. Please call 993-7237.

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.

Pep Club

Don't forget to join SMNW Spirit (Pep) Club for \$10 when you do your child's fee payment online. Enroll your child in Spirit Club for exclusive offers at Spirit Club events, the opportunity for involvement at NW, and a **FREE t-shirt!** For more information, contact Spirit Club Sponsors: Morgan Johnson, nwjohnso@smsd.org or Kristy Thigpen, nwthigpe@smsd.org. Thank you for your support!



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BACK

Senior Yearbook Pictures

2015 seniors must be photographed at DeCloud Studios this summer in order to appear in the SMNW yearbook. If your student has his/her pictures taken through June 30th, DeCloud will waive the studio sitting fee.

Call DeCloud today at 913-956-7200 to schedule your senior's appointment. We will give you all the information and tips you need to help capture this special time in your child's life.

You can also visit DeCloud Studios online at decloudstudios.com or on [facebook.com/decloudkc](https://www.facebook.com/decloudkc)

Senior Yearbook Ads

Information regarding senior ads will also be arriving in your mailbox soon. Senior ads are a lovely way to send good wishes and remember your child's accomplishments in a permanent way — via the yearbook. Prices are at their lowest over the summer and in the early days of the school year. Watch for the mailer. If you don't receive one, email susanmassy@smsd.org and we'll send you a digital copy of the information.

From the Nurse

Medications:

- Northwest does not 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, 2014. 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.



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 25th. Submissions should be emailed to smnwptsa@gmail.com

School Pictures Taken at Registration

Photographs for the 2014-2015 school year will be taken at the high school during normal enrollment hours on July 28 and 29. 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.

THE FOLLOWING COLOR PICTURE PACKAGES WILL BE OFFERED:

Package "A" \$42.00

3 – 8 x 10 portraits
4 – 5 x 7 portraits
8 – 3.5 x 5 portraits
16 – wallets
Portrait CD

Package "B" \$35.00

2 – 8 x 10 portraits
4 – 5 x 7 portraits
4 – 3.5 x 5 portraits
12 – wallets
Portrait CD

Package "C" \$25.00

1 – 8 x 10 portrait
2 – 5 x 7 portraits
4 – 3.5 x 5 portraits
8 – wallets
Portrait CD

Package "D" \$21.00

2 – 5 x 7 portraits
4 – 3.5 x 5 portraits
8 – wallets
Portrait CD

Package "E" \$17.00

1 – 5 x 7 portrait
2 – 3.5 x 5 portraits
4 – wallets

Package "F" \$12.00

2 – 3.5 x 5 portraits
8 – wallets

Package "G" \$8.00

2 – 3.5 x 5 portraits
4 – wallets



Add-on items and upgrades are available for an additional price. See order form at registration for more details or visit www.decloudstudios.com.

Satisfaction is guaranteed. Should you not like the pictures, return the complete package within 30 days to DeCloud Studios at 6717 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Overland Park, KS 66202, and your money will be refunded.

Parent Pay Bus Service Fees

Please find below the 2014-2015 fee schedule for Parent Pay Bus Service for 2014 – 2015. First Student is accepting payments for the 2014-2015 school year now. First Student may be reached at 432-1900. The 2014-2015 bus contracts are now available by going to the district website:

<http://purchasingservices.smsd.org/Pages/Transportation.aspx>

Bus Parent Pay Rider Program

Parents of students who live less than 2.5 miles from the school in their attendance area may contract for bus service directly with First Student under certain conditions. The information below is provided to help parents determine if they might be interested in the Bus Pay Rider program.

2014-2015 Fees:

Option	Grade	Type	Cost
1	Kindergarten*	One-way	\$108 per student, per semester or \$216 per year
2	K-12**	Two-way	\$151 per student, per semester - First semester payment due by August 4, 2014. Contracts received after this date may be subject to processing delays. -Second semester payment due by January 2, 2015.
Early Pay Discount	K-12**	Two-way	\$129 per student, per semester or \$258 per year -Payment must be received or postmarked by July 1, 2014.

Terms and Conditions

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

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

College Now Applications Available

Students taking their first class for college credit 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, online 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, psychology, math, 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 must 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 \$88 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 29.

Students must be enrolled in classes by September 12, either online 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 12 AP (1st Semester Composition I – 3)
- English 12 AP (2nd Semester 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 (through Baker University)
- Physics I AP (Gen. Physics I – 5)
- Pre-Calculus H (Pre-Calculus – 5)
- Psychology AP (through Baker University)
- Spanish 4 (Elementary Spanish I – 5) (Elementary Spanish II – 5)
- Spanish 5 AP (Intermediate Spanish I – 3)
- Statistics H (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.

Summer Skin Care

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 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 sunny 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, going to the zoo, 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.



HEALTH INFORMATION

1. Written Proof of Immunization

- All students enrolling in the Shawnee Mission School District for the first time, must show written proof that they have received at least one dose of each of the immunizations required by the state of Kansas before they may attend any classes.
- New students will have 60 days, from the time of enrollment, to provide written proof from a doctor or the Health Department that shows that they have had the proper number of immunizations to meet the required State immunization laws.
- If the requirements are not met within 60 days, the student will be excluded from school until written proof is provided. If it takes longer than 60 days to complete the immunization series, the student will not be excluded as long as there is written proof that the doses are given as soon as possible.

The two options to immunization accepted by the state of Kansas are: (1) A medical exemption signed by a doctor every year, and (2) A religious exemption signed by a parent or guardian, stating the student is adherent to a religion which prohibits immunization.

2. Health History and Permit

- A Health History and Permit form needs to be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian for all students enrolling in the Shawnee Mission School District for the first time. This form needs to be turned in on or before the student's first day of school.

3. Physical Examination

- Kansas state law requires all children 8 years old and younger have written proof of a physical examination.
- The physical examination must be done within 12 months before school enrollment or within 90 days after school enrollment. Kindergarten round-up is the first day of enrollment.
- If the physical exam is not completed within 90 days, the student will be excluded from school. Physical forms are available from the school nurse, or forms from the doctor will be accepted.

4. Medication

- 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. 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.

Please contact your school nurse for more information or if you have questions or concerns.

Shelby Rebeck, RN BSN MSN
Health Services Resource Specialist

2014-2015 SMNW PTSA Membership Form

PTSA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

PTSA is THE organization representing Parents, 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 Student Recognition, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Staff Appreciation, SMNW Newsletters, Email Communication, Legislative Awareness, and Grant Fund. Membership dues and student fund donations are our primary source of funds. Anyone can be a PTSA member: parents, students, grandparents, teachers – anyone interested in supporting PTSA. 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 23rd will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card!**

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

PTSA Class Fund Donations

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! Class fund donations 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 ***PTA is a 501(C)3 nonprofit agency & donations are tax-deductible*** = \$ _____

Total PTSA Memberships & Class Fund Contributions Enclosed = \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to SMNW PTSA)

Parent Name(s) _____

Student Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email* _____

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 & SMNW 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: Northwest PTSA Membership, 12701 W. 67th St., Shawnee, KS 66216**

2014 – 2015 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 **Pam Hale** at psizedhale@gmail.com

_____ **Academic Achievement:** Help fill out honor roll certificates for students in June.

_____ **After Grad:** Organize a drug-free, alcohol-free party for seniors following graduation on May 21st, 2015. 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.

_____ **Communications/Email:** Help coordinate PTSA email blasts through the school's email communication system.

_____ **DAPP (Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program):** Work with 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 & coordinate printing in June.

_____ **Food Donations:** Help provide food and drinks 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 21st.

_____ Volunteer to work at registration/fee payment on July 28th or 29th.

_____ **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 19th, 2015.

_____ **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 staff, including Back to School night, conferences, and staff appreciation week.

_____ **Student Parties:** Assist with planning, food, decorations, or coat check for student parties including freshman mixer, Homecoming dance, and WPA. StuCo takes the lead on most of these events.

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

_____ **Student Voter Registration:** Invite students to register to vote when they are eligible.

_____ **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 _____

E-mail Address _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____