

# Indian Woods Middle School

## News at a Glance

September 25, 2020

### Important Dates

**Friday, 10/2 – Meal Pick-Up – 7-9 AM**

*Use the entrance off 97<sup>th</sup> Street*

**Sunday, 10/4 – Last Day to Order IW Spirit Wear**

*See the article below*

### District Request – **Please Complete ASAP**

Shawnee Mission School District recently requested that all parents acknowledge three assurances regarding remote learning. The request comes because the KS State Department of Education recently changed its requirements for how we verify student learning and attendance. Once you acknowledge the three assurances, we will no longer need to require that students complete and parents sign a daily learning activity log, which would have gone into effect once we entered hybrid learning mode. Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated. **Please log on to [Family Access](#) to complete the form.**

### School News

#### **Class Attendance and Participation Expectations**

As you know, **being present and participating** in daily class activities ensures course knowledge and personal success. Each class session materials are presented to ensure sequential learning experiences.

We will support our students should they have any challenges or questions regarding new materials; however, it is critical that our students participate in daily scheduled class curriculum assignments and WebEx meetings. Should your student have any special circumstances that prohibit them from being in class on time, prepared, and for the duration of the daily learning experience please contact the teacher through email.

We want to prevent your student from missing or being late to our class sessions in which we will be reviewing a substantial amount of information. Excessive missing of class or tardiness will definitely hinder their ability to be engaged collaboratively and individually in assignments.

As we move forward, it is extremely important we understand that attendance and participation are the two key components to successful online learning. We realize that this does not apply to all students and that some students learn better

individually, but class attendance and participation is paramount.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of us here at Indian Woods Middle School.

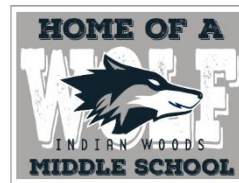
### **Join PTA, Purchase Spirit Wear & Yard Signs**

**October 4 is the last day to order spirit wear!**

There are so many ways to get involved with your child and your school. We are going to work hard to make this a fun and memorable year for everyone!

Click the memberhub link below to join PTA! Show your school spirit and pride by purchasing IW Spirit Wear or the new Yard Sign!

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



Thank you for your support. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Jennifer Burns ([jboresow@gmail.com](mailto:jboresow@gmail.com)) and  
Adrienne McGee ([4mcgees@gmail.com](mailto:4mcgees@gmail.com))

### **MacBook Directions and “How To” Instructions**

Need assistance with your student's MacBook? Our librarian, Kacey Reynolds, has helpful directions on our website. Click [HERE](#) or email Mrs. Reynolds at [kaceyreynolds@smsd.org](mailto:kaceyreynolds@smsd.org)



### **NEW Attendance Procedure**

**24-HOUR ATTENDANCE LINE: (913)993-0612**

**Please do not call the school office for attendance, we need to keep our phone lines open for non-attendance purposes.**

Attendance is required for **ALL** In-Person and Remote students. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the NEW "Report an Absence" tab on our website. This will outline how to report your student's attendance and technical issues. We have added an Online Submission form to report attendance for your convenience.

## **School Fees**

We have received several questions in regard to fee payment. The Shawnee Mission School District has always required a textbook rental and ID fee for all middle school and high school students. ID cards will be issued when the student's arrive back at school. The only waiver for these two fees is the Kancare 19 card.

Any course fees that the student is charged are also a required fee. Shawnee Mission has waived the Foods and FACS fees for the first semester. Those fees have been removed from your student's account. The only optional fees are the student activity ticket and yearbook. Any questions on this please contact Pat DeVeau at 913-993-0601.

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**, please email a copy of the card or the card number to [patdeveau@smsd.org](mailto:patdeveau@smsd.org). Our bookkeeper, Pat DeVeau, will check the KANCARE status and notify you by email if you are not on the KANCARE 19 (TITLE XIX MEDICAID APPROVAL) program. 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 to Indian Woods Middle School, 9700 Woodson Drive, Overland Park, KS 66207. Please go to the online program above to check the amount due for your student. Please also put your student's name and ID number in the memo section of your check and write your phone number on the check.

**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.

If you have any questions regarding fees, please contact Pat DeVeau at 913-993-0601.

## **Indian Woods Weekly Newsletters**

Missing a copy of the newsletter? The weekly editions of the Indian Woods News at a Glance is posted to the front page of our website [HERE](#).

## **Transportation**

An email from the district office was sent out to those families that qualify for



free busing encouraging them to sign up if they want to receive busing for their student. Please see the following information regarding transportation for the 20-21 school year.

New this year, **SMSD is requiring ALL that want to receive bus service to enroll online**. This includes those that qualify for free busing:

- For students who qualify for **free busing** (residing over 2.5 miles from school) Click here to enroll: [Shawnee Mission Bus Registration](#).

- For families interested in **Parent Pay Busing** (in areas with established routes): Click here to enroll: <https://dsbuslinesm.revtrak.net/-school-bus-parent-pay#/list>

Bus fees will be prorated for the days that district is in remote attendance per JCDHE gating criteria.

Additional information may be found on the SMSD transportation webpage: <https://www.smsd.org/families/transportation>

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

## **Food Services**

The food services department provides a variety of healthy food choices to ensure a student's readiness to learn. We are committed to providing high quality, freshly prepared, nutritious food, and personalized service to all students and staff.

## **Helpful Food Service Links:**

[Food Service Homepage](#)

[Meals for Remote Learning](#)

[Free and Reduced Meals](#)

[Food Service Publications](#)