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From the PTSA President

Please join PTSA once again in showing appreciation to all of our staff by baking them some cookies. Our annual cookie exchange will take place on December 16th. Bake your favorites to share and deliver on the 15th or by noon on the 16th. Please sign up for 4 dozen at:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094BA9A82CA46-smnw11

We want everyone to start thinking about the mail-in ballot that will be taking place in January. This is something new for our school district – to have a mail-in ballot (this was mandated to occur by the KS legislature). So, we want to raise awareness to get everyone to:

- 1) Register to vote (you can still register until Dec 28 and still get a ballot in the mail)
- 2) Be on the lookout for the ballot itself (they should hit mailboxes on Jan 7, 8, or 9)
- 3) Read about and understand the 2 questions on the ballot and
- 4) VOTE!

The school district is trying their best to provide ample information about this ballot initiative. They have devoted an entire page on their website to providing all the facts about the 2 questions that are being proposed to voters. Be sure to do your homework and check it out:
<http://www.smsd.org/LOB-Bond-Election-2015/Pages/default.aspx>

The #1 FACT: If accepted by voters, these proposals WILL NOT raise your taxes.

Have a happy holiday season and enjoy your time with family and friends over winter break!

Pam Hale
 SMNW PTSA President
smnwptsa@gmail.com



**Remaining
 2014 – 2015 PTSA Meetings**
Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 6, 3:00 pm
 Meetings are in the SMNW Library.



SMNW Calendar

December

- 9 Choir Concert, Shawnee Baptist Church, 11400 Johnson Dr., 7:00pm
- 10 Symphonic Band Concert 7:00pm
- 11 Band Concert, Aud., 7:00pm
- 12-13 Winter Theatre: A Charlie Brown Christmas
- 13 ACT Exam, NW, 8:00am – 11:30am
- 16, 17, 18, 19 Semester Final Exams (see schedule on Page 3)
- 22 Winter Break Break**

January

- 6 Second Semester begins (yes, on Tuesday)
 - 8 8th Grade Orientation, NW, 6:30pm
 - 9 1st semester grade cards in Skyward
 - 15 9th/10th grade AP/IB/College Now Info Mtg 6:30pm
 - 16 Early Dismissal
 - 19 No School, Martin Luther King Day**
 - 22 NW Area Band Festival, Gym, 7:00pm
 - 30 Early Dismissal
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Campus Police Update

If you drop your student off in the morning on the east side of the building please pull over to the right hand lane to drop them off. Do not stop in the middle lane which is the through lane only. This will allow a more orderly flow of traffic. We also are still having a lot of students hanging around after school. Students who are not involved in an activity or with a teacher need to leave by 3:00. Please make arrangements to have your student picked up by 3:00.

Cell Phone Thefts

You can help in reducing the amount of thefts here at Northwest. Please remind your student to leave items of value home. Items such as cell phones should never be left unattended. They should be kept on their person or locked in a locker. Almost 100% of thefts here at Northwest involve items that were left unattended. Thank you for your help!
Officer Coenen



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Lammers, Brittany Funk, Kamryn Koziol and Emily Waren. We always welcome new members to join us! We have been busy with projects, including the monthly birthday cakes and gifts for Vanderberg Youth Center at City Union Mission, volunteering at the Merriam Christmas dinner and collecting new and used coats for Johnson County Christmas Bureau. We will continue to collect winter coats. Just drop them by the library. We are donating \$100 to UNICEF, as part of the Key Club Trick-or-Treat- for UNICEF. Caring—Our Way of Life



RPG Club

This group continues to meet before school on Thursday mornings to enjoy the fellowship of role playing games.

SLAB

Anyone interested in books and reading should let Mrs. LaFever know if you are interested in being part of our group. We will be meeting during seminar. Projects will include helping weed the library and learning about the new library E-Books. Library

The library has E-books for student checkout! See Mrs. LaFever for complete directions!

Carolyn LaFever

SMNW Librarian nwlafeve@smsd.org

PTSA Reflections Contest

The PTSA Reflections Art Contest needs your Creative work! The theme this year is: “The World Would Be A Better Place If...” Original work may be entered in any of the following categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Film Production, and Dance Choreography. Entry deadline is Dec. 16th. Please contact Mrs. Heaton in Room #7 for more information, or visit the website at: ptareflections.org. You may also contact Laura Amundson, PTSA Reflections chairperson at lamundson@mac.com. Winners will be announced in January, and presentations of awards will be made at the February PTSA meeting.



Key Club

Official members of Key Club, having paid \$11.50 dues and on their way to earning 50+ volunteer service hours: Maria Cecilia Moura, Isabella Moura, Anna Benoit, Gavin Benoit, Alyssa Gamba, Teah Lierz, Dominique Brooks, Gina Gabrielli, Claire

Semester Exam Schedule - 2014

Monday, December 15th: ODD Block Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:40 – 9:10	
Period 3	9:15 – 10:50	
Period 5	10:55 – 1:00	
L -1	11:35 – 12:00	Class 10:55-11:30/12:05-1:00
L -2	12:05 – 12:30	Class 10:55-12:00/12:35- 1:00
L -3	12:35 – 1:00	Class 10:55-12.30
Period 7	1:05 – 2:40	

First semester grades will be posted to Skyward on January 9th. Check your account under “Portfolio” starting January 9th and the semester report card should be posted.



Tuesday, December 16th: Block Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:40 – 9:10	Hour 1 Final Exam
Period 2	9:15 – 10:50	
Period 4	10:55 – 1:00	
L -1	11:35 – 12:00	Class 10:55-11:30/12:05-1:00
L -2	12:05 – 12:30	Class 10:55-12:00/12:35- 1:00
L -3	12:35 – 1:00	Class 10:55-12.30
Period 6	1:05 – 2:40	



Wednesday, December 17

7:40 - 9:10	Hour 2 - Exam
9:10 - 9:20	passing
9:20 – 10:50	Hour 3 – Exam
10:50 – 11:10	Optional Lunch Cafeteria only (teachers supervise)
11:15	Busses Leave
Until 3:20	Teachers on duty to assist students, make up exams and grade final exams

Thursday, December 18

7:40 - 9:10	Hour 4 - Exam
9:10 - 9:20	passing
9:20 – 10:50	Hour 5 – Exam
10:50 – 11:10	Optional Lunch Cafeteria only (teachers supervise)
11:15	Busses Leave
Until 3:20	Teachers on duty to assist students, make up exams and grade final exams

Friday, December 19

7:40 - 9:10	Hour 6 - Exam
9:10 - 9:20	passing
9:20 – 10:50	Hour 7 – Exam
10:50 – 11:10	Optional Lunch Cafeteria only (teachers supervise)
11:15	Busses Leave

Love Getting Great Holiday Deals? SMNW After Prom Needs Your Donations!

The holidays are a great time to find amazing deals. 2015 After Prom can use your help stocking our inventory with lots of amazing gifts that will be given out at After Prom on April 18th & 19th. We want to get the biggest bang for our buck from your generous contributions, so donating now will allow us to take advantage of many great holiday specials. We hope you will consider making a tax-deductible donation this month to After Prom. Monetary donations will be used to purchase additional prizes that students will be eligible to win at the end of the evening at After Prom. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so ALL your contributions are tax deductible, whether that's a monetary donation or an item you purchase yourself and donate to After Prom.

There are two ways to donate:

Send donations or checks to
Shawnee Mission Northwest
Attention PTSA After Prom
12701 West 67th Street
Shawnee, KS 66216

Volunteers are available to pick up your donation. Please contact Missy Andersen at mmander.us@gmail.com or (913) 575-1260 to arrange for pick-up of your donation.

If you like to shop yourself and then donate, here is just a sampling of the items we would love to have:

Small refrigerators for dorm rooms
Microwaves
Magic Bullet blenders
Starbucks gift package
White Dorm Sheets – XL twin
Michael Kors purses
Gift cards
Kuerig Coffee Makers
Wireless/portable Speakers


Thank you for keeping our students safe by making our 2015 After Prom a night our students will want to attend!

Tina Bennett
2015 After Prom Chair



SMNW Theatre Department Presents

On December 12 and 13th the Shawnee Mission Northwest Theatre will present *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Charles M. Schultz with stage adaptation by Eric Schaeffer. *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is based on the comic strip *Peanuts* by Charles M. Schultz and the animated television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson. Charlie Brown, played by Frederick Rivera, finds himself depressed despite the holiday season. Lucy, played by Lysle Hartnett suggests that he should put on a Christmas play with his school. Charlie Brown accepts but it proves to be a frustrating struggle. An attempt to restore the proper spirit with a little Christmas tree, sends Charlie Brown and Linus, played by Dylan Klein, to discover the true meaning of Christmas along with the kids in the town, Schroeder, played by Joe Robson, Sally, played by Megan Dunn, Pig Pen, played by Tim Gibson, Freida, played by Ryllie Quesada, Patty, played by Maggie Marx, Shermey, played by Brandon Smith, Daisy, played by Sarah Smith, Violet, played by Elise Dorsey, Marcy, played by Rachael Carney, and Peppermint Patty, played by Shannon Bartkoski, his dog Snoopy, played by Mary Harzman, and bird, Woodstock, played by Marlee Bell.



SMNW REP THEATRE
PRESENTS
**A CHARLIE BROWN
CHRISTMAS**
BY CHARLES M. SCHULTZ
BASED ON THE TELEVISION SPECIAL BY
BILL MELENDEZ AND LEE MENDELSON
STAGE ADAPTATION BY ERIC SCHAEFFER

**DECEMBER
12 & 13
AT 7:00 PM**
IN THE LITTLE THEATRE

**\$5 TICKETS
AT THE DOOR**
FREE WITH ACTIVITY PASS

THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH TAMS WITHMARK MUSIC LIBRARY INC.
BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH ARTHUR WHITELAW AND RUBY PERSSON

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 January newsletter are due by January 4 for publication on January 9. Submissions should be emailed to smnwptsa@gmail.com.

Advanced Foods classes prepared a Thanksgiving Feast last week.



StuCo Update

Everything is calming down as the Winter Break approaches. We hope to finish out the rest of this semester strong and continue through second semester. (Especially since our sponsor, Sarah Dent, has recently had her third child!)

Canned Food Drive- Our annual Canned Food Drive to benefit the Johnson County Christmas Bureau occurred during the week of 11/3 to 11/7. After last years great success in the drive, we set fairly lofty goals (not necessarily a bad thing!) at 12,000 cans and \$10,000. At the conclusion of the drive, we totaled at around \$3,000 and 6,000 cans in the class competition. There are still various events helping to add to these totals. We hope to bring the numbers up for next year, but we are grateful for the contributions of everyone who donated to the drive.

MSFD- The Mother Son Father Daughter dance for juniors and seniors occurred on 11/8. Students had a great time dancing with their parents in decade-themed costume attire. Donations of cans and money were accepted at the door and totals went toward the Canned Food drive.

Orange Army- 11/10/14 Final Order.

Talent Show- Our annual Talent Show, on 11/19/14, ran extremely well. Many people signed up and the donations of cans and money went towards the Canned Food Drive and JCCB. Many of our previous acts came back to perform.

Adopt a Tot- Adopt-a-Tot is occurring on December 5th, 2014. Kids from the Head-start education program will come to Shawnee Mission Northwest during fourth hour. Each fourth hour holds a holiday celebration for the children and prepares a laundry basket full of goods for the family. This laundry basket contains essentials such as laundry detergent, toilet paper and a small stocking full of fun gifts is prepared for the child.

WPA- This years WPA has a Hollywood Theme. WPA will occur on February 20-21, 2014.

Sarah Dent, our wonderful StuCo sponsor, has had a child! She will be on maternity leave for a period during second semester. The Executive Board has a large responsibility to be in charge of the 5th hour class and coordinate StuCo activities.

Some second semester events that are coming up include: "Matchmaker" in January and February, Exec Board elections on February 26, and Dodgeball on February 28.

PTSA Annual Teacher Grant Awards

PTSA budgeted \$1000 this year for our Teacher Grants program. This program serves to provide funding for projects/ideas that benefit our students that would not normally have funding at the district level. This year awards went to the following:

Mrs. LaFever, Librarian, for "Library Beatification and Upgrades"

Ms. Ledbetter and Ms. Blackburn, ELL, for "Trip to the Nelson Atkins Museum"

Mrs. Hartman, Counselling, for "Student Backpacks for Students in Need"

Mrs. Frederickson, Foods, for "Electric Griddles for Food Labs"

Thanks to everyone for their submissions and thanks to all teachers and staff who join PTSA and support our efforts to enhance the learning experiences for all of our students.

Senior Caps and Gowns

Seniors need to remember that those planning to participate in the Commencement ceremony must have a cap and gown. The majority of SMNW students have purchased their caps and gowns through the four opportunities that were given.

The minimal number of students that have not purchased their cap and gown can still do so on-line at Balfour. The Balfour website is www.balfour.com If you have any specific questions, you can also contact a Balfour representative at [913-549-3076](tel:913-549-3076).

Seniors are encouraged to not procrastinate; take care of this today.

From the Nurse's Office: Flu vs cold.....what do I have and what do I do?

Flu or Cold Symptoms?

When you wake up sneezing, coughing, and have that achy, feverish, can't move a muscle feeling, how do you know whether you have cold symptoms or the flu?

It's important to know the difference between flu and cold symptoms. A cold is a milder respiratory illness than the flu. While cold symptoms can make you feel bad for a few days, flu symptoms can make you feel quite ill for a few days to weeks. The flu can also result in serious health problems such as pneumonia and hospitalizations.

What are common cold symptoms?

Cold symptoms usually begin with a [sore throat](#), which usually goes away after a day or two. Nasal symptoms, runny nose, and congestion follow, along with a [cough](#) by the fourth and fifth days. Fever is uncommon in adults, but a slight fever is possible. Children are more likely to have a fever with a cold.

With cold symptoms, the nose teems with watery nasal secretions for the first few days. Later, these become thicker and darker. Dark mucus is natural and does not usually mean you have developed a bacterial infection, such as a sinus infection.

Several hundred different viruses may cause your cold symptoms.

How long do cold symptoms last?

Cold symptoms usually last for about a week. During the first three days that you have cold symptoms, you are contagious. This means you can pass the cold to others, so stay home and get some much-needed rest.

If cold symptoms do not seem to be improving after a week, you may have a bacterial infection, which means you may need antibiotics.

Sometimes you may mistake cold symptoms for allergic rhinitis (hay fever) or a sinus infection. If cold symptoms begin quickly and are improving after a week, then it is usually a cold, not allergy. If your cold symptoms do not seem to be getting better after a week, check with your doctor to see if you have developed an allergy or [sinusitis](#).

What are common flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms are usually more severe than cold symptoms and come on quickly. Symptoms of flu include sore throat, fever, [headache](#), muscle aches and soreness, congestion, and cough. Swine flu in particular is also associated with vomiting and diarrhea.

Most flu symptoms gradually improve over two to five days, but it's not uncommon to feel run down for a week or more. A common complication of the flu is pneumonia, particularly in the young, elderly, or people with lung or heart problems. If you notice shortness of breath, let your doctor know. Another common sign of pneumonia is fever that comes back after having been gone for a day or two.

Just like cold viruses, flu viruses enter your body through the mucous membranes of the nose, eyes, or mouth. Every time you touch your hand to one of these areas, you could be infecting yourself with a virus, which makes it very important to keep hands germ-free with frequent washing to prevent both flu and cold symptoms.

SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEK



Individual School Codes and Online Promo Codes

APACHE	SMSD01	RISING STAR	SMSD26
BELINDER	SMSD02	ROESLAND	SMSD27
BENNINGHOVEN	SMSD03	ROSEHILL	SMSD28
BLUEJACKET FLINT	SMSD04	RUSHTON	SMSD29
BRIARWOOD	SMSD06	SANTE FE TRAIL	SMSD30
BROKEN ARROW	SMSD07	SHAWANOE	SMSD31
BROOKRIDGE	SMSD08	SUNFLOWER	SMSD32
BROOKWOOD	SMSD09	TOMAHAWK	SMSD33
COMANCHE	SMSD10	TRAILWOOD	SMSD34
CORINTH	SMSD11	WESTWOOD VIEW	SMSD35
CRESTVIEW	SMSD12		
DIEMER	SMSD13	HOCKER GROVE	SMSD37
EAST ANTIOCH	SMSD14	INDIAN HILLS	SMSD38
HIGHLANDS	SMSD15	INDIAN WOODS	SMSD39
MARSH	SMSD16	TRAILRIDGE	SMSD41
McAULIFFE	SMSD17	WESTRIDGE	SMSD42
MERRIAM PARK	SMSD18		
MILL CREEK	SMSD19	SHAWNEE MISSION EAST	SMSD44
NIEMAN	SMSD21	SHAWNEE MISSION N	SMSD45
OAK PARK - CARPENTER	SMSD22	SHAWNEE MISSION NW	SMSD46
OVERLAND PARK	SMSD23	SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH	SMSD47
PAWNEE	SMSD24	SHAWNEE MISSION WEST	SMSD48
PRAIRIE	SMSD25		

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THROUGH
Friday, Dec. 12**

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PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

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5665 W 95TH STREET (913) 341-5000	15617 W 87TH ST (913) 894-1300	7960 WORNALL ROAD (816) 822-1212

**2 Large 1-Toppings
& a 2 Liter Pepsi Product**
\$20.00
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2 Medium 1-Toppings
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1400SN

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500SN

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\$5 spent**
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