

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

January 8, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, 1/11 - Musical Auditions Begin (*See Article*)
Tues, 1/12 - Remote PTA Meeting – 7 PM
Fri, 1/15 - Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM (*Door #7*)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, 1/18 – **NO SCHOOL** – School & Offices Closed
Tues, 1/19 – PTA Dine Out Night – Brobecks BBQ
Thurs, 1/21 – Remote Brown Bag Lunch – 12:30 PM
Fri, 1/22 – End of 2nd Quarter
Mon, 1/25 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Workday
Tues, 1/26 – Beginning of 3rd Quarter
Tues, 1/26 – Hybrid Learning Begins

SCHOOL NEWS

2021 Mail-In Bond Election

Mail-in Ballots Arrive in January. Ballots are expected to land in mailboxes in early January. [Click here to watch a video](#) to learn more about the mail-in voting process. [Click here for more information about the 2021 bond proposal.](#)

Important Notice – 2nd Semester Schedules

2nd semester schedules are currently being processed. **These are NOT FINAL** – changes will continue to be made to accommodate learning models and class sizes. **Our plan is to have schedules finalized by the end of the day Weds, Jan 20.** If course fees have been added to your student's account for elective classes, please do not pay these until 3rd quarter begins on Jan. 26.

IW Yearbook – Order by Jan. 14

The deadline for ordering your yearbook is Jan. 14! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime yearbook. This yearbook will truly be a piece of history that you will want to have.

If you wish to purchase a yearbook (\$17) for the 2020-2021 year please call the bookkeeper, Pat DeVeau, at 913-993-0601 and she will take your payment over the phone with a credit or debit card. After Jan. 15, 2021 our yearbook price will increase to \$23.

Yearbook/Student Photos Feb. 2-3.

IW Picture Days will be Feb. 2-3. An evening session will be offered for remote students. Please look for more details in future January newsletters.

Remote Brown Bag Lunch – Jan. 21 – 12:30 PM

Please join our Principal, John Bartel, for this roundtable opportunity. Mr. Bartel will share the latest IW updates and answer parent questions. Join this WebEx meeting at 12:30 PM:
<https://smsd.webex.com/meet/johnbartel>

Hybrid Learning Begins Jan. 26

On Tues., Jan. 26, 2021, middle and high school students in the Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) will return to in-person learning, using the hybrid learning model. Students whose families have selected remote learning will remain remote.

Hybrid Model Information

For families that have selected In Person/Hybrid Model, your students will start attending in person again the week of Jan. 26. [Click HERE for Hybrid Learning Reminders.](#) Your student has been assigned to one of two groups by last name. Here are the weekly schedules for both groups:

- **A Group** (Last Name A - Lamb) - Monday and Tuesday In-Person at Indian Woods / Wednesday and Thursday at home learning through activities assigned on Canvas / Friday Remote learning at home -
- **B Group** (Last Name Lamc - Z) - Monday and Tuesday at home learning through activities assigned on Canvas / Wednesday and Thursday In-Person at Indian Woods / Friday Remote learning at home

In-Person Learning Days: All students are required to wear a mask while on the bus and in school. Indian Woods will open doors at 8:20AM. Students not eating breakfast will report directly to their Wolf Pack classroom. Students may eat breakfast in the MPR before reporting to Wolf Pack. Wolf Pack starts at 8:45. Students will be dismissed for the day at 3:45.

Home Learning Days: Students are expected to remotely check-in with Wolf Pack at 8:45. Students will complete activities and assignments posted on Canvas for each class after attending Wolfpack.

Remote Learning Days: Students will remotely attend all classes including Wolf Pack.

Families that have selected the **Remote Only** options will continue with their current schedule.

DS Busing/Transportation Services

New this year, **SMSD is requiring ALL students that want to receive bus service enroll online prior to the first time you ride the bus.** This includes those that qualify for free busing. See information [HERE](#).

Questions about busing may be directed to DS Busing at 913-384-1190.

Attendance – ALL Families:

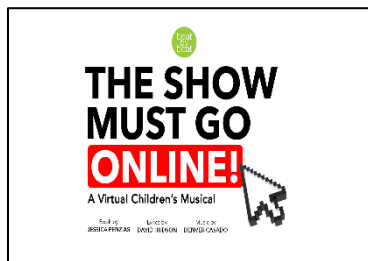
- 2 ways to submit attendance: Phone- (913)993-0612 OR Online ([CLICK HERE](#)) - No emails please!
- We are not able to guarantee accurate attendance recording for notifications received after 9:15 AM.
- **Only** guardians may report their students' attendance.
- Technical Issues: Email the teacher for that class. To find a teacher email [CLICK HERE](#).
- Parents & Students may check attendance by logging into Skyward [HERE](#) and checking the "ATTENDANCE" tab on the left. This will detail absence types and class period.
- Unreported absences will receive an automated phone call at the end of each day. Guardians have 48 hours to report this absence for it to be excused.
- Attendance Procedures: [Click HERE](#)

Indian Woods Presents:

THE SHOW MUST GO...ONLINE! (A VIRTUAL MUSICAL)

Auditions begin Monday, Jan. 11

Do you love to act and sing?
Would you love to be in a musical from home?
Indian Woods is proud to announce its first



ever virtual musical, "The Show Must Go...Online!" This is the story of a middle school drama department, and their musical gets cancelled due to the pandemic. The cast and crew decide the show must go....ONLINE! With a hilarious story line and music that spoofs current Broadway songs, will the show happen? Or will the drama department be closed for good?

Auditions will be held virtually after school on Mon.

Jan. 11 & Tues. Jan.12. For more information and audition materials, please visit our audition Google Classroom at classroom.google.com. Then, click the plus (+) sign in the upper right and corner and join using code: **n74x5i3** See event show information [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact Shelly Huffman (Performance) at shellyhuffman@smsd.org or Rebecca Donahoo (Choir) at rebeccadonahoo@smsd.org

Middle School Sports Resumes 2nd Semester

Once the district has transitioned back to the hybrid learning model, Indian Woods will resume all athletics, except wrestling. Middle school athletics will not take place while in the remote learning model.

To help keep our students safe during this time, **middle school sports will not be competitive, but instead, will run clinics focused on skill building, rules and game strategy.** There will be safety protocols in place in accordance with the Shawnee Mission Athletic Department, the JoCo Health Department, and the Kansas State High School Activities Association to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. To see these protocols and guidelines, click [HERE](#). An important part of these protocols involves maintaining cohorts, which means students will only participate in clinics on the days they attend school in-person.

If a child is a part of the remote-learning model, the days they will attend the clinics will be based on their last name.

- Mondays & Tuesdays: Group A - Student last name begins with letters A-Lamb
- Wednesdays & Thursdays: Group B - Student last name begins with letters Lamc – Z

Clinics will be held directly following the school day, running from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm. Transportation to and from clinics will not be provided. **Any student who would like to participate in the clinics will need to have a current physical on file, along with the Concussion & Head Injury Release signed. These can be found [HERE](#) (Spanish).** These forms can also be found on each middle school's website under Activities & Athletics, or picked up at your child's school.

Tentative Athletic Timeline (subject to change based on return to Hybrid date)

- **Boys Basketball**
 - **Physical Packets due by January 22**
 - February 1 - February 26
 - 7th & 8th Grade
- **Girls Basketball**
 - March 1 - March 26
 - 7th & 8th Grade
- **Volleyball**
 - March 29 - April 30
 - 7th & 8th Grade Girls
- **Cross Country**
 - May 3 - May 28
 - 7th & 8th Grade Boys & Girls
- **Wrestling**
 - Cancelled until the 21-22 School year

Food Service

Meal pick up resumes on **Fri., Jan. 8, 2021** and will continue on Fridays from 6:30-7:45 AM at all schools. Food service provides free meals to students regardless if they are in remote, hybrid, or in-person learning. This includes breakfast and lunch meals. Meals provided cover the days the student is not in-person learning (including weekend meals).

SMSD Food Services will be transitioning to a different pizza soon due to manufacturer challenges. The stuffed crust pizza that is a favorite of our students has been discontinued for the remainder of this school year. We will continue to have pizza on our menus. The new items will be added to SchoolCafé for nutrient and ingredient information. We appreciate your support and apologize for any inconvenience this will cause.

Free meals are offered to all SMSD students regardless if they are learning remote, hybrid or in person. This includes all breakfast and lunch meals. Meals are funded entirely by USDA. These **free** meals will continue through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. When students are in person, any extra ala carte purchases the students will need to have money on their food service account.

Please contact the Food Service office with questions at (913) 993-9710 or foodservices@smsd.org.

The school breakfast and lunch menus, pick up meal information, and other nutrition information are available on the district's website at <https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service>.

20-21 Inclement Weather Reminder

As we continue to navigate through the pandemic, with the unknown of what tomorrow may bring (quarantine, isolation, inclement weather), it is important to remember the following items:

- **Generally, inclement Weather Days will be considered a remote learning day for all students, including special education students.** Staff will be delivering live instruction when possible, along with at home learning activities listed in Canvas, in the event they are unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances. Middle School - Will follow a normal remote day schedule for all students, with attendance taken hourly.
- In the event we have an unexpected remote day and your student(s) does not have their device, if available, students can log on to Canvas through any home device as well.
- If your student is unable to participate due to technical difficulties, please email your student's teacher or call the school attendance line.

IW PTA Fundraiser

Virtual Jingle Bell Jog

Dec. 15 – Extended to Jan. 24

The IW PTA has created a virtual event 'IWMS Family Jingle Bell Jog' as the PTA fundraiser this year. We are hoping to encourage some outdoor play during this Covid time. The students can "Jingle Through the Woods" from now until 01/24/21.



The flyer [HERE](#) details prizes and participation information. We wish to thank our IW families and community in advance for your support!

Please contact Shawna Flowers at 316-516-7330 or shawnaflowers@hotmail.com with any questions.

Remote PTA Meeting – Jan. 12 – 7 PM

Please join us remotely for our next PTA meeting on Jan. 12 at 7 PM:

<https://smsd.webex.com/meet/johnbartel>

Brobecks BBQ Dine Out Night – Jan. 19

Help support Indian Woods Middle School and enjoy a dinner from Brobecks Barbeque. Tell the cashier you're benefiting IWMS and PTA will receive 20% of the proceeds.

Brobecks Barbeque

Tuesday, January 19 – 4PM-7PM

Dine In or Carry Out

4615 Indian Creek Pkwy

Overland Park, KS

SMAC Clothing Exchange

The Clothing Exchange offers gently used clothing and shoes to those within the SMSD boundaries. All items are clean. Donations are made possible by SMSD residents. Racks are sorted by item and by size, with seasonal and holiday themed items throughout the year. Formal wear and interview attire is also available. All residents are welcome! Please consider volunteering here:

[Volunteer Opportunities Sign-Up](#)

Hours of operation, address and complete information here:

[SMAC Clothing Exchange Website](#)

[2019-20 Clothing Exchange Flyer – English](#)

[2019-20 Clothing Exchange Flyer - Spanish](#)