

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

February 19, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES NEXT WEEK

Fri, 2/26 - Meal Pick-Up – 6:30-7:45 AM (Door #7)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, 3/1 - Girls Basketball Clinics Begin

Tues, 3/2 & Wed, 3/3 - Picture Retakes

Thurs, 3/4 - Remote Evening Conferences

Fri, 3/19 - **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Learning

SCHOOL NEWS

2021-22 Enrollment Information

7th to 8th Grade

We would like to thank all of our students and parents for their patience this past week as we navigated our new online enrollment processes. At this time, all 7th grade students should have submitted their online enrollment during Wolf Pack today, Friday, Feb. 19. Please email our 7th grade counselor, Beth Gershon, bethgershon@smsd.org if you have any questions.

8th to 9th Grade

8th grade students were to complete their enrollment for SM South this week via Canvas and a Google Form. The deadline to submit their course requests is today, Friday, Feb. 19 by 11:59 PM. If your student has not completed this please have them do so as soon as possible. The Google Form will stay live through the weekend but your cooperation to meet the deadline is greatly appreciated. Questions may be directed to the SMS Counseling Department at 913-993-7530.

School Fees

Please check your student's fees. Elective teachers need the course fees paid so they can order supplies for your students. Please take time to review your student's elective classes and pay for them by February 26. If you have question about your student's fees, please contact Mrs. DeVeau at 913-993-0601.

Additionally, please review your student's fees for required fees with Shawnee Mission Schools. Required fees of textbook rental and ID need to be paid for hybrid and remote students. If your student is on a Kancare card you may be able to have the textbook rental and ID waived if they have a medicare Kancare status of 19. Mrs. DeVeau can check your status with your Kancare card number. Either email a copy of the card or the card number to patdeveau@smsd.org. Payment can be made at <https://www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees>, or by calling Mrs. DeVeau at 913-993-0601 with your credit or debit card. All required fees need to be paid in full by April 1, 2021.

Celebrating Kindness during February Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Drive

Our school has partnered with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during Kindness month to raise funds to help find a cure. You can be a Hero and support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Make a donation to LLS and be part of the Hero Squad. Your student's Wolf Pack could earn a reward of their choice. The last day to contribute will be Friday, Feb. 26:**

To find your student's Wolf Pack donation site, go to the website below and enter the teacher's LAST NAME under "Find a classroom" on the lower left side of the page: [HERE](#)

SM Board of Education Meeting - Feb. 22

The School Learning Mode Update for secondary schools has been added as a discussion item to the Board Meeting Agenda for next Monday, Feb. 22. The board meeting will begin at 5:30 PM. The link for the meeting will be posted:

- Under "Recent News" on Monday on the front page of the website www.smsd.org
- SMSD Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thesmsd>
- SMSD Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thesmsd>

Dr. Mike Fulton, Superintendent, and team members will provide an update on school learning mode for secondary students. The presentation will include information on the most recent guidance from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE), along with details related to SMSD's in-person learning plans for secondary students. Presenters include: Elizabeth Holzschuh, Director of Epidemiology-Johnson County Department of Health (JCDHE), Dr. Rick Atha, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Hubbard, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Christy Zielger, Chief of Student Services, Shelby Rebeck, Director of Health Services, Dr. Joe Gilhaus, Director of Secondary Services, Dr. Jeremy Higgins, Principal North High and Blake Revelle, Principal, Indian Hills Middle School.

The complete meeting agenda may be found [HERE](#).

SM South Cheerleading Tryouts

There will be an **informational WebEx meeting Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7PM** for anyone interested in trying out for SMS cheerleading. The meeting link will be posted on the Cheer website next Wednesday:

shawneemissionsouthcheerleading.com

This is where you will also find the tryout registration link and necessary information and forms. Tryouts will be held March 22nd and 23rd. Contact Head Coach Jackie Turner if you have any questions.

soturner@smsd.org

IW Spirit Wear – All orders are due Feb. 21

Orders for Indian Woods Spirit Wear are due by this Sunday, Feb. 21:

<https://indianwoods.new.memberhub.store/store>

Contact Erin Emley at 913-231-6030 or peacock.print1@gmail.com if you have any questions about spirit wear.

Girls Basketball Clinic

Our girls' basketball clinics will start on Monday, Mar. 1. All health forms and sports packets need to be

turned to the office or emailed to

marysutton@smsd.org by Friday, Feb. 26. All forms may be found on the [Indian Woods Athletics website](#).

IW Picture Retake Days – March 2 & 3

Inter-State Photography will be offering Picture Retake Days on Tuesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 3. Orders are only accepted online, please follow ordering directions below. Here is the schedule for student pictures:

Mar. 2 - Group A – Students who were absent Feb. 2
Group A – Students who would like a retake

Mar. 2 - Remote Students – *3:55-4:30 PM
Remote Student Picture Sign-up is Required:
Sign Up [HERE](#)

Mar. 3 - Group B – Students who were absent Feb. 3
Group B – Students who would like a retake

Mar. 3 - Remote Students – *7:45-8:40 AM
Remote Student Picture Sign-up is Required:
Sign Up [HERE](#)

Orders are only available online directly with Inter-State Studios. No paper orders, checks, or cash will be accepted. **Order your school pictures today:**

- Please [CLICK HERE](#).
- Enter IW order code: **56959CB**, then click NEXT.
- Follow the prompts that Inter-State requires in the ordering process.

Orders placed on or before picture day will be delivered to school in approximately 3 weeks.

Evening Conferences – March 4

Parent Teacher Conferences will be the evening of Thursday, Mar. 4, 2021. If you would like to meet with your student's teacher please contact them by email or by phone. Teachers will be contacting parents to set up conferences as well. Indian Woods Middle School will not have in-person conferences. Conferences this spring will be held remotely via WebEx or phone.

Foundations of Parent / Teacher Relationships

- Keep in mind that you BOTH want what is best for the child
- Remember that you BOTH have valuable knowledge and experience to bring to the table
- Respect each other's unique perspectives on the situation
- Be open-minded
- Assume the best
- Be prepared to do your part – don't expect the other party to shoulder all of the responsibility

What do we need to communicate about?

- Addressing social, emotional, and academic needs and recognizing that all three of those are an important part of the picture
- The student's point of view and input
- What's working and what's not working and why
- What are the roadblocks and how can they be overcome with a team effort
- What we each have to offer (knowledge, experience, ideas, time, etc.)
- What other resources can be utilized

We are encouraging parents to have their students participate in the conference to discuss strengths, challenges, and goals.

Spring Break

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Spring Break!

Fri, Apr. 2 – NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday

Mon, Apr 5 – Fri, Apr 9 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
*Building and Offices will be Closed