

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

October 16, 2020

Important Dates

Tues., 10/20 – Virtual PTA Meeting

See article for Zoom Link & Meeting Info!

Tues., 10/20 – Reflections Entries Due

Fri., 10/23 – Meal Pick-Up – 6:30-7:45 AM

Use the entrance off 97th Street

Fri., 10/23 – Remote Learning Day – See Article

Mon. 10/26 & Tues. 10/27- 8:45 A – 3:45 P

Hybrid A Group Reports – (Last Name A-Lamb)

Weds. 10/28 & Thurs. 10/29 – 8:45 A – 3:45 P

Hybrid B Group Reports – (Last Name Lamc - Z)

Fri., 10/30 – Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM

Fri., 10/30 – All Students Remote

School News

Secondary Remote Learning Day

Friday, October 23 is being designated as a remote learning day for all middle and high school (secondary) students enrolled in In-Person Learning in the Shawnee Mission School District.

Students will have contact with their teacher at the beginning of the school day, during morning Wolfpack hour. At that time, their teacher will provide them with assignments to be completed during the remainder of the day.

After that initial meeting, students will work independently the rest of the day on those assignments, while teachers continue their work to be prepared for the learning mode transition on Monday, October 26.

Student Participation and Engagement - CAMERAS ON!

All of our teachers have noticed an increase in student engagement and participation when their cameras are on. Students with cameras on have been more likely to be a part of classroom discussions and ask questions. Students with cameras on have been more active in working on in-class assignments. Students with cameras on have been able to build better working relationships with their teachers and classmates.

If you have any questions regarding your student's camera usage, please contact their classroom teachers.

Hybrid Model Information

For families that have selected In Person/Hybrid Model, your students will start attending the week of October 26. 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: 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 will complete activities and assignments posted on Canvas for each class. Students are expected to remotely check-in with Wolf Pack at 8:45.

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

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

Bell Schedules

Please click the schedules below for In-Person/Hybrid Bell Schedules & Remote Learning.

Remote Bell Schedule

[Hybrid Bell Schedule- Last Names starting with A-LAMB](#) * Schedule Includes Lunch Information

[Hybrid Bell Schedule- Last Names starting with LAMC-Z](#) * Schedule Includes Lunch Information

7th Grade Student and New 8th Grade Student Building Visits

We are offering an opportunity for students to come to Indian Woods Middle School for a tour of the building and to locate classrooms on their schedules. To keep our visitor totals manageable, we are asking that students are accompanied by only one other family member.

The dates available are Tuesday, October 20, Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22 during these time slots: 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30.

Wednesday, October 21 will have 6 tours in Spanish.

Parents and students need to wait outside the front door with masks until the tour guide comes to get them at their time.

Please use the following link to sign up for a time:

<https://tinyurl.com/yyj3bnno>

In-Person/COVID-19 Guidelines

As we prepare for having students back in our building, please look over this information:

Masks:

All students and persons entering the building are required to be wearing a properly fitted mask. A properly fitted mask will cover the nose and mouth even while talking. Your student should not have to adjust and touch the mask often if the mask is properly fitted. Watch this quick video to see if your mask fits properly: [Does your mask fit you properly?](#)

- No valves or other “holes” may be in/on the mask
- Masks will be provided to students/staff who soil/forget their mask.
- If there is a concern with your student wearing a mask please contact the nurse at hollygunter@smsd.org

If you have had difficulty finding a mask that fits your student well, please contact me as I may have ideas that could help!

In addition to masks, each day you and your student are to do a daily COVID-19 Assessment. Our goal is to keep our school building doors open in whatever capacity we can this year. By staying home with any symptoms, you can help us achieve this goal. The daily COVID-19 assessment and instructions are below. Please feel free to call my office anytime with questions 913-993-0607.

Prior to coming to school each day, it is important to monitor your student for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. For the health and safety of all students

and staff, please conduct a Daily COVID-19 Assessment.

- It is not necessary to report the assessment has been completed unless you are reporting a YES response to attendance and/or the school nurse.
- Please call the attendance line, 993-0612, if your child is staying home. State their symptoms AND contact your building nurse if you have any questions.

Students Exhibiting Symptoms While at School

It is extremely important for Indian Woods Middle School to follow JCDHE and SMSD recommendations regarding students exhibiting symptoms while at school. These recommendations include isolating students until a family member can pick up the student. Please have a plan in place to pick up your student in a timely manner in such an instance.

Daily COVID-19 Assessment

In the past 24 hours, has your student had any of the following symptoms?

Fever*	Fatigue
Cough	Runny nose
Shortness of Breath	Congestion
New loss of taste/smell	Muscle/body aches
Sore Throat	Nausea
Headache	Vomiting
Chills	Diarrhea

**If you do not have access to a thermometer, please contact the school nurse for assistance.*

If the answer is YES to any of the above, stay home and contact your school nurse for additional instructions.

- In the past 14 days, have you been within 6 feet of someone for 10 minutes or greater who was diagnosed with COVID-19? If the answer is YES, stay home and contact your school nurse for additional instructions.
- In the past 14 days, have you had contact with the mucous/saliva of someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19? If the answer is YES, stay home and contact your school nurse for additional instructions.
- Are you asymptomatic, but waiting on results from a COVID test? If so, stay home until you have your test results. Notify your school nurse of your results before returning to school.
- Have you traveled to a location requiring quarantine? If the answer is YES, quarantine (stay home) for 14 days and monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop, stay home and contact your primary healthcare provider. <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/175/Travel-Exposure-Related-Isolation-Quaran>

Attendance

If your child is going to miss a class for an appointment or any reason other than technical difficulties, please make sure you are still reporting attendance (like you normally would) to let the Attendance Secretary know. This is important so that we can excuse the absence.

Attendance Procedures: [CLICK HERE](#)

Attendance Line: 913 993-0612

Attendance Online Submission Form: [CLICK HERE](#)

School Fees

If you have any questions regarding fees, please contact Pat DeVeau at 913-993-0601. The school offers multiple ways to accept your payment:

The **online fee payment** program is available, please click [HERE](#) and pay your student's fees.

If students have a **medical card with the State of Kansas (KANCARE 19 (TITLE XIX MEDICAID APPROVAL))**, please email a copy of the card or the card number to patdeveau@smsd.org. 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 payments can be mailed or brought in person to Indian Woods Middle School, 9700 Woodson Drive, Overland Park, KS 66207. If bringing payment to school (exact cash needed

Payment arrangements for 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.

Food Service

Food Service will continue to provide meals for pick up on Fridays even as students return to in-person learning.

Starting on Friday, Oct. 23 the meal pick up time will be 6:30–7:45 AM at all schools. The reason for the change are elementary students will be in class on Fridays.

As students return to in-person learning, USDA has indicated the meals are at no cost to students. If a student wants only a carton of milk, they would need to purchase this as ala carte. This would be similar to a student purchasing a bag of chips or a package of cookies. These are considered ala carte items and the student would need to purchase these.

Student Newspaper

The Indian Woods journalism class is happy to share the first 20-21 edition of The Wolf Street Journal.

[The Wolf Street Journal](#)

Transportation

New this year, **SMSD is requiring ALL that want to receive bus service to enroll online.**



This includes those that qualify for free busing. See information [HERE](#). Questions about busing may be directed to DS Busing at 913-384-1190.

IW PTA

Virtual PTA Meeting – Oct. 20

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 PM – Click below:

<https://kumc->

[ois.zoom.us/j/97995758931?pwd=ZkVNMFVjaUQ3NEFqUHYrTEMwQ2pyUT09](https://kumc-ois.zoom.us/j/97995758931?pwd=ZkVNMFVjaUQ3NEFqUHYrTEMwQ2pyUT09)

Meeting ID: 979 9575 8931

Passcode: 711519

Sprit Wear Has Arrived!

If you ordered spirit wear this year please come to the school front circle to pick up your order:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 21** - 5:30-7 PM
- **Saturday, Oct. 24** - 9:30-11 AM

Please contact Erin Emley at peacock.print1@gmail.com if you need different arrangements.

2020 PTA Reflections Contest – Due Oct. 20

It's time for the annual PTA National Reflection Contest. This year's theme is **"I Matter Because"** Rules, an entry form, and inspiration may be found **HERE**, as well as the video of the SMSD winners from last year. **The deadline for submission is October 20, 2020.**

Questions may be directed to Maureen Goddard, maureenannegoddard@gmail.com, PTA Reflections Chair.