

# Indian Woods Middle School

## News at a Glance

November 27, 2020

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

Mon, 11/30 – **ALL STUDENTS - REMOTE LEARNING**

Fri, 12/4 - Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, 12/23 – Mon, 1/4 – NO SCHOOL

*Enjoy your Winter Break*

*Schools & Offices will be Closed*

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Remote Learning Information

Please click [HERE](#) to review important information about Remote Learning.

- Remote Learning General Information
- Student Participation Expectations
- Student Support Central
- Family Wellness

#### Bell Schedule – All Students - Nov. 30 – Jan. 22

IWMS Remote Bell Schedule	
Wolf Pack	8:45-9:15
1st hour	9:19-10:06
2nd Hour	10:10-10:57
3rd Hour	11:01-11:51
Lunch	11:51-12:16
4th Hour	12:22-1:12
5th Hour	1:16-2:03
6th Hour	2:07-2:54
7th Hour	2:58-3:45

Bell schedules are also located on the website [HERE](#)

#### Attendance for Remote Learning

***Any student checking into classes from home, for any reason, must check into their classes in the first 2 minutes of the start of class.*** Attendance is recorded at the beginning of each class.

For remote learning, 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. Guardians have 48 hours to report this absence for it to be excused.
- Attendance Procedures: [Click HERE](#)

#### Second Semester Student Learning Model

Parents who desire to change their grade 7-12 student's learning model for **second semester** may do so from **November 19-30** through Skyward Family Access. Elementary level options will be announced at a later date.

#### REQUESTING A CHANGE FOR SECOND SEMESTER (GRADES 7-12)

There are two learning model options to assist parents in making the best possible choice for their children: In-Person or Remote. Parents will utilize [Skyward Family Access](#) to request the change in learning models.

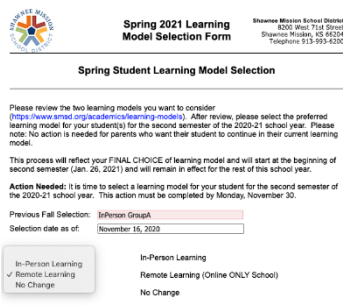
***Selections must be received by Monday, November 30, and will take effect second semester, which begins January 26, 2021.***

**\*\* IMPORTANT:** The parent/guardian who is normally responsible for enrollment (Family 1) will need to make the selection in Skyward Family Access. Attached to this message are directions to assist parents.

## Do I need to make a selection?

Only if you want to change your child's learning model for second semester.

**Parents who do not want to change their student's learning model do not need to complete the form.**



The form is titled "Spring 2021 Learning Model Selection" and includes the Shawnee Mission School District logo and contact information. It contains instructions for parents to select a learning model for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. The form includes a section for "Previous Fall Selection" and "Selection date as of" with a dropdown menu. Below this, there are three radio button options: "In-Person Learning", "Remote Learning (Online ONLY School)", and "No Change". The "In-Person Learning" option is selected.

## What are the choices?

1. **In-Person Learning** -Parents who desire in-person instruction for their children would choose the **In-Person Learning Model**. Please recognize that the school district could shift among additional learning environments during the school year based on the community/school spread of COVID-19. Under the In-Person Model, the district could start in or move between: on-site, hybrid, or remote.
2. **Remote Learning** -Parents who would rather have their children participate in off-site instruction should select the **Remote Learning Model**. The students in this model will learn remotely for the remainder of the school year.

## What are the next steps for parents?

1. **Log-in to Skyward Family Access**
2. **Select Learning Model for the Spring 2021 Semester**
3. **Repeat, as needed, for each student**
4. **Complete before Monday, November 30, 2020**

## Questions?

To learn more about your choices of Learning Models, visit our [website](#).

Please contact your child's school with school-specific questions.

## Forgot your user name/password?

The Skyward Family Access parent account is based on the parent email address on file with the school. First, try using the "Forgot your Login/Password" to reset your password. This link is on the login page for Family Access. If that process is not successful, please contact your child's school directly to ensure it has your most current email address on file.

## Other Information

Once the selection process is completed, each school will begin the process of building new schedules for students enrolled in the In-Person and Remote Learning Models for the second semester.

## Food Service

**FREE** meals are offered to all SMSD students during remote learning. 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>.

**Remote meals pick-ups are on Fridays from 6:30-7:45 AM – (Door # 7 by gym doors off 97<sup>th</sup> Street)**

- **Friday, Dec. 4 – Food Pick-Up**
- **Friday, Dec. 11 – Food Pick-Up**
- **Friday, Dec. 18 – Last Pick-Up For Dec.**
- **Friday, Jan. 8 – Meal Pick-Up Resumes**

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

## 2021 Mail-In Bond Election in the SMSD

Our Shawnee Mission community is looking toward the future. <https://www.smsd.org/bond-2021> about the SMSD mail-in bond election coming in Jan. 2021. Residents will soon be asked to consider a bond proposal, designed to provide lasting facilities improvements and to strengthen student learning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qj5xyj2uRY&feature=youtu.be>

The Board of Education, unanimously approved a resolution to place a \$264.2 million bond [https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/smsd/Board.nsf/files/BUKRDJ6D2094/\\$file/Election%20Documents%20\(U%20SD%20512\)%20\(January%2026%202021%20Mail%20Ballot\)%20\(Option%20C\).pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/smsd/Board.nsf/files/BUKRDJ6D2094/$file/Election%20Documents%20(U%20SD%20512)%20(January%2026%202021%20Mail%20Ballot)%20(Option%20C).pdf)

The goal is that the Shawnee Mission School District can continue to be ranked among the finest school districts in the nation, employing exceptional educators who work in state-of-the-art facilities, where learners achieve their full potential.

## IW PTA

### Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is a national program that recognizes and honors students who demonstrate outstanding service to their community, nation, or abroad. Volunteer service hours should be tracked during the 12 month period between **April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. All forms must be submitted to the Indian Woods office by April 3, 2021.** Complete information regarding this program and forms may be found on the PTA section of the Indian Wood's website [HERE](#). Please contact Maureen Goddard at 913-522-4420 if you have any questions.