



Shawnee Mission Northwest News

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SMNW Calendar

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- 15 Holiday / Office Closed – No School
- 16 No School – Professional Learning
- 17-19 Remote learning
- 17 Special Night of Spirit 7:00 pm
- 18 Sweetheart Court
- 22 Group A in person
- 23 ACT
- 24-25 Group B in person
- 26 Group A in person

March

- 3 Conferences
- 10 Site Council/PTSA Meeting 3:00PM
- 19 No School / Professional Learning

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. [Click here to join.](#)

Questions or items you would like added to the agenda for the March meeting [can be submitted here.](#)

[Don't forget to like us on Facebook!](#)

Thanks for supporting PTSA!

[Courtney Roberts, SMNW PTSA President](#)

Remaining 2020 - 2021 PTSA

Meetings:

Wednesday, March 10th, 3:00 pm

Wednesday, May 12th, 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadlines Email submissions to smnwptsa@gmail.com by the 25th of the preceding month.

SMSD CALENDAR UPDATE:

On Monday, January 25, the Shawnee Mission Board of Education approved a revised calendar for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. A copy of the calendar may be found on the district's [website](#). Barring unforeseen circumstances that would prevent SMSD from holding classes, here is a brief summary of the changes in the new calendar:

- Friday, March 19 – No school, PL
- **NW Graduation Ceremony**
**SMNW @ North Stadium 7:00 PM
- Thursday, May 27 – Last day for grades K-11 (early release)
- Friday, May 28 – Teacher Workday
Last day for staff

Based on the revised state guidelines, ***the last day of class for seniors*** will be Wednesday, May 19.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR NOTES:

Feb. 15 – 16 No School

Feb. 17 – 19 All Students Remote Instruction

Feb. 23 – ACT Day Only students taking the ACT will attend in-person. All other students will have an asynchronous learning day, checking in with their designated teacher at the beginning of the day.

Group A in-person blocks 5 – 8 on Friday the 26th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents, mark your calendars for the Parent-Teacher Conferences coming on Wednesday, March 3, from 5-8 pm. Please see page 3 to schedule a time with your teachers. Thank you!

Seniors

ALL seniors **MUST** order their cap and gowns by **February 5th** at www.balfourkc.com if they want to participate in the graduation ceremony. The cap and gown package for \$26 with tax is the package to order. Anything else you purchase will be sent to your home. The caps and gowns will be sent to NW and passed out at the graduation rehearsal. There isn't any update on the date and time of the rehearsal at this time. ALL updates will be posted to the schools website under graduation. If you have any questions, please contact the counselor's secretary Ms. Alvey at victoriaalvey@smsd.org

FOOD SERVICE....Did you know.....

Did you know that physical activity and nutrition work together for better health?

Regular physical activity can produce long-term health benefits. People of all ages, shapes, sizes, and abilities can benefit from being physically active. The more physical activity you do, the greater the health benefits. Children and adolescents ages 6-17 years should do 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity each day. This includes aerobic activities that strengthen bones (like running or jumping) and activities that build muscles (like climbing or doing push-ups). For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/children/>.

The school breakfast menus, lunch menus, Teen Food and Fitness and other nutrition information are available on the district's website at

[:https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service](https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service)

Let's keep the students active, eating healthy and learning about nutrition in Shawnee Mission Schools!

Fees

Just a reminder that all fees in Skyward are current and due at this time. If you have questions, contact the bookkeeper at the Northwest office: 913-993-7210.

Remote Supply Distribution

Remote students may pick up ID's and class supplies provided by the teacher on Tuesday, February 2 from 10 – 3:30 in the east entrance.

NW Clothing Closet

We have a nice selection of gently used clothes and shoes available in our clothing closet. Please contact **Student Services** if your student has clothing needs. We also have masks available in the office.

PLEASE PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR PHONE AND CALL THEM WHEN YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT OR TARDY

ALL DAY ABSENCE (24 HOUR HOTLINE)
993-7245
ARRIVING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY
993-7242



FREE meals are offered to all SMSD students regardless if they are learning remote, hybrid or in person. This includes breakfast and lunch meals. These free meals will continue through the end of the 2020 – 2021 school year. If you have any questions, please contact the cafeteria manager.

HOW –TO Schedule Teacher Conferences

Conference Night, Wednesday, March 3, 5-8pm

This year for parent-teacher conferences, we will be utilizing Skyward to schedule the conferences. Here is how you do it! **NOTE: THIS WILL OPEN FOR PARENTS ON FEBRUARY 17!!!**

- Once you have selected your NW student in Skyward:
- Click on Teacher Conferences.
- Click on All Conferences.
- A list of your student’s teachers comes up.
- Click on Select a Time for a teacher you want to visit.
- All available times will show, so choose the time you want and click select (the conference will last 15 minutes with 5 minutes in-between conferences).
- You will then have a list of all your conference times that you have scheduled!

If you are unable to access Skyward, you can contact the teacher directly for available times (after February 17).

If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Forbes at stefanieforbes@smsd.org or voicemail 993.7456. Thank you and see you soon!!

The screenshot shows the Skyward interface for scheduling teacher conferences. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Busing, Schedule, Test Scores, Fee Management, Activities, Educational Milestones, Graduation Requirements, Career Plans, Conferences, and Academic History. The main content area is titled "Teacher Conferences" and includes a "Scheduled Conferences Report" section with a "Print All Scheduled Conferences" link. Below this is a table of conference periods. Red annotations and arrows provide instructions: #1 points to the "Conferences" menu item; #2 points to the "All Conferences" link; #3 points to the "Select a Time" link in the "Status" column. A note at the bottom explains that the seminar period is for one-on-one work and does not require a meeting with the seminar teacher.

All Conferences	Status	Class	Building/Room
Period 1 7:40 AM - 8:30 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	BAND MARCH Ann Snead	S M Northwest H / ROOM 39
Period 2 8:35 AM - 9:30 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	H ENGLISH9 Ben Pabst	S M Northwest H / ROOM 155
Period 2 8:35 AM - 9:30 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	PSYCH1 Stefanie Forbes	S M Northwest H / ROOM 18
Period 4 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	H WORLD REG Haley Lukes	S M Northwest H / ROOM 121
Period 5 11:25 AM - 12:50 PM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	FRENCH2 Douglas Murphy	S M Northwest H / ROOM 111
Period 7 1:50 PM - 2:40 PM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	H BIOLOGY1 Debra Brewer	S M Northwest H / ROOM 204
Period 8 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	SEMINAR Marc Weitz	S M Northwest H / ROOM 131

#1..Click on Teacher Conferences

#2... Click on All Conferences

#3...Click on Select a Time for any teacher you would like to visit

Seminar is our time for student and teachers to work one-on-one or for students to work on homework...you probably don't need to meet with the seminar teacher.

Once you click on Select a Time, you will see a screen with all available time slots for that teacher...click Select for the time slot you would like.

Schedule a Conference Time with Stefanie Forbes			
Conference Time Slots	Status	Building/Room	
Wed Mar 3, 2021 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Open	S M Northwest H	Select
Wed Mar 3, 2021 5:20 pm - 5:35 pm	Open	S M Northwest H	Select
Wed Mar 3, 2021 5:40 pm - 5:55 pm	Open	S M Northwest H	Select
Wed Mar 3, 2021 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Open	S M Northwest H	Select

The conferences themselves will be held via **teacher's personal rooms in Webex**. You can access them through Canvas. To access Canvas, you can become an observer. If you have not become an observer on your student's Canvas [click here](#) to access the Canvas Parent and Family help page. Scroll to the bottom and click on Create an Account. There are instructions and pictures there to help you become an observer. This will give you access to announcements or links to the Webex **personal rooms** of the teachers. You student or the teacher can help you navigate if you need assistance.

NOTE: YOU MAY BEGIN SCHEDULING CONFERENCES IN SKYWARD STARTING ON FEBRUARY 17!!!



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: _____