



# Shawnee Mission Northwest News

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## SMNW Fee Payment Dates

2013 - 2014 fee payment dates are Monday, July 29 and Tuesday, July 30. It is very important for students to attend one of these sessions to pay required fees, pick up their schedules, and receive their student ID cards. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors also have their yearbook photos taken at this time. Session times and other details will follow. See you there!

## 2013 – 2014 PTSA Meeting Dates

Thursday, August 15, 2013, 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 11:30 am  
 Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 3:00 pm  
 All meetings will be in the SMNW Library.

## From the President

Congratulations, Seniors! You have accomplished so much, and I know Shawnee Mission Northwest has helped prepare you for your next journey, whatever it may be!

I'd like to again thank everyone who's volunteered an hour or countless number of hours to PTSA efforts and events ... together we've made some incredible things happen! You've made an impression on SMNW students, staff, and our surrounding community, and your commitment is appreciated.

For PTSA, it's time to make sure we're geared up for next school year. If you served as a committee chair this year, please take a few minutes to update your committee notebook so your successor will have complete, up to date information to assist them. Include a description of your event/area, what worked well, what should be tweaked ... help us maintain the quality of all PTSA programs, and potentially improve our service to NW. Email or call me to make arrangements to get your notebook to me. If you're planning to continue your chairmanship next year, thank you! There's no need to return your notebook if I'll just be handing it back to you again.

Included in this newsletter is the PTSA volunteer form. Please let us know how you'd like to help out next year.

Have a sensational summer, and be safe!  
 Marianne D'Amato, SMNW PTSA President  
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 913.268.1278

**The final PTSA meeting of the 2012 – 2013 school year is Wednesday, May 1, at 3:00 pm, in the Library.**

## SMNW Calendar

### May

- 1 NW Area Orchestra Festival, Gym, 7PM
- 3-4 Drill Team special, Auditorium, 7 PM
- 6 Academic Awards, Auditorium, 7PM
- 7 Band Concert, Aud., 7PM
- 8-10 Senior Final Exams
- 9 Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, 7PM  
Fr. Cheerleading clinic, 4 – 8 PM
- 10 Final Forte Choir Concert, Auditorium, 7pm  
Fr. Cheerleading tryouts, noon – 4 PM
- 14 Senior breakfast, 8:15AM
- 14 Senior graduation rehearsal, NW gym,  
9:00AM
- 16 Commencement, SM North District  
Stadium, 7PM
- 20 Semester exams, Grades 9-11, 7:40AM-  
2:40PM
- 21-23 Semester exams, Grades 9-11, 7:40-  
10:50AM
- 24 Teachers' last day

### June

- 3 Final grade cards mailed home  
(approximate date)
- 8 ACT Test, SM Northwest, 8:00AM
- 10 Session 1 Summer School starts, SM  
Northwest
- 13 Office closed for the summer; reopens July  
15

### July

- 29-30 Fee payment dates

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## Senior Breakfast

Attention all parents of seniors: Graduation is just around the corner, but until that special night, the kids have one more event to attend - the **Senior Breakfast**. This will take place on Tuesday, May 14, at 8:15 am in the school's cafeteria. The students are not required to attend the breakfast but it is provided for them the morning of their mandatory graduation rehearsal.

There are a variety of ways that you can help. We need parents to donate fruit, decorate the night before, and prepare food, serve and clean up the morning of the breakfast. Contact Barb Vonada at [kujhawkers@everestkc.net](mailto:kujhawkers@everestkc.net) if you're interested in helping. Let's make this a great breakfast for our seniors.

## Summer Academy Information

Dates: Session 1: June 10 – 28

Session 2: July 8 – 26

Times: Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 12 noon

Site: SM Northwest

Fees: \$160 for in-district students per session;  
\$195 for art classes

**All tuition must be paid at the time of enrollment.**

Enroll on line at <http://summerschool.smsd.org> or at the summer school office at Broadmoor Technical Center (6701 W 83<sup>rd</sup> St, Overland Park, 913-993-9740). No enrollments will be taken by phone.

Students enrolling for courses required for graduation or grade level advancement should consult with their high school counselor prior to enrollment. Students must enroll in the corresponding semester in which the course credit is required. Counselors will provide a *completed* course request form to students to assure that they are enrolled in the correct course and semester. Students must bring this course request form to the Summer School office at the time of enrollment.

**Weight training and fitness:** contact the athletic department at Northwest for more details.

## SMNW Spirit and Kansas PTA Life Membership Awards

Congratulations to the following individuals who were honored at the PTSA meeting May 1st for their outstanding efforts on behalf of SMNW students, staff, and community:

**Northwest Spirit Awards:** Lois Scanlon-Geffert, Sara Schaufler, and Cathy Haun.

**Kansas PTA Honorary Life Memberships:** Britt Haney, Stacey Bienhoff, Dawn Gentry-Waltman, and Amy Ruo.

The merits of these awesome individuals are too extensive to describe here! Each of them has made significant contributions to SMNW and its students. Thank you to all award recipients for embodying the spirit of service, leadership, and determination to make a difference in the lives of others!

## Senior Testing Schedule

|      | May 8<br>Wednesday<br>(see below) | May 9<br>Thursday<br>(Even Block) | May 10<br>Friday<br>(Odd Block) |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HR 1 | CLASS                             |                                   | TEST                            |
| HR 2 | CLASS                             | TEST                              |                                 |
| HR 3 | CLASS                             | SEMINAR                           | TEST                            |
| HR 4 | CLASS                             | TEST                              |                                 |
| HR 5 | CLASS                             |                                   | TEST                            |
| HR 6 | CLASS                             | TEST                              |                                 |
| HR 7 | TEST                              |                                   | FINAL CK OUT                    |

Seniors are expected to be in all classes through Friday, May 10, even if they are exempted from the final in a class. On May 14, senior breakfast at 8:15 and graduation practice starts immediately after the breakfast, at approximately 9:00.

### Wednesday, May 8

|        |               |                      |                             |
|--------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hour 1 | 7:40 – 8:20   |                      |                             |
| Hour 2 | 8:25 – 9:15   |                      |                             |
| Hour 3 | 9:20 – 10:00  |                      |                             |
| Hour 4 | 10:05 – 10:50 |                      |                             |
| Hour 5 | 10:55 – 12:20 |                      |                             |
| L-1    | 10:55 – 11:20 | Class                | 11:25 – 12:20               |
| L-2    | 11:25 – 11:50 | Class                | 10:55 – 11:20/11:55 – 12:20 |
| L-3    | 11:55 – 12:20 | Class                | 10:55 – 11:50               |
| Hour 6 | 12:25 – 1:05  |                      |                             |
| Hour 7 | 1:10 – 2:40   | 90 minute final exam |                             |



## Notes from the Nurse

In preparation for the closing of the school year, we need to make arrangements for the safe return of any medication you have at school for your student. Please be advised we will only send rescue inhalers, diabetes supplies, and epi-pens home with students. Parents will need to come to the school health office before the last day of school to pick up any remaining medication. If medications are not picked up the school will dispose of any remaining medication after the last day of school. If you have any questions, please call the nurse, Cindy Alexander, at 913-993-7216.

## Examination Schedule for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors – 2nd Semester

### May 20

|          |               |                                  |
|----------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Period 1 | 7:40 – 9:10   | <b>Final Exam</b>                |
| 2        | 9:15 – 10:00  |                                  |
| 3        | 10:05 – 10:45 |                                  |
| 4        | 10:50 – 11:30 |                                  |
| 5        | 11:35 – 1:00  |                                  |
| L-1      | 11:35 – 12:00 | class 12:05 – 1:00               |
| L-2      | 12:05 – 12:30 | class 11:35 – 12:00/12:35 – 1:00 |
| L-3      | 12:35 – 1:00  | class 11:35 – 12:30              |
| 6        | 1:05 – 1:50   |                                  |
| 7        | 1:55 – 2:40   |                                  |

### May 21

|                |               |                |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Final Exam     | 7:40 – 9:10   | Period 2       |
| Final Exam     | 9:20 – 10:50  | Period 3       |
| Optional Lunch | 10:50 – 11:10 | Cafeteria Only |
| Buses Leave    | 11:15         |                |

### May 22

|                |               |                |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Final Exam     | 7:40 – 9:10   | Period 4       |
| Final Exam     | 9:20 – 10:50  | Period 5       |
| Optional Lunch | 10:50 – 11:10 | Cafeteria Only |
| Buses Leave    | 11:15         |                |

### May 23

|                |               |                |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Final Exam     | 7:40 – 9:10   | Period 6       |
| Final Exam     | 9:20 – 10:50  | Period 7       |
| Optional Lunch | 10:50 – 11:10 | Cafeteria Only |
| Buses Leave    | 11:15         |                |

### **Spanish National Honor Society**

Spanish National Honor Society held its Initiation Ceremony on Thursday, April 18. These students have maintained an A or B average in Spanish 4 and AP Spanish 5/6, and have also maintained at least a 3.5 GPA in their other classes. They have done community service in the Hispanic community such as ELL tutoring and the Jump Start program at Shawanoe.

Congratulations to all the new SNHS members!

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Lena Dennington | Mae Kinkade |
| Harley Knapp    | Hannah Lee  |
| Gabrielle Riggs | Esther Yu   |



## IB Update

All the IB seniors and a few of the juniors are getting ready for the end of course IB exams that begin May 2nd. We have 79 students testing in a variety of subjects this spring, which is the most we have ever had. All IB students and parents are reminded that IB exams may not be rescheduled unless the reason is a medical or family emergency. In that case, the exams will be rescheduled for November 2013, which is when the southern hemisphere takes their end of course exams. The student who wishes to reschedule needs to contact Mr. Sanderson as soon as possible, and will need to make plans to return to SMNW in November to take the exam they missed.

It has been a great year for our program and the seniors are getting ready to attend the IB Banquet on Wednesday, April 24th, to celebrate the end of their two year programs. The festivities for the evening include food, student speeches, awards, and a slide show highlighting the events of the last year or two.  
Bill Sanderson

## From the Library

Please check for any misplaced library books that might be found at home. Lost book charges have been added to student records. Some of the summer reading titles for 9th, 10th and 11th graders are available for summer check out before the end of the school year. Good friends, good books, a sleepy conscience: This is the ideal life. (Mark Twain)

## 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](http://www.smsd.org/schools/smnorthwest). Past issues of the newsletter, as well as other information about SMNW PTSA, are available at [www.smnwptsa.org](http://www.smnwptsa.org).

Information and articles for the May newsletter are due by Wednesday, May 22, for publication on May 29. Submissions should be emailed to [smnwptsa@gmail.com](mailto:smnwptsa@gmail.com).

## SLAB

Student Library Advisory Board is a club for students who love libraries, books, and all things reading! This group has worked on various projects in the NW library. With their help during the recent book fair we sold over \$1000 and Pied three staff members at the prom assembly!

SLAB will be celebrating with the Shawanoe librarian, Liz Beck, as she takes the boxes of new and gently used children's books SLAB has been collecting for Shawanoe. SLAB members will be meeting at Shawnee Books and Toys to help spend the remainder of the library budget for this year.



## After Prom Fund Raisers

On May 10 – 12, Sassy Nails (6469 Quivira Rd, 913-631-4444) will donate 10% of sales for services provided to SMNW students/ parents on these days. SMNW students also receive a 10% discount on their services (Must spend a minimum of \$20 to receive this discount).

## Benninghoven Senior Reception

Know a senior graduating this year that attended Benninghoven? Please help us to spread the word that they are invited to a reception in their honor on Tuesday, May 14 in the Benninghoven Library from 3:30-4:30pm. We look forward to seeing all of them again and finding out what their future plans are. We also have a few mementos of their younger days for them.

## Key Club

Key Club is a community service club, sponsored by Kiwanis. To be a member of Key Club, students pay dues of \$11.00 (for pin and certificate year one) and earn at least 50 service hours (no pay received, not done during school day) by the end of March. Twenty members earned well over 2000 service hours with 11 members earning at least 100 hours to qualify for the President's Volunteer Service Award!

Projects included monthly birthday cakes and gifts for Vanderberg Youth Center at City Union Mission, Shepherd's Center yard work, Merriam Mayor's Christmas Dinner, and collecting peanut butter and jelly for Marcia Merrick. We say goodbye to 2013 senior members and look forward to new members. "Caring, Our Way of Life"

Anna Benoit- 106 hours

Harley Knapp- 102 hours

Carter Oberheu- 108 hours

Tatiana Darby- 172 hours

Grace Ladd- 54 hours

Ashley Railsback- 81 hours

Jackie Entzminger- 169 hours

Sara Laney- 50 hours

Amanda Rebori- 107 hours

Mary Hellmer- 254 hours

Sarah Lang- 54 hours

Chace Sanoubane- 56 hours

Elizabeth Hudson- 252 hours

Valerie Lewis- 100 hours

Alex Sweeney- 50 hours

Simrun Hundal- 53 hours

Sandra Ly- 51 hours

Brittany Weber- 57 hours

Skyler Jackson- 102 hours

Delaney Mirocke- 119 hours

## Food Service Facts: Did You Know...

- **Did you know that your student's money on their lunch account will roll over to next year?** Whatever money is on their account the last day of school will transfer to next year even if your student changes schools within the district. Negative balances will also transfer so it's important to clear those up before the end of school.
- **Free and Reduced meal applications will be available for the 2013-2014 school year on July 15. You will be able to apply for the program online; it will be available on July 15 at <http://foodservices.smsd.org>.** We encourage you to use the online application process as it will speed up the approval process. If you don't have access to a computer, you can visit the food service office and apply online there. Paper applications will still be available in our Food Service office at Broadmoor Technical Center (6701 W. 83<sup>rd</sup>) in Room 120 or at the school. A new application (per family) must be submitted each year. If you receive state assistance, call the food service office at 913-993-9710 before completing an application. Please apply before school starts so you can begin receiving your benefits the first day of school. It can take up to 10 days to process your application and you will be responsible for any meals your student buys before your application is processed. Waiver of Confidentiality letters for kindergarteners can be submitted online for anyone using the online application process.

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## SMNW Class of 2013 After Graduation Party!

Thursday, May 16th at 10:00pm – 1:00 am

POWERPLAY Entertainment Center in Shawnee!

Unlimited fun and all-you-can-eat food! Attractions include arcade games, bumper cars, cosmic bowling, laser tag, ropes course, and much more!

Advanced tickets are only \$15; tickets are \$20 at the door.

Advance tickets will be sold at Senior Breakfast!

This is your last chance to get together as the SMNW 2013 SENIOR CLASS!



## StuCo Update

Happy spring from Student Council! StuCo has been very busy actively organizing and planning this spring semester! To give you a final recap on what has happened this semester we want to share with you our successful events and the final upcoming ones!

- The 4th Annual **Talent Show** was on February 13. There were 24 acts that participated in this event! Proceeds went towards club scholarships awarded by StuCo to SMNW activities in need help with funding.
- StuCo hosted the Faculty Appreciation Dinner in conjunction with PTSA during Spring Conferences.
- Our **WPA Dance** was on February 23. It was a huge success with over 500 students in attendance!
- The **Spring Blood Drive** that benefitted the Community Blood Center was on March 5. We donated 146 units of blood; which brought SMNW's grand total for the school year to 328 units of blood!!
- **Matchmaker** took place in February and gave students an opportunity to find out who they were compatible with!
- The **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dodgeball Tournament** was on March 2. We had 16 teams compete for one title raising \$1000 to benefit the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.
- **Student Council Presidential Elections** were held during Seminar on March 7, 2013. The outcome of the election resulted in Sam Gross as President and Connor Johnson as Vice President. After the election the New Executive Board was appointed. Phil Shamet as Treasurer, Colton Allen as Secretary, Carolina Mach as Parliamentarian, and Grace Freeman as Publicist.
- **Care for the Community** toiletry drive exceeded our goal of 3000 items by roughly 500 items. Items were donated to Marcia Merrick, who makes lunches for over 400 homeless people in the KC area every day.
- On April 6, StuCo hosted our annual **Garage Sale** in the Northwest cafeteria. We broke our record by \$700 making a total of \$3200 dollars to send leaders to camp over the summer. This year StuCo will be spending the 2013-2014 Executive Board to leadership camp in Santa Barbara, CA. Additionally we will be sending class presidents and committee chairs to other camps over the summer.
- **Student Council Representative** Elections were held during Seminar on March 11. From each class 10 representatives were elected. Congratulations to future **Sophomores:** Blake Allen, Madalyn Fagan,,Amelia Hoelting, Hallie Ingraham (President), Maddison Jarman, Nathan Jones, Alexa Styers, Katy Terry, Emiel Winkelmolten, Zachary Ziegenhorn (VP); **Juniors:** Julie Branson, Harrison Chen (VP), Tatum Graves, Tom Green (President), Ben Johnson, Abbie Musson, Sam Nobrega, Carley Olson, Ojas Patel, Griffin Robinson; **Seniors:** Natalie Chance (VP), Spencer Cook, Dallas Ernsdorf, Megan Johnson, Hayley Nugent, Brady Skeens, Alex Springer, Nate Sterns (President), Sarah Taylor, Josh Van Auken.
- StuCo hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Special Education Dance** for the functional curriculum students in our district. Over 20 students with special needs attended and had a great time on April 13.
- Our **Cougar Crazie** week, which was the week leading up to Prom, and included spirit activities in the mall and cafeteria during lunches, was very successful. Games such as cupcake walk, doughnut on a string, musical chairs and Cougar-ade were played during lunch.
- The annual **Rock Paper Scissors Tournament** was in early April with the final four matches during the April 19 Prom Assembly. The final two opponents included Riccardo Maccina and Reed Bowker, and resulted in a victory for Riccardo.
- **Sleep in a Box** was April 22 - 23 and raised over \$5000 for Shalom House, a local men's shelter. We were honored to have two current residents of the Shalom House speak with participants about their experiences.
- StuCo has recently taken over **Recycling**. Paper and plastic recycling is taken out of classrooms about every two weeks.
- **Spring Carnival** is on April 27. This free event benefits Head Start program and all SMNW feeder elementary schools.
- **Life Week** will be April 29 - May 3 and will include campaigns on "no texting while driving", Gift of Life, and anti-bullying.

Thank you so much for all your support! If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions for Student Council, please feel free to contact a representative or the Sponsor, Sarah Dent at [nwdents@smsd.org](mailto:nwdents@smsd.org). Thank you! ~NW Student Council

## 2013 - 2014 PTSA Volunteer Form

Our PTSA needs your time and talent to make school events successful. Becoming involved is the best way to get to know other parents and our school. Please check the areas in which you would like to help and return this form to the PTSA mailbox in the mailroom within the school office or contact:

♦ Marianne D'Amato ♦ [marianne@magnaplus.com](mailto:marianne@magnaplus.com) ♦ 913.268.1278 ♦

\_\_\_\_\_ **Academic Achievement:** Help fill out honor roll certificates for 3.0 - 4.0 students at end of year.

\_\_\_\_\_ **After Grad:** Organize a drug-free, alcohol-free party for seniors only, immediately after graduation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **After Prom:** Help with NW PTSA's largest event of the year. Numerous 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 contest for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in the fall.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Concessions:** Work concession stand at NW sporting event, date TBA.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DAPP (Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program):** Coordinate and distribute information for the drug prevention program. Main event is Red Ribbon Week in October.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Food Donations:** Many volunteers are needed to provide food items and drinks throughout the year for various events benefiting students and staff. An email request will be sent as items are needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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 in the fall; work at registration or Back to School night.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Senior Breakfast:** Assist with breakfast prior to graduation practice in May.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SMAC Clothing Center:** Coordinate four volunteers to work one day in the spring at the Clothing Center during their "change-over" day. May coordinate a clothing drive based on the clothing center's needs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer to work at clothing center

\_\_\_\_\_ **Staff Appreciation:** Assist with activities for Back to School night, conferences and staff appreciation week.

\_\_\_\_\_ **StuCo Parties:** Assist with planning, food, decorations, or coat check at student council parties including freshman mixer, Homecoming dance, and WPA.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student Fun Nights:** Organize outside activities for students; may include skating, sand volleyball, bowling.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Volunteer:** Agree to be contacted for specific activities and/or projects as needs arise.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Voter Registration:** Inform students turning 18 of voter registration procedures.

Volunteer's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_