

# Indian Woods Middle School

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## News at a Glance

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August 14, 2020

### Important Dates

Please review the new [SMSD 2020-2021 District Calendar](#). Please note: the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester will take place in mid-January, not at Winter Break. Spring Break has been moved to April. The last day of school will be in June.

### 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.

#### Enrollment

Please notify the IW school office at 913-993-0600 ASAP if your family plans have changed and a student is no longer planning on attending Indian Woods.

#### School Supplies

Please see the 2020-21 school supply list [HERE](#).

#### Student Schedules

We are currently working on filling our building schedules and placing students. With many factors to consider, the process is time consuming. We are hoping to have the first draft of student schedules completed by the end of next week.

We will keep you updated and alert you when the schedules have been uploaded to Skyward.

#### School Fees

School fees are currently being restructured to reflect whether your student is attending remotely or in-person.

The new fee structure is on the agenda for approval at the 8/24 SMSD Board of Education Meeting.

#### DS Busing/Transportation Services

The Shawnee Mission board of education provides free bus transportation to students living 2.5 miles or more from the school in their attendance area. Students who qualify for district-provided bus service in the Shawnee Mission School District may contact DS Busing for more information.

#### Bus Parent Pay Rider Program

Parents of students who live less than 2.5 miles from the school in their attendance area may contract for bus service directly with DS Busing under certain conditions. The information below is provided to help parents determine if they might be interested in the Bus Pay Rider program.

#### DS Busing

Transportation information and contracts are available on the SMSD school website [HERE](#). SMSD families may also contact DS Busing directly at 913-384-1190 or visit the [DS Busing website](#).

#### iPads and MacBooks

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - We are planning to distribute student MacBooks the week before school starts. At that time, we will collect their 6<sup>th</sup> grade iPad. More information to follow.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Students will continue to use the device checked out to them last year. New students will receive their device the week before school begins.

#### Middle School Sports

##### **Postponement of Middle School Athletics and Activities**

Middle schools in the Shawnee Mission School District have agreed to postpone all athletics and activities for the first semester. All athletics and activities will take place during the second semester. This action is designed to allow current mitigation practices, including wearing face masks, social distancing and hand washing, to continue to flatten the pandemic curve, so that middle school activities can begin in earnest in the second semester. Moving them to second semester presents the best chance for all activities to be held. During this postponement, all student/athletes and performing arts students will be expected to continue mitigation practices, including avoiding social gatherings, so that athletics and activities can resume second semester. We will continue to follow Johnson County Department of Health and Environment guidelines.