

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

August 28, 2020

Important Dates

Wednesday, 9/2 - 7th Grade Technology and Supplies Distribution

Thursday, 9/3 - 8th Grade Technology and Supply Distribution

Friday, 9/4 - Technology and Supply Distribution Make-Up Day

Tuesday, 9/8 - ALL 7th Grade Students Attend Remotely

Wednesday, 9/9 - All 7th and 8th Grade Students Attend Remotely

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.

IWMS Remote Bell Schedule	
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

Directions and "How To" Instructions

The Middle Schools are working together on putting important information about "How To" get your students logged on to Canvas, WebEx, Google, and other important support programs and platforms.

This information will be sent out next week to all families. Stay tuned.

School News

Office Open

The Indian Woods Middle School office is open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM. Please call ahead for an appointment. (913) 993-0600.

Online Verification

A typical part of returning to school is completing online verification, which involves reviewing a number of forms including health forms, acceptable use policy, communication preferences, etc. We're asking all families to log into to Skyward [HERE](#) as soon as possible. Please pay particular attention to the communication preferences. One of the things we hear most often from parents as a frustration is that they didn't get important notifications because they didn't select that form of communication during online enrollment. Email is our most common medium but we periodically also use phone calls and texts to get messages out. Thank you to all the families that have already completed the online verification for their student.

MacBook & Supplies Distribution

7th Grade Technology and Supplies

We will distribute student MacBooks to ALL 7th Grade students on **Wednesday, September 2** using the schedule below:

Last Name	Time
A - C	8:30-10:00
D - H	10:00-11:30
J - M	11:30-1:00
N - S	1:00-2:30
T - Z	2:30-4:00
OPEN	5:30-7:00

7th Grade students will need to have their 6th Grade iPad wiped of student data, reset, and cleaned to be ready to be turned in before receiving their MacBook. Instructions for wiping student data from the iPad and resetting were sent to all 7th grade families on Thursday 8/27. (If you are new to SMSD, you will not have a 6th Grade iPad). Please also bring the iPad charger for check in.

Students will also pick up additional supplies and materials that may be needed for remote learning.

This event will be completed using car side pick-up in our front circle drive.

8th Grade Technology and Supplies

We will distribute student supplies and materials to ALL 8th Grade students on **Thursday, September 3** using the schedule below:

Last Name	Time
A - C	8:30-10:00
D - H	10:00-11:30
J - M	11:30-1:00
N - S	1:00-2:30
T - Z	2:30-4:00

Students that need a MacBook will also pick up their device during this time.

This event will be completed using car side pick-up in our front circle drive.

Families with students in both grade levels may pick up materials on either day during their assigned time.

7th/8th Grade Technology and Supplies OPEN Session

For families that could not pick up student devices and supplies at their assigned times, we will offer an open session from **9:00-11:30 on Friday, September 4.**

7th/8th Grade Band or Orchestra Instrument Check-Out

If your student rents a band or orchestra instrument from the school they will pick it up at the same time as their MacBook. Enter in on the north side of the school and follow the regular traffic pattern. Mrs. Ragan and Mrs. Hoelscher will be at **door #6** getting your students their instruments. Parents will need sign a rental contract.

Families can pay for the rental fee that day or later online. The yearly fee is \$60. Checks payable to SMSD.

Families will then continue around to the front of the school for your student's Macbook.

Please email Mrs. Ragan or Mrs. Hoelscher with any questions.

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meganhoelscher@smsd.org (band)

Student Schedules

We are preparing for distribution of new laptops to our students. In order to start laptop distribution, schedules and rosters need to be "turned on" in the Skyward system. Normally, this would not be a problem, as those schedules and rosters would have been completed and entered, but as you know we are working on a different timeline than usual for the start of school. **Please Note: Although rosters and schedules may be visible in Skyward, please know they are NOT correct, and could easily change between now and the start of school.**

We appreciate your patience as we work through this process to prepare for the upcoming school year.

We are still making last minute adjustments with scheduling and staffing to meet the needs of our students. We are targeting September 4th to have all schedules and rosters ready to go for our first day of school on September 8th.

School Fees

Fee structures for 2020-2021 are based on class selection and enrollment. Due to the delay in setting the final student schedules, families should not pay fees until after Friday, September 4. Information on the online process will be included in next week's newsletter.

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](#)

Indian Woods Weekly Newsletters

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