

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

December 11, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur, 12/17 - Virtual Brown Bag Lunch – 12:30 PM

Fri, 12/18 - Meal Pick-Up - 6:30-7:45 AM

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Tues, 12/22 - Early Dismissal Schedule

School Hours 8:45 AM – 1:45 PM

Wed, 12/23 - Mon, 1/4 – NO SCHOOL

Enjoy your Winter Break

Schools & Offices will be Closed

NO Meal Pick-Up 12/25 or 1/1

Tues, 1/5 - Classes Resume - REMOTE Learning

SCHOOL NEWS

Remote Brown Bag Lunch – Dec. 17 – 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>

December 22 – Early Release Day

Tuesday, Dec. 22 is an early release day and the last day of school before winter break for students; the day will end at 1:45 PM. All middle school students in Shawnee Mission will be participating in an online extension day. Students will need to be in Wolf Pack at 8:45 AM, and will remain with that group throughout the day. Activities will include some fun games with their Wolf Packs, the opportunity to virtually attend the Shawnee Mission South winter play, and a service project. They will also have the opportunity to work with their teachers to get help on work they may still need to complete. Students will be guided by their Wolf Pack teacher as to lunch break schedules and what their choices are throughout the day.

IW Yearbook – Order by Jan. 14

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook! This is a unique and interesting year that you will want to look back on in the future! Yearbooks are available 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 Jan. 15, 2021 our yearbook price will increase to \$23.00.

20-21 PTA Reflections Winners

Congratulations to all of the IW students who submitted entries to the PTA Reflections Program. The theme this year was "I Matter Because". Thank you to our IW participants for sharing your thoughts, passions, and visions. We are a better community when we share our values and ideas. The following students participated in the program:

Literature

Samara Rowe- Certificate of Excellence

Gabriel Calvert- Certificate of Excellence

Emilia Kojukar- Certificate of Merit

Taya Kovanda- Certificate of Merit

Shea DiSalvo- Certificate of Merit

Photography

Jack Vickers- Award of Excellence

Christopher Salas Romero- Award of Merit

Dance Choreography

Samantha De La Torre- Certificate of Excellence

Visual Art

Gabby Jarrett- Certificate of Excellence

Sophia Walker- Certificate of Merit

Leila Henderson- Certificate of Merit

The following students advanced and received recognition at the District level of the Reflections Program! Congratulations to:

Award of Excellence- Dance Choreography

Samantha De La Torre

Samantha will be moving onto the State Competition!

Honorable Mention- Photography

Jack Vickers

Honorable Mention- Visual Arts

Gabrielle Jarrett

District entries may be viewed online here:

<https://www.smac-pta.org/2020-21-reflections-results>

Social Worker – Student & Family Services

If your student needs any social or emotional support please contact our social worker, Julie Johnson, LCSW. Mrs. Johnson has resources available if your family needs any assistance during this holiday season. We know that this year has been particularly tough and we are here at Indian Woods to provide any support we can to make this year a little easier. Mrs. Johnson may be contacted at juliejohnson304@smsd.org.

SM SOUTH

The SM South Theatre Department is happy to present a virtual performance of Stocking Stuffers on Dec. 18-19. This is a family friendly production. Please click [HERE](#) for show times and ticket information if you are interested

2021 Mail-In Bond Election

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=jqJ5xyj2uRY&feature=youtu.be>

The Board of Education, unanimously approved a resolution to place a \$264.2 million bond. See SMSD Board [HERE](#).

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.

Remote Learning Information until Jan. 22

ALL STUDENTS REMOTE LEARNING

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

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

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 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

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 97th Street)

- Friday, Dec. 18 – Last Pick-Up in Dec.
- Friday, Jan. 8 – Meal Pick-Up Resumes

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

IW PTA

2020-21 Kansas PTA Citizenship Program

The theme for this year's PTA Citizenship Program is, **"Caring for my Community Looks Like"**. Students may submit poetry or essay entries. They are welcome to submit as many entries as they would like.

- Typed entries are preferred
- Entries will be judged on originality, support of thought and relevance to the theme.
- **Deadline is Dec. 31, 2020 at midnight** and need to be emailed to maureenannegoddard@gmail.com
- Links to the participation and entry rules and entry form (please take time to read over the rules)
[Participation and entry rules](#)
[Entry form](#)
- Please contact the PTA Chairman, Maureen Goddard at maureenannegoddard@gmail.com

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.

Sen. Ethan Corson
Sen. Kellie Warren
Rep. Stephanie Clayton
Rep. Mari-Lynn Poskin

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

When: Jan 6, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Advance registration open to 100 participants from Trailwood, Brookwood, John Diemer, and Indian Woods only.

Registration required for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ukUb2xRqTBaoJpNDvo6qlw

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