

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

November 5, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Fri, 11/6 – NO SCHOOL – End of 1st Quarter

School Offices will be Closed

Thurs, 11/12- Remote Brown Bag – 12:30 PM

See article for meeting links

Thurs, 11/12-Remote Evening Conferences - 5-8 PM

Fri, 11/13 – Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM

Fri, 11/13 – NO SCHOOL – Remote Conferences

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Tues, 11/17 – Remote PTA Meeting

See article for meeting links

Fri, 11/20 – Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM

Mon, 11/23 – Fri, 11/27 – NO SCHOOL

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break

Schools & Offices will be Closed

Fri, 11/27 – NO Meal Pick-Up

SCHOOL NEWS

IWMS Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

To help clarify our drop-off and pick-up traffic pattern, please utilize the map [HERE](#). We appreciate all students and parents continuing to be safe, patient, and courteous during these crucial parts of our day.

Hybrid Learning Information

[Hybrid Learning Information for Families & Students](#)

Bell Schedules

Please click [HERE](#) for the bell schedules for both the In-Person/Hybrid Bell Schedules & Remote Learning.

In-Person/COVID-19 Guidelines

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news from our nurse's office about:

- COVID 19 Updates – Mask Requirements and the [Daily Assessment Checklist](#)
- Immunizations
- Medicine at school

Contact Holly Gunter, school nurse, at hollygunter@smsd.org with any questions.

1st Quarter Grade Reports

1st quarter grades will be posted to Skyward for both students and parents on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Remote Brown Bag Lunch – Nov. 12 – 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>

Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be the evening of Thursday 11/12 and all day on Friday 11/13. If you would like to meet with your student's teacher please contact them by email or by phone. Teachers will be reaching out to parents to set up conferences as well. Indian Woods Middle School will not have in-person conferences. Conferences this fall 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.

IW PTA

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

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

Remote PTA Meeting – Nov. 17 – 7 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://kumc-ois.zoom.us/j/93196751668?pwd=SjJOU25YWGXDa1BTYzVYMmkyNkdpdz09>

Meeting ID: 931 9675 1668

Passcode: 793718

Attendance for Remote Learning

On remote learning days, 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.
- If your student is a hybrid student, please schedule appointments during the two days of *At Home* learning.
- Attendance Procedures: [Click HERE](#)

Student Yearbooks

This is a unique and exciting school year! It is one that none of us is likely to forget, and will long talk about. Our yearbook will document our journey through this unusual year, so be sure you don't miss out on getting your copy! Imagine looking back on this year in photos and stories, and sharing it with others in the future. Order your yearbook now!

Yearbooks are \$17.00 and may be purchased 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 January 15, 2021 our yearbook price will increase to \$22.00.***

Food Service

Food Service welcomes every student to enjoy FREE & SAFE school meals.

FREE meals are offered to all SMSD students regardless if they are learning remote, hybrid, or in person. 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>.

Parents may add money online to lunch accounts for ala carte purchases [HERE](#). Students adding cash or checks must take it to the cafeteria before school. (8:20 – 8:40 AM).

Remote meals pick-ups are on Fridays from 6:30-7:45 AM – There WILL be food pick-up on Friday Nov. 6 & Friday, Nov. 13 (NO School days)

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

SM South Orchestra Fundraiser

The SM South Orchestra Booster Club is selling Raider spirit wear. They have a SM South beanie hat and a t-shirt that lists all the south feeder schools. Orders may be placed online here:

<https://smsorchestra.orderpromos.com/>

Orders will be delivered prior to the holiday break. Questions should be directed to Sandy Messick at sm84075@gmail.com.