

Indian Woods Middle School

News at a Glance

December 18, 2020

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

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.

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

The deadline for ordering your yearbook is Jan. 14!

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime yearbook. You will be able to look back on this unique year at IW recorded in the pages of your yearbook. Remote and hybrid learning, masks on every face, outdoor distanced gatherings, family fun, pandemic pets! 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 will be taken on Feb. 2-3.

An evening session will be offered for Remote students. Please look for more details in January.

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

Social Worker – Student & Family Services

If your student needs any social or emotional support please contact our social worker, Julie Johnson, LSCSW. 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.

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.

Students can go to the link <https://app.memberhub.gives/iwmswolves> and click on the 'Student Center'. The students who register can create their own unique fundraising link that they can share with their family and friends. Donors should use the student's link to 'Make a Pledge'.

If a student doesn't register, a donor can still 'Make a Pledge' using the above link. A donor can also text 'iwmswolves' to 919-626-3277 for a link to donate as well.

Students will earn a prize by reaching certain donation levels, being one of the top 3 earners, and/or being part of the Wolf Pack that earns the most money!!

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

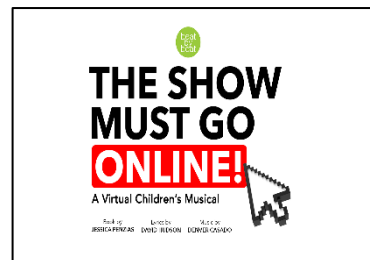
Please contact Shawna Flowers at 316-516-7330 or shawnaflowers@hotmail.com with any questions.

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

Indian Woods Presents: THE SHOW MUST GO...ONLINE! (A VIRTUAL MUSICAL) MAR 5-6

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

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

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, 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 is open to the first 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.

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=iqJ5xyj2uRY&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.

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.