



Shawnee Mission Northwest News

March 2020

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SMNW Calendar

March

- 3 SMSD Choir Festival
- 4 PTSA Meeting 6:30
- 7 StuCo Dodgeball Tourney 12pm
- 9 Spring Sports Parent Meeting 6:30
- 10 Jazz Showcase
- 13 Early Dismissal
- 16-20 Spring Break
- 23 Beginning of 4th Quarter
- 25 LGBTQ+ Community Event 6-8pm
- 26 Rep Theatre Spring Show
- 31 SMSD Band Festival

April

- 3 Prom Assembly
- 4 Prom 8:30-11:30
- 4 After Prom
- 7 SMSD Orchestra Festival
- 9 Stuco Rep Elections
- 10 No School
- 13 No School
- 15 SNHS Inductions
- 18 Stuco Garage Sale
- 22-25 Spring Play 7pm
- 24 Taste of Pride 6-8pm
- 25 Spring Carnival 4-6pm
- 29 PTSA Meeting 3pm
- 30 Honors and Awards
- 30 Orchestra Concert 7pm

PTSA Update

From the PTSA President

If you haven't had a chance to join PTSA yet, you haven't missed your opportunity. Memberships for parents are \$20 each and \$15 for students and staff. Membership forms can be found on page 10 of this newsletter or you can join online at:

<http://www.smnwptsa.org/membership.html>

Thanks for supporting PTSA!
Robin Parker, SMNW PTSA President
smnwptsa@gmail.com

Remaining 2019 - 2020 PTSA Meetings:

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 29, 3:00pm

Newsletter Deadlines

E-mail submissions to smnwptsa@gmail.com by the 25th of the preceding month.

Delivery Policy

Only Parents/Guardians may drop off food/drink items and/or eat with their student during lunch time. Food deliveries for students from services such as Uber Eats, Door Dash, Jimmy John's, etc. **will not be accepted** during the school day. **We cannot accept** floral or gift deliveries for students from family, friends, or companies.

HONORS AND AWARDS

We love to celebrate the success of our students – and we'd love for you to join us! Please note that we have changed the ceremony this year to a morning activity to allow more student participation and engage parents as well. The **new date is April 30th**. Mark your calendar and watch for schedule details to come.

Prom

Prom will be held at the Hyatt Lenexa City Center on Saturday, April 4th from 8:30-11:30. Tickets will be \$30 each.

Attn: Seniors

March 5th- Graduation announcements, purchased from Balfour, will be passed out in the mall.

March 30th- Tryouts for seniors wanting to sing the National Anthem @ Graduation will be held in room 40. Sign up with Ms. Schaufler in room 124 or Mr. Stubenrauch in room 133.

April 1st – Tryouts for seniors wanting to give a speech at Graduation will be held in room 40. Pick up guidelines and sign up with Ms. Schaufler in room 124 or Mr. Stubenrauch in room 133. Copy of speeches due by March 30th.

School Fees

Now is a good time to check to see if you have any remaining school fees. Go to the SMNW website, and click on Pay Fees toward the bottom. Your student may have added a new class or have other outstanding fees. It is especially important for **Seniors** to make sure this has been taken care of before checkout day. You can pay fees at this site, in person in the office, send a payment with your student or call the bookkeeper from 8am – 1pm Monday thru Friday @ 993-7210.

ATTENEDANCE PHONE NUMBERS:

All Day Absence: 913.993.7245

Late arrival / early release 913.993.7242

Please save the attendance line numbers in your phone to call directly for better assistance.

After Prom 2020: Game On! Game Night

SNMW After Prom Needs Your Donations! After Prom is early this year! It is on **April 4th** so please send your donations in by **March 13th**.



Please send your donations in soon. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, which means ALL your contributions are tax deductible.

Priority needs include cash donations to help pay for the games, and gift cards to put in the gift baskets.

A few specific items we need include:

- Royals tickets, gear, memorabilia
- Sporting KC tickets, gear
- T-Bones tickets, gear
- Chiefs gear, memorabilia
- KU gear, decor, items
- K-State gear, decor, items
- Services (photography package, hair/spa package, etc.)
- Gift cards (Target, Walmart, restaurants, coffee shops, gas, movies, etc.)
- Cash donations

The sign-up genius for donations and prizes is now open. Here is the link to sign up- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BAFAC22A46-after>

For small items and monetary donations (checks please), please send them directly to the school, CLEARLY MARKED "After Prom". School address is 12701 W. 67th St., Shawnee, KS 66216. To arrange for pick-up of a larger item please contact Joyce Olivera at joycolivera6@gmail.com THANKS in advance for any donations!!!

StuCo Update

Hello everyone! StuCo finishing out a busy 3rd Quarter Here is some of the news regarding Student Council's upcoming activities. Also, make sure to follow @smnwstuco on Twitter and Instagram for pictures and important updates about things going on at Northwest!

Matchmaker

StuCo hosted the annual matchmaker fundraiser at the end of Jan/beginning of Feb. Students filled out an online questionnaire and matched with their most compatible friends in the school. The results are being sold during all 3 lunches for \$1 in addition to a NW Heart T-shirt for \$10. This is a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Sweetheart Dance

StuCo hosted the Sweetheart dance, Garden of Love, on Saturday, February 8 from 8:00-11:00 pm in the SMNW Cafeteria. Over 450 students attended this fun evening!

Presidential Elections

StuCo only had one set of eligible candidates run for the Student Council Student Body President and Vice President. Callan Taylor, President, and Garrett Goetz, Vice President, addressed the student body on Thurs. Feb. 27 via a State of the Union address video and held a student wide survey to get feedback on StuCo events for the school while asking for areas of improvement. Callan and Garrett will be appointing their Executive Board during the first week of March.

SMNW Jazz Showcase

March 10th @ 7pm

Northwest Cafeteria

**Featuring jazz bands from Trailridge, SMNW, SMN, SMW and the Moon City Jazz Band.

Leadership Challenge Event

StuCo will be sending a team of 5 students to participate and compete in the 10th Annual Leadership Challenge Event hosted by Washburn University in Topeka on March 5-6.

Dodgeball Tournament

StuCo will be hosting the annual dodgeball tourney on Sat. March 7 at noon in the gym. This is a fundraiser for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Teams are signing up now.

Garage Sale

StuCo will be hosting the annual garage sale on April 18. We are currently taking donations of clothing, furniture, toys, kitchen and home decor, and other small knick-knacks. Donations can be dropped off in the office anytime, labeled for the StuCo Garage Sale. See the separate AD for more details!



Important Upcoming Dates

Sat. Apr. 4 – Prom

Thurs. Apr. 9 – Representative Elections

April TBD – Care for the Community Drive (toiletries)

April TBD – Color Run & Mixer

Sat. Apr. 25 – Spring Carnival

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

From the Nurse:

Hello Northwest families,

Information regarding Flu and recent “Coronavirus” also called COVID-19.

If your child has been diagnosed with the Flu please do the following:

1. Call and let attendance know (913)993-7242
2. Keep your child out for at least 5 days or until fever free for 24 hours—whichever is greater (this is our rule as well as what the Health Department has mandated)
3. Let the nurse know by calling (913)993-7216.
4. When your child returns to school, have him/her bring a note stating they were diagnosed with the Flu from their doctor or facility that they were diagnosed at.

Regarding COVID-19:

There are currently no cases of COVID-19 in Kansas. Both suspect cases tested negative. The cases in KCMO are currently “potential exposure” cases. It is important to remember COVID-19 is a virus and will behave similar to influenza/H1N1. Healthy people may be exposed and never develop symptoms or have only mild symptoms. The elderly, very young, and those with compromised immune systems are at higher risk for a more severe illness.

Protecting Our Immune Systems (from Flu or COVID-19):

There are many ways to protect our immune systems: eat nutritious foods, get enough sleep, hydrate, and decrease stress. Also:

- Handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home if you are ill
- Stay away from others who are ill
- Wipe down surfaces frequently

This site will be updated regularly regarding the virus:

<https://www.smsd.org/about/news-post/~board/district-news/post/information-on-covid-19>

This site has some good information to share with younger children:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Salina Rucker RN, BSN; salinarucker@smsd.org



STUDENT COUNCIL GARAGE SALE – Accepting Donations!

HAVE YOU BEEN “MARIE KONDO-ING” YOUR HOME? SPRING CLEANING YOUR HOUSE AND LOOKING TO GET RID OF YOUR UNWANTED STUFF?! StuCo is looking for any and all DONATIONS for the Annual Student Council Garage Sale on Saturday, April 18!

WHAT CAN I DONATE?

Anything you don't want, we'll take it! Here are some suggestions: gently used, clean clothing of all sizes for adults/teens/children, adult/kid shoes, jewelry, books, VHS/DVDs, video games, housewares, kitchen items, bed & bath linens, toys, games & puzzles, electronics, toiletries, furniture, knick knacks, décor, frames/art, sports equipment, holiday decorations, garage/yard items, etc as the list is endless! If you don't need it, someone else wants it! Your “trash” is someone else's “treasure!”

WHAT IF I ONLY HAVE A FEW ITEMS TO DONATE?

No donation is too small. From one box, to several bags, to an estate...We want and need your stuff. ☺

WHEN AND WHERE CAN I DROP OFF ITEMS?

Anytime from NOW until Fri. April 17 in the main office at SMNW. Office hours are 7 AM – 3:30 PM. Large furniture items can go directly into our storage – just call the office at (913) 993-7200 and StuCo Sponsor Sarah Dent can arrange for students to unload after school!

IS MY DONATION TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Maybe. We cannot give you a tax-deductible form, but we can give you a receipt via email for your donated items.

I WANT TO DONATE MY LARGE ITEMS BUT I HAVE NO WAY OF GETTING THEM TO SMNW. WHAT DO I DO?

Please contact StuCo Sponsor Sarah Dent ASAP at nwdents@smsd.org to coordinate a pick-up time before Fri. April 17. We usually do most pick ups the two weeks before the sale as storage is limited.

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DONATE BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT IN SOME WAY. WHAT CAN I DO?

Feel free to shop the sale on Saturday, April 18, from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Help us spread the word to your family and friends!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THIS AWESOME GARAGE SALE?!

SMNW Cafeteria on Saturday, April 18, from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

WHY ARE YOU HAVING THIS SALE?

SMNW Student Council is trying to fundraise \$8,000 to send approximately 20 students to leadership camps across the state and country this summer.



2020 SMNW Cougar Football Booster Club Mulch Fundraiser

Help support your 2020 SMNW Cougar Football team by purchasing your spring mulch. The bags are 2 cubic feet in size, premium color, and are a perfect accent to flower beds, walkways & natural areas. Your order will be delivered by the Cougars Football team (with a minimum order of 5 bags) and will help provide funds for:


Uniforms
Camps

Player Improvement
Equipment


Medical Supplies
Coaches Clinics

Order by Friday, April 10th for delivery to your driveway on Saturday, April 18th




Ways to Order

Online	Order and pay online (Paypal) by scanning the QR code to the right or go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrZDGsHnGwjJo84-XzHW95gmwHTc0kVYeAsaYxQJHwIISFUQ/viewform	
Paper Form	Use this form and submit with cash or check (made out to SMNW Football Booster Club) to: Sara Crafton c/o SMNW Football Booster Club, 6941 Hallet Court, Shawnee, KS 66216.	

If you don't care to order mulch, but would like to make a donation, please go to:

	OR	https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=WSNMEUK5ERGEE&source=url
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Mulch Order Form

Cost/2cf Bag	Mulch Type	Quantity	Total
\$6	 Brown Hardwood		
\$6	 Black Hardwood		
\$6	 Cypress		
		Additional Donation	
		Total Due	
Cash or Check (circle)		Check #	Amount Enclosed

Customer Information (please enter COMPLETE ADDRESS and Subdivision)

Name		E-mail Address	
Address:			Phone Number
City			State Zip
Subdivision Name			Football Player/Seller's Name

Please note: Bags of mulch will be placed on the driveway unless homeowner is present and would like an alternate location in yard.

Questions? smnwfb@gmail.com or 913-568-4513



8:30 pm to 11:30 pm

Lenexa City Center, Ballroom
Hyatt Place

8741 Ryckert St. Lenexa, KS

Formal attire, school ID and
shoes are required

SMNW Dance Team Tryouts 2020-2021

MANDATORY TRYOUT MEETING (PICK ONE)

March 3rd @ 7:00 AM

March 3rd @ 6:30 PM

Both meetings are located in
Room 135 of SMNW-email for
a map if needed

Miss the meetings? Contact Kelsi Horner as
soon as possible and we will make it work!



TRYOUT CLINICS

Monday-Thursday,
March 30th to April 2nd
6:15 - 7:20 AM
Auxiliary Gym of SMNW

TRYOUTS

Thursday, April 2nd starting at
3:45 for current high
schoolers and 4:15 PM for
current eighth graders

EMAIL COACH KELSI HORNER FOR MORE INFORMATION
(KELSIHORNER@SMSD.ORG)

Frequently Asked Questions...

WHY SHOULD I JOIN DANCE TEAM?

- One class period dedicated to dance
- Dance with your friends
- Perform at soccer, football, and basketball games, all pep assemblies and parade
- Great way to get involved at SMNW
- Gain leadership abilities
- Opportunity for team work and community service
- Be apart of a team starting the first day of school!

IS DANCE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED?

Dance experience is not required, however it is recommended!

HOW DO I TRYOUT?

First, come to our mandatory tryout meetings. If you cannot come, just email Coach Horner. During the meeting we will go over all the details and requirements.

WHAT IS THE TRYOUT CLINIC? WHAT HAPPENS AT TRYOUTS?

- The tryout clinic is where you will learn all the tryout material. Students are taught a flag routine, a short dance, and will be instructed on how the technique portion of the tryout will work.
- At tryouts, you will perform in groups of three. You will perform the flag routine in one room, the dance routine in another room, and complete the technique portion in the final room.

ARE TRYOUT CLINICS REALLY THAT EARLY?

Yes, tryout clinics are early (6:15-7:20 AM). In an effort to avoid conflicts with other school activities we have our tryout clinics early in the morning. We will have a small snack for students once the clinic is over.

IS DANCE TEAM A FULL YEAR COMMITMENT?

Yes! Having dance team last a full year allows us to minimize outside of class time, allowing students to still participate in other activities (like sports or studio dance!). We take breaks throughout the year and use our time efficiently!

CAN I DO DANCE TEAM AND MY DANCE STUDIO AT THE SAME TIME?

YES! We understand the importance of studio dance and do our best to be flexible with those schedules. We do our best to keep practices limited to before school/during first hour. If we have after school practices, you are given advanced notice. As long as you are willing to compromise, so are we!

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Email Coach Kelsi Horner (kelsihorner@smsd.org) with any questions! You can also check out our website <http://bit.ly/smnwdt> for more information.

EMAIL COACH KELSI HORNER FOR MORE INFORMATION
([KELSIHORNER@SMSD.ORG](mailto:kelsihorner@smsd.org))



Funding Request Form

Please return the completed form to the SMNW Secret Samaritan Society Liaison, Melissa Osborn, who will submit all requests to the Secret Samaritan Society. For questions or more information, please contact Melissa at melissaosborn@smsd.org. **Student Identity will be kept confidential.**

STUDENT'S NAME SHOULD ONLY BE BELOW DOTTED LINE.

Request prepared by: Student/Parent SMNW Counselor/Teacher/Administrator/Coach

SMNW Contact: _____
Name Email Address

Describe the need with some detail: _____

Date funding is needed by: _____

\$ _____ Student/family contribution (some amount expected)

\$ _____ Any additional funding (School support, Booster club, etc.)

\$ _____ Amount requested from Secret Samaritan Society

\$ _____ Total cost for item/activity

Entity requiring payment (*Pay to the order of): _____

***Funding will not be made to individuals. Must be SMNW or school related organization.**

Deliver payment to: _____
Name Email Address

FOR SMNW STAFF ONLY Date Received: _____

Comments: _____

Melissa Osborn will detach below dotted line and keep on file at SMNW.

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

FOR SMNW STAFF ONLY

Grant Received Amount Awarded: _____

Grant Declined Reason: _____

2019-2020 SMNW PTSA Membership Form

PTSA represents 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 After Grad parties, as well as supporting important service programs like Student Recognition, Citizenship and Reflections Contests, Staff Appreciation, SMNW Newsletters, Legislative Awareness, and Teacher Grant Fund. Anyone can be a PTSA member: parents, students, grandparents, teachers. Please join today!

Membership Type	Qty	Total Due
Adult Membership @ \$20 each		
Student Membership @ \$15 each		
Staff Membership @ \$15 each		
Other Donation (tax-deductible)		
Total		

Adult/Staff Name(s)	
Student Name(s) and Grade(s)	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
Email Address	

Please Indicate Your Volunteer Interests:

Either visit the volunteer tab on our website to fill out a volunteer interest form OR check the following options:

- General Volunteer
- After Prom Party
- Beautification
- Citizenship Contest
- NWStrong
- Reflections Contest
- Senior Breakfast
- SMAC PTA Clothing Exchange
- Staff Appreciation



Please place this form and your payment in the PTSA mailbox in the NW mailroom. You may also turn in at Registration/Fee Payment or Back-to-School Night or mail to: Northwest PTSA Membership, 12701 W. 67th St., Shawnee, KS 66216.



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