

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

January 1, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues, 1/5 – Welcome Back IW Students!

8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

Classes Resume – ALL REMOTE Learning

Fri, 1/8 – Meal Pick-Up Resumes - 6:30-7:45 AM

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, 1/11 – Musical Auditions Begin – See Article

Tues, 1/12 – Remote PTA Meeting – 7 PM

Mon, 1/18 – NO SCHOOL – School & Offices Closed

Fri, 1/22 – End of 2nd Quarter

Mon, 1/25 – NO SCHOOL – School & Offices Closed

SCHOOL NEWS

School Resumes- All Remote until Jan. 22

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO REMOTE LEARNING

TUESDAY, JAN. 5 at 8:45 AM

END OF 2ND QUARTER: JAN. 22

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

Important Notice – 2nd Semester Schedules

2nd semester schedules are currently being processed.

These are NOT FINAL – changes will continue to be made to accommodate learning models and class sizes. If course fees have been added to your student's account for elective classes, please do not pay these until schedules are finalized and 3rd quarter begins on Jan. 26.

IW Yearbook – Order by Jan. 14

The deadline for ordering your yearbook is Jan. 14!

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime yearbook. This yearbook will truly be a piece of history that you will want to have.

If you wish to purchase a yearbook (\$17) for the 2020-2021 year please call the bookkeeper, Pat DeVeau, at 913-993-0601 and she will take your payment over the phone with a credit or debit card. After Jan. 15, 2021 our yearbook price will increase to \$23.

Yearbook/Student Photos Feb. 2-3.

IW Picture Days will be Feb. 2-3. An evening session will be offered for remote students. Please look for more details in future January newsletters.

2021 Mail-In Bond Election

Mail-in Ballots Arrive in January. Ballots are expected to land in mailboxes in early January. [Click here to watch a video](#) to learn more about the mail-in voting process.

[Click here for more information about the 2021 bond proposal.](#)

Middle School Sports Resumes 2nd Semester

Middle schools in the Shawnee Mission School District will resume all athletics, except wrestling, during second semester, **once the district has transitioned back to the hybrid learning model.** Middle school athletics will not take place while in the remote learning model.

To help keep our students safe during this time, **middle school sports will not be competitive, but instead, will run clinics focused on skill building, rules and game strategy.** There will be safety protocols in place in accordance with the Shawnee Mission Athletic Department, the JoCo Health Department, and the Kansas State High School Activities Association to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. To see these protocols and guidelines, click [HERE](#). An important part of these protocols involves maintaining cohorts, which means students will only participate in clinics on the days they attend school in-person.

If a child is a part of the remote-learning model, the days they will attend the clinics will be based on their last name.

- Mondays & Tuesdays: Group A - Student last name begins with letters A-Lamb
- Wednesdays & Thursdays: Group B - Student last name begins with letters Lamc – Z

Clinics will be held directly following the school day, running from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm. Transportation to and from clinics will not be provided. **Any student who would like to participate in the clinics will need to have a current physical on file, along with the Concussion & Head Injury Release signed. These can be found [HERE \(Spanish\)](#).** These forms can also be found on each middle school's website under Activities & Athletics, or picked up at your child's school.

Tentative Athletic Timeline (subject to change based on return to Hybrid date)

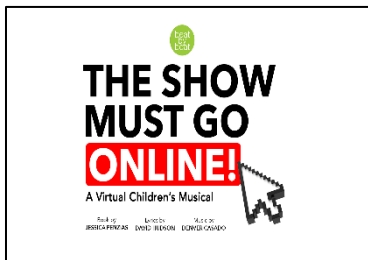
- **Boys Basketball**
 - February 1 - February 26
 - 7th & 8th Grade
- **Girls Basketball**
 - March 1 - March 26
 - 7th & 8th Grade
- **Volleyball**
 - March 29 - April 30
 - 7th & 8th Grade Girls
- **Cross Country**
 - May 3 - May 28
 - 7th & 8th Grade Boys & Girls
- **Wrestling**
 - Cancelled until the 21-22 School year

Indian Woods Presents:

THE SHOW MUST GO...ONLINE! (A VIRTUAL MUSICAL)

Auditions begin Monday, Jan. 11

Do you love to act and sing?
Would you love to be in a musical from home?
Indian Woods is proud to announce its first



ever virtual musical, "The Show Must Go...Online!" This is the story of a middle school drama department, and their musical gets cancelled due to the pandemic. However, the students find out that without the show, their drama department will be shut down for good! The cast and crew decide the show must go....ONLINE! With a hilarious story line and music that spoofs current Broadway songs, will the show happen? Or will the drama department be closed for good?

Auditions will be held virtually after school on

Monday and Tuesday, Jan 11-12. For more information and audition materials, please visit our audition Google Classroom at classroom.google.com. Then, click the plus (+) sign in the upper right and corner and join using code: n74x5i3 See event show information [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact Shelly Huffman (Performance) at shellyhuffman@smsd.org or Rebecca Donahoo (Choir) at rebeccadonahoo@smsd.org

Attendance for Remote Learning

Attendance is recorded at the beginning of each class. Students must check in within the first 2 minutes of the start of class. For reporting technology issues please email teachers. If reporting all other absences, there are 2 ways to submit attendance. Call 913-993-0612 OR submit online ([CLICK HERE](#)) - No emails please

Food Service

The next meal pick up date will be **Friday, Jan. 8, 2021** from 6:30-7:45 a.m. at all schools. **The IW pick-up location is by door #7 by the gym doors off 97th St.**

Food service provides free meals to students regardless if they are in remote, hybrid, or in-person learning. This includes breakfast and lunch meals. Meals provided cover the days the student is not in-person learning (including weekend meals).

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

The school breakfast and lunch menus, pick up meal information, and other nutrition information are available on the district's website [HERE](#).

Nurse's Office Update

Please see the latest information from the nurse's office here: <https://www.smores.com/bgkac>

IW PTA Fundraiser

Virtual Jingle Bell Jog

Dec. 15 – Jan. 10

The IW PTA has created a virtual event 'IWMS Family Jingle Bell Jog' as the PTA fundraiser this year. We are hoping to encourage some outdoor play during this Covid time. The students can "Jingle Through the Woods" from now until 01/10/21.



The flyer [HERE](#) details prizes and participation information. We wish to thank our IW families and community in advance for your support!

Please contact Shawna Flowers at 316-516-7330 or shawnaflores@hotmail.com with any questions.

PTA Legislative Forum – Jan. 6

Meet your Kansas legislators! We have three new and one returning legislator representing our area in Topeka this year. Join your **PTA for a virtual forum to meet your legislators**, hear their views, learn what's on the agenda in the capitol, and get your questions answered.

The following legislators will be present: Sen. Ethan Corson, Sen. Kellie Warren, Rep. Stephanie Clayton, and Rep. Mari-Lynn Poskin.

Hosted by Trailwood, Brookwood, John Diemer, and Indian Woods PTAs, this event will be recorded and we hope to live-stream on Facebook.

When: Jan 6, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time

Advance registration is open to the first 100 participants from Trailwood, Brookwood, John Diemer, and Indian Woods only. **Registration required for this webinar: [REGISTER HERE](#)**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Brobecks BBQ Dine Out Night – Jan. 19

Help support Indian Woods Middle School and enjoy a dinner from Brobecks Barbeque. Tell the cashier you're benefiting IWMS and PTA will receive 20% of the proceeds.

Brobecks Barbeque

Tuesday, January 19 – 4PM-7PM

Dine In or Carry Out

4615 Indian Creek Pkwy

Overland Park, KS