

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

September 11, 2020

Important Dates

Friday, 9/18 – Meal Pick-Up – 7-9 AM

Use the entrance off 97th Street

School News

Thank You!

We really appreciate the tremendous effort made by our students, families, and teachers to start our school year. We also understand the frustration when technology isn't working. We are thankful for your patience and grace as we work through these challenges together.

IWMS Bell Schedule

All students are starting the year with remote learning. Students will be expected to remotely attend each class at the scheduled time. This is also posted to our website [HERE](#).

| IWMS Remote Bell Schedule | |
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| Wolf Pack | 8:45-9:15 |
| 1st hour | 9:19-10:06 |
| 2nd Hour | 10:10-10:57 |
| 3rd Hour | 11:01-11:51 |
| Lunch | 11:51-12:16 |
| 4th Hour | 12:22-1:12 |
| 5th Hour | 1:16-2:03 |
| 6th Hour | 2:07-2:54 |
| 7th Hour | 2:58-3:45 |

MacBook Directions and "How To" Instructions

Need assistance with your student's MacBook? Our librarian, Kacey Reynolds, has helpful directions on our website. Click [HERE](#) or email Mrs. Reynolds at kaceyreynolds@smsd.org

WebEx Request

Our teachers are trying to get to know our students by putting a name to a face. It is important that students use their name when participating in our WebEx Meeting sessions. If students are not joining using video, they need to have a selfie picture as their icon. We are running into difficulties when students are using nicknames for their screen names and different pictures/graphics for their screen shot picture.

Following these simple guidelines will help teachers take correct attendance, limit outsiders from entering the WebEx Meeting session, and foster the building of our teacher/student relationships.

Remote Back to School Night

To maintain social distancing, we are opting to hold our Back to School Night in an on-line environment. We hope to hold an in-person Back to School Night when it is safe to hold large gathering events.

We have asked all of our teachers to put together an introductory FlipGrid video about themselves and their classes. We ask that you take time to watch each period's video with your student in the next week.

The videos are listed by teacher last name and subject they teach. FlipGrid can be accessed here: <https://flipgrid.com/da9868a6>

Attendance Update

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through the Remote Learning process. As many of you have noticed, your student(s) may have been marked absent for one or more classes this week. We ask for your continued understanding and support as you receive the automated calls and know that attendance will be corrected in time.

If your student was not in class due to an appointment, please call the 24-hour attendance line and follow the prompts.

If your student was not in class due to technical issues, no phone call is necessary.

24-HOUR ATTENDANCE LINE: (913)993-0612

Please do not call the school office for attendance, we need to keep our phone lines open for non-attendance purposes.

If for any reason your student will be late, absent or have an early dismissal from school, please call the 24-HOUR ATTENDANCE LINE by no later than 9:15am the day they will be absent. We ask that you please not send an email for your students' attendance, we need to have one location for attendance and recorded on the 24-Hour Attendance Line. We thank you for your continued support.

School Fees

The online fee payment program is available on September 4, 2020. Please [click HERE](#) and pay your student's fees.

If students have a medical card with the State of Kansas, please send a copy of the card or the card number to patdeveau@smsd.org. Our bookkeeper, Pat DeVeau, will check the KANCARE status and notify you by email if you are not on the KANCARE 19 (TITLE XIX MEDICAID APPROVAL) program. The KANCARE 19 status waives the textbook rental and ID fees. Families will be required to pay any course or optional fees.

Checks and money order payment can be mailed to Indian Woods Middle School, 9700 Woodson Drive, Overland Park, KS 66207. Please go to the online program above to check the amount due for your student. Please also put your student's name and ID number in the memo section of your check and write your phone number on the check.

Payment arrangement for student's fees can be made by calling Mrs. DeVeau at 913.993.0601. Please have your credit or debit card available to make your first payment. You will be sent a payment plan by email that you will need to sign and return to the school.

If you have any questions regarding fees, please contact Pat DeVeau at 913-993-0601.

Food Service

The food service department is pleased to announce that we will be offering **FREE meals to all SMSD students** regardless if they are learning remote, hybrid or in person. This includes breakfast and lunch meals. Meals that were picked up on Friday 9/4/20 will not be charged to the student's account.

Meals are funded entirely by USDA as part of their Summer Meals Program extension. These free meals will continue as long as federal funding is available and could end prior to 12/31/20. **We encourage families to continue to apply for free and reduced meals in the event the funding is no longer available** by clicking [here](#). Qualifying may allow for other support through the district so it is important to continue to apply for free and reduced meals.

- Meals will be available for pick up at all 47 SMSD schools.
- Pick up is on Fridays from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

- No advance ordering is needed. (The online digital ordering system has been disabled.)
- Available only for students enrolled in SMSD.
- May pick up meals for all of your students at your most convenient location.
- At pick up, the student(s) SMSD ID number(s) will need to be presented. Please have this ready in advance. (Student ID may be found in Skyward.)
- Pick up will be just inside the doors of school. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing.

During remote learning each week's pick up will include 7 breakfast and 7 lunches for each student. Menus are available on the district web page by clicking [here](#) and are subject to change due to availability. All entrées and sides need to be taken home and refrigerated or frozen until ready to heat or consume.

Meals are prepared by District Food Services staff and distributed following food safety and sanitary practices. Please contact the Food Service office with questions at (913)993-9710 or foodservices@smsd.org.

DS Busing/Transportation Services Update

Transportation for the 2020-21 school year will look a little different due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In an effort to transport students in the safest way possible, the following are a few of the measures that will be followed for transportation of students by bus and passenger vehicles in the SMSD.

Please read the following information for details regarding enrollment (required for ALL bus riders), bus stops, and safety procedures:

[20-21 Transportation Information – English](#)

[20-21 Transportation Information - Spanish](#)

PTA NEWS

Mark your calendar! Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 7 PM via Zoom. Look for information about the login soon.