

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

December 4, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, 12/11 - Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Thur, 12/17 - Virtual Brown Bag Lunch – 12:30 PM

Fri, 12/18 - Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM

Tues, 12/22 - Early Dismissal Schedule

School Hours 8:45 AM – 1:45 PM

Wed, 12/23 - Mon, 1/4 – NO SCHOOL

Enjoy your Winter Break

Schools & Offices will be Closed

NO Meal Pick-Up 12/25 or 1/1

Tues, 1/5 - Classes Resume - REMOTE Learning

SCHOOL NEWS

Remote Learning Information until Jan. 22

ALL STUDENTS REMOTE LEARNING

Please click [HERE](#) to review important information about Remote Learning.

- Remote Learning General Information
- Student Participation Expectations
- Student Support Central
- Family Wellness

Bell Schedule – All Students - Nov. 30 – Jan. 22

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

Bell schedules are also located on the website [HERE](#)

Attendance for Remote Learning

Any student checking into classes from home, for any reason, must check into their classes in the first 2 minutes of the start of class. Attendance is recorded at the beginning of each class.

For remote learning, it's important for students to not only log in to every class via WebEx, but also to participate and stay in actively engaged throughout class. We have had students log into WebEx and leave

their computer. If a teacher calls on a student and the student does not respond verbally, on the camera or in the chat, the teacher will assume the student has left the computer. We are treating this as if a student walked into the classroom, dropped off their backpack and left, and didn't return. **In this case, the student would be marked absent.**

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 Honor Choir

The Indian Woods Choir is proud to announce that eight members have been selected to represent Indian Woods in the KCDA All State Treble Choir and the KMEA Middle Level All State Choir. These students submitted a vocal audition and were selected from all the auditions submitted across the state of Kansas. As this is a very competitive process, we are proud of every Indian Woods Choir student who took the time to audition. We look forward to the following students representing Indian Woods with pride in the KMEA/KCDA All State Virtual Choirs. Their virtual concert will premiere online in conjunction with the KMEA state music conference the end of February.

KCDA All State Treble Choir Members:

Avadea Doty, Molly Hannan, Ansley King, Macy Reasons, and Emerson Ridgway

KMEA Middle Level All State Choir Members:

Katie Hull- Alto, Chet Salisbury- Tenor, Ian Dodson- Bass

IW Yearbook – Order by Jan. 14

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook! This is a unique and interesting year that you will want to look back on in the future! Yearbooks are available through our on line fee payment program. Please go to www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees and check your student fees. Book rental, ID and course fees are required fees. Yearbook and activity ticket are optional items. If your student's yearbook charge is not showing, please call the bookkeeper at 913-993-0601 and she can add that charge and take your payment over the phone with a credit or debit card. After Jan. 15, 2021 our yearbook price will increase to \$23.00.

Food Service

FREE meals are offered to all SMSD students during remote learning. Information about free meals, remote meals, menus, and other nutritional information is available on the district's website at <https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service>.

Remote meals pick-ups are on Fridays from 6:30-7:45 AM – (Door # 7 by gym doors off 97th Street)

- **Friday, Dec. 4 – Food Pick-Up**
- **Friday, Dec. 11 – Food Pick-Up**
- **Friday, Dec. 18 – Last Pick-Up in Dec.**
- **Friday, Jan. 8 – Meal Pick-Up Resumes**

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

2021 Mail-In Bond Election in the SMSD

Our Shawnee Mission community is looking toward the future. <https://www.smsd.org/bond-2021> about the SMSD mail-in bond election coming in Jan. 2021. Residents will soon be asked to consider a bond proposal, designed to provide lasting facilities improvements and to strengthen student learning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqJ5xyj2uRY&feature=youtu.be>

The Board of Education, unanimously approved a resolution to place a \$264.2 million bond. See SMSD Board [HERE](#).

The goal is that the Shawnee Mission School District can continue to be ranked among the finest school districts in the nation, employing exceptional educators who work in state-of-the-art facilities, where learners achieve their full potential.

Remote Brown Bag Lunch – Dec. 17 – 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>

Social Worker Corner

If your student needs any social or emotional support please contact our social worker, Julie Johnson, LCSW. She is looking forward to meeting and working with our Indian Woods community. Mrs. Johnson has resources available if your family needs any assistance during this holiday season. We know that this year has been particularly tough and we are here at Indian Woods to provide any support we can to make this year a little easier. Mrs. Johnson may be contacted at juliejohnson304@smsd.org.

IW PTA

Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is a national program that recognizes and honors students who demonstrate outstanding service to their community, nation, or abroad. Volunteer service hours should be tracked during the 12 month period between **April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. All forms must be submitted to the Indian Woods office by April 3, 2021.** Complete information regarding this program and forms may be found on the PTA section of the Indian Wood's website [HERE](#). Please contact Maureen Goddard at 913-522-4420 if you have any questions.

2020-21 KANSAS PTA CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The theme for this year's PTA Citizenship Program is, **"Caring for my Community Looks Like"**. Students may submit poetry or essay entries. They are welcome to submit as many entries as they would like.

- Typed entries are preferred
- Entries will be judged on originality, support of thought and relevance to the theme.
- **Deadline is Dec. 31, 2020 at midnight** and need to be emailed to maureenannegoddard@gmail.com
- Links to the participation and entry rules and entry form (please take time to read over the rules)
[Participation and entry rules](#)
[Entry form](#)
- Please contact the PTA Chairman, Maureen Goddard at maureenannegoddard@gmail.com

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! Hours of operation, address and complete information here:

[SMAC Clothing Exchange Website](#)
[2019-20 Clothing Exchange Flyer – English](#)
[2019-20 Clothing Exchange Flyer - Spanish](#)
[Clothing Exchange Service Opportunity](#)