



Shawnee Mission Northwest News

May 2021

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A SMNW PTSA Publication

SMNW Calendar

May 2021

- 1 Spring Special
- 2 Prom @ SMN 8-10 pm
- 12 Site Council Mtg. @ 3pm
- 14-15 Spring Mainstage
- 19 Senior Last Day
- 22 Music Finale Concert (outside)
- 25-27 Finals
- 27 Last day / Early Release
- 26 Graduation @ SMN 7 pm

June 22—Office closed for summer break

PTSA Update

From the PTSA President

Thank you to all who have donated to the PTSA in this very unusual year.

If you are interested in helping with the PTSA next year, please [Click here](#) to view volunteer opportunities.

The May PTSA meeting has been cancelled.

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

Thanks for supporting PTSA!

[Courtney Roberts, SMNW PTSA President](#)

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

Yard Signs

Yard Sign Sales are open for spring! Order online by clicking [here](#) or using the form below. Orders are due March 25th and will be delivered in April.

Families of Seniors

Celebrate your upcoming graduate with a huge 48" x 32" Class of 2021 Yard Sign! Signs are \$40 each and quantities are limited! To order, visit www.smnwptsa.org.



Staff Appreciation

Sponsor a staff member! A \$20 donation will cover the cost of both a conference meal (Sancho's Streetside Food Truck), breakfast in April (Coffee & Cinnamon roll from Kolache Factory), and recognition during Teacher Appreciation Week for a staff member. You may donate more or less as you wish.

So far, we have raised enough to cover 75 staff members, we are halfway there!

[Click here to donate.](#)

Seniors

Please pay fees by May 5th to help Senior checkout go smoothly. (Check Skyward)

Remember to accept the invite to the Graduation Senior Seminar Canvas page. Parents can be observers on this page also! This page will be used for updates and information regarding graduation. At this time, there is not any new information about graduation.



GRADUATION 2021

Seniors (Parents can login as an observer) make sure you check the Canvas Graduation Senior Seminar page for graduation details and updates.

Senior's last day and senior check out will be on May 19th starting at 10:50. Graduation rehearsal will held outside at NW on the practice field. Students will receive their cap, gown, **6 tickets** and instructions for the graduation ceremony. Make sure **ALL** fees are paid prior to this day. Access fee payment through Skyward. Contact Mr. LyDay @ eddielyday@smsd.org if there is a financial hardship.

PTSA will be handing out a t-shirt instead of having a senior breakfast.

The attire for graduation is:

- ✓ Dress slack... **NO JEANS or SHORTS.**
- ✓ **Neckties mandatory for ALL collared shirts.**
- ✓ Dress shoes (**NO** athletic shoes, flip-flops, deck shoes, Sperry's, cowboy boots **OR** 4"+platform shoes).
- ✓ No flowers are allowed on the gown or carried in ceremony.
- ✓ No decorating cap and gown
- ✓ Caps are to be worn **FLAT** on your head! Tassels are to be worn on the **RIGHT** side.
- ✓ The cap, gown, cords and tassel are yours to keep.

If there is inclement weather the ceremony will be moved to another day. There will **NOT** be an indoor ceremony. **SMSD** will notify all students and parents the day of graduation if graduation will not be held that day.

SMSD is working on the schedule for the live feed (YouTube) for graduations, and will get it out to schools as soon as it is complete. It will also be available on our website, and our social media feeds (Facebook and Twitter.)

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:

For the 2021-22 school year, **Immunization requirements** remain unchanged. All students are required to be up to date on their immunizations prior to school entry. Please consult with you doctor and or the Health Department to make sure your child is current. If you have any questions, you can call the school nurse at 913-993-7216.

LADY COUGAR Basketball Camp

Please see the attached flier for 2021 Lady Cougar Basketball Camp information. Contact Coach Stewart with questions. smnwladycougarsbasketball@gmail.com

STUDENT SPORTS PHYSICALS

May 17th is sports physicals at NW in the training room from 6-8PM.

Cost is \$25.00.

Check or Cash. No credit cards please.

Enter through door #16 on the SW corner of the building.



Honors and Awards Ceremony!!

Parents and Students...Be watching your email in the next week for an invitation to the Honors and Awards celebration. We have anywhere from 120-160 students honored in each class. Invitations will be sent to students and their parent/guardian listed in Skyward. To plan appropriately within our guidelines we are requiring an RSVP, so time is of the essence!! Seniors may have limited guests at their ceremony at 6pm on May 17th. Juniors and sophomores will have streamed ceremonies during a seminar class in May. All the details will be in the invitation. Again, please keep an eye on your Inbox!!



Winter Athletic Awards

Winter athletes!! You should have been contacted by now by your coach in regards to your athletic award. If you were given a slip stating you have earned letter or numeral hardware and you would like that hardware for a jacket or for keepsake, please stop by room 127 ASAP to pick it up. The end of the year gets busy and the wait gets longer. It is faster if you have your slip with you (the paper, not a picture of it), but you don't have to have it to pick up your hardware. Congratulations!

Kansas State Assessments

Between April 1, 2021 and May 18, 2021, all accredited schools in Kansas are required to administer the Kansas State Assessments in English Language Arts (10), Mathematics (10), and Science (11). Kansas State Assessments must be proctored in-person, under the supervision of school district staff. Remote students have been contacted to schedule on-site testing. If for any reason your remote student still needs to be scheduled – please give us a call so we can provide a date & time.

This year has been incredibly challenging on students *and* families. Wellness has never been more important. On April 29 from 5pm to 7pm, the Shawnee Mission School District would like to invite you to join a virtual presentation featuring several District and community mental health professionals. A variety of 30 minute virtual sessions will be available on topics ranging from Suicide Awareness and Prevention to Mindfulness and Anxiety Reduction. More session information to come prior to the event. For now, please save the date and register

here: <http://bit.ly/SMSDwellness>

ATTENDANCE REMINDER:

- If you need your student released early for an appointment – Please call ahead! It sometimes takes a few minutes to process and will save everyone a bit of stress! ☺ Please Call: 913.993.7242

A DAY OF MUSIC!

May 22nd @ 1:00 pm – Choir Concert

@ 4:00 pm – Orchestra Concert

@ 6:00 pm – Band Concert

*All concerts will be outdoors on the NW Track Field, weather permitting. All are welcome to bring lawn chairs or a blanket, spread out on the field, and hear some great live music for the first time at NW in a year!



SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Spanish NHS welcomed nine new members on April 14th. SNHS also recognized the eight members that did not get officially inducted last spring in April of 2020. Seniors shared their future plans in Spanish and received honor cords. The ceremony was conducted entirely in **español**.



2021 High School Graduation Ceremonies

Watch live on cable or online

The Shawnee Mission School District is pleased to provide a variety of options to watch the graduation ceremonies for SM East, SM North, SM Northwest, SM South, SM West, and Horizons.

Each ceremony will be filmed and available for viewing on our cable channels, YouTube, and as a digital download.

The district will also livestream all of the graduation events as they happen and later, on-demand, at these links;

May 26: SM Northwest: <https://youtu.be/KCxVX8-GRqA>

Horizons HS: <https://youtu.be/JJn3Cl-yJdY>

Links will also be posted on the home page of our website (www.smsd.org) for each graduation.

All graduations also will be aired live on our cable channels. Here is the schedule by day:

Wednesday, May 26:

6:30 p.m. Horizons graduation live on Spectrum Cable channel 18.

6:50 p.m. SM Northwest live on Spectrum Cable channel 2, and Consolidated Communications channel 18.

We are not able to offer a cable TV rebroadcast schedule this year to be included in the programs. We have included a printable QR code with directions that will direct a device to the SMSD YouTube graduation playlist.

After the event, scan the QR code to view tonight's ceremony on YouTube or at later date, be directed to a playlist of all the SMSD 2021 graduation ceremonies, available for downloading and viewing on-demand.





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: _____