



Shawnee Mission Northwest News

November 2021

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A SMNW PTSA Publication

SMNW Calendar

November

- 1 NW Food Drive Starts
- 4 NW Area Choral Concert
- 9 NHS Inductions
- 11 IB Information Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 22 **NO SCHOOL**
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- 24 **NO SCHOOL**
- 25 **NO SCHOOL**
- 26 **NO SCHOOL**
- 29 Winter Sports Meeting, 6:30 PM

December

- 3 NW Adopt a Tot
- 6 Winter Choir Concert
- 7 Winter Orchestra Concert
- 9 Winter Band Concert
- 15 Cocoa and Cram
- 17 Semester Exams
- 20 Semester Exams
- 21 Semester Exams/**Early Dismissal**
- 22-31 **NO SCHOOL**

PTSA Update

From the PTSA President

If you haven't had a chance to join PTSA yet, you haven't missed your opportunity. Memberships for parents are \$20 each and \$15 for students and staff. Joining is easy, just head over to the SMNW PTSA webpage:

<http://www.smnwptsa.org/home.html>

2021-2022 PTSA Meetings:

Wednesday, December 8 @ 11:00 AM

Wednesday, February 23 @ 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 4 @ 3:00 PM

Newsletter Deadlines:

E-mail submissions to smnwptsa@gmail.com by the 25th of the preceding month.

Thanks for supporting PTSA!

Erin Cecil, SMNW PTSA President

smnwptsa@gmail.com

SENIORS:

Seniors make sure to fill out the diploma information on the Graduation Canvas page under the button labeled "Diploma click here". This is a google form, which needs to be filled out under the student's google account. If a student does not fill out the diploma information, we will use the name which is in Skyward.

Cap and gown orders are due by December 2, 2021. A late charge will be assessed for orders taken after this time. Any announcements ordered from Balfour will be delivered on March 31st. Cap and gowns will be delivered to NW and passed out at graduation rehearsal in May. Any other items purchased from Balfour will be delivered to your home.



After Prom Fundraiser/Staff Appreciation:

Let's show our SMNW Staff how THANKFUL we are for their continued commitment to our students! Contribute to the annual PTSA Pie Give-Away on Friday, November 19th!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948aaa923a5fa7-smnw17>

Short on time or baking is just not your thing? Order your pies for Staff Appreciation AND/OR for your family's Thanksgiving through the After Prom Pie Fundraiser!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A48AFAE23A1FE3-golden2>



THANKSGIVING PIES

Order Pick up Dates

- Friday, 11/19
- Tuesday, 11/23

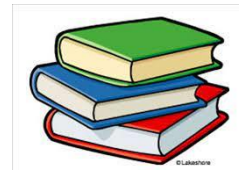
\$15 Golden Boy PIES are deep, 9-inch, made from scratch, with all-natural ingredients.

Order by Friday, November 12.

Planning on supporting staff appreciation with a dessert? Order a pie (or 2) & we will take care of the delivery!

- Pumpkin
- Pecan
- Chocolate
- Chocolate -Peanut Butter Cream
- French Apple Streusel Topped
- Cherry

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A48AFAE23A1FE3-golden2>
fivevolks@gmail.com for ?? Venmo: @Stephanie-Volk-4



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Does your student need additional support?
Please encourage them to stay twice a week
For Academic Enrichment!

(After school snacks are provided)

Mondays & Wednesdays

Time: 2:50 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

Location: LIBRARY

Subjects: Math, English, Science, and Social Studies

(BUS DEPARTS AT 4:00 P.M. FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE CIRCLE DRIVE)

Scheduled Dates:

November: 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 29

December: 1, 6, 8, 13, 15

January: 10, 12, 19, 24, 26, 31

February: 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28

March: 2, 7, 9, 21, 23, 28, 30

April: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

May: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

From the Athletic Director:

Physicals for Winter Sports: Physicals packets for winter sports need to be completed prior to the opening practice/tryout date. Winter sports are scheduled to start on Monday, November 15th. All aspiring student-athletes must have their completed physical packet turned in no later than Friday, November 13th, to the athletic office. Those wishing to secure a packet may do so online at SMNWCougars and go to the "more" tab and look at "forms." You may also stop by the athletic office, located inside the main office, and pick up a form between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For questions contact Mrs. Alvey, Athletic Administrative Assistant at 913-993-7400.

COLLEGE ADVISER REPORT

SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST
NOVEMBER

Ms. Connor Davis
College Adviser

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Twitter: SMNW_StdntSrves



schedule an
appointment!

- Make an appointment with me, Ms. Davis, to talk about your post-secondary plans! My title is 'College Adviser' but I can discuss all options :)
- The next ACT test date is December 11, 2021. Register by November 5th at www.act.org. See Ms. Davis or a school counselor for a fee waiver.
- Many of us still need to complete the FAFSA. School's like KU & K-State have priority deadlines for FAFSA. The sooner you apply the more aid you could receive! www.studentaid.gov
- Apply to scholarships! Seniors, you have resources to this in your Canvas Course Card, "Senior Information 2021-2022"
*I have resources for this in my office too, feel free to quickly stop by!

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SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST
NOVEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 5th - ACT Registration Deadline
- November 10th - FAFSA Completion Event (Bilingual) at **Shawnee Mission West**. Scan the QR code below for more information.
- **Wabash Cannonball Scholarship**
 - due December 1st.
 - Specific to just KC Metro Students.
- **RUDD Scholarship**
 - due December 10th.
 - This scholarship is full ride to WSU, Emporia State, or Fort Hays!



<https://linktr.ee/ms.davisyourcollegeadviser>

SMNW High School

FAFSA WALK-IN

November 10, 2021 || 3-6:00 PM

Location: Shawnee Mission West
High School in the library.

****English & Spanish Speaking****

You will not be there for 3 hours. It will take roughly 45 minutes to complete. FAFSA is a great resource to fund a student's education! Please join us to receive assistance through this process! No appointment required!

Scan to find out what materials to bring
and information about the event!



Connor Davis, College Adviser
connordavis@smsd.org

Youth Equity Stewardship

Applications are now available for students interested in participating in the **Youth Equity Stewardship (YES!)** Student Leadership Series!

YES! is for:

Students who are looking for leadership training and development.

Students who are passionate about ways to add their voice to their building leadership and our district leadership circles.

Students Interested in a collaborative learning opportunity with other students across the district.

Students who might have a voice but not a place to share it.

- YES! is a district-wide student leadership opportunity that includes five off-site training sessions, and collaborative work with teachers and students at their school.
- YES! is an experiential, arts-based process focused on engaging youth and adults as advocates for building soulful, inspired, and inclusive learning environments.
- YES! empowers students and gives them the opportunity to keep SMSD strong.
- YES! is centered on growing empathy in students by interacting with students from across the district.
- It follows a model that builds leadership capacity and multi-generational collaboration to support authentic school improvement efforts.

[Watch this short video for more information!](#)

Time Line:

- **October 18, 2021** -
 - Student Applications Open
 - [APPLY HERE](#)
- **December 3, 2021** -
 - All applications due
- **December 8, 2021** -
 - Selected students announced
- **January 10, 2022** -
 - YES! Session 1 (9am-2:00pm at JCCC)
- **February 28, 2022** -
 - YES! Session 2 (9am-2:00pm at JCCC)
- **March 1, 2022** -
 - YES! Session 3 (9am-2:00pm at JCCC)
- **June 1st & 2nd 2022** -
 - YES! Sessions 4 & 5 (location to be determined)

Northwest Food Drive

Our NW STUCO is sponsoring the annual Canned food and coin drive Nov 1 – Nov 12 to benefit Johnson County Christmas Bureau (www.jccb.org)





The only thing secret about the Secret Samaritan Society is who we help

Who are we?

The Secret Samaritan Society is a Kansas public charity dedicated to providing financial assistance to SMNW students for education and school related expenses.

Who is eligible?

Below is a list of types of assistance that are generally funded. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but to give an idea of what can be funded.

- Club and sports memberships/dues/fees
- Prom, After-Prom and other dance tickets
- Sports equipment and uniforms
- Calculators
- Classroom fees
- ACT prep classes
- AP/IB testing fees
- Summer school fees
- Bus transportation
- Yearbooks
- Camp and conference fees and travel expenses for school related clubs, classes and athletics. For example:
- Debate trips
- Business Professional Association conventions
- Boys State and Girls State
- Thespian conference
- Journalism camp

How do you get support?

Complete the application on the back of this form and submit it to a SMNW administrator or counselor. For questions, contact Melissa Osborn in the counseling office.

Become a Secret Samaritan!

There is no membership fee and no commitment required. All we need is your email address. An email is sent to all Secret Samaritan Society when a need is identified. The email shares what is needed and how much money is requested but not the requesting student's name. If the need speaks to your heart, simply reply that you can make a full or partial donation. Funds are distributed promptly, fairly, generously, respectfully and quietly.

You can also make a donation anytime, independent of a request. Remember, your support enables our students to reduce some stress and more fully participate in school. You provide tools to further their success and encourage their involvement. It's simple. No matter how big or small, your donation will make a difference for a SMNW Cougar.

For questions or to join, email

secretsamaritans1@gmail.com www.smnwsecretsamaritansociety.shutterfly.com



Funding Request Form

Please return the completed form to the SMNW Secret Samaritan Society Liaison, Melissa Osborn, who will submit all requests to the Secret Samaritan Society. For questions or more information, please contact Melissa at melissaosborn@smsd.org. **Student identity will be kept confidential.**

STUDENT'S NAME SHOULD ONLY BE BELOW DOTTED LINE.

Request prepared by: Student/Parent _____ SMNW Counselor/Teacher/Administrator/Coach _____

SMNW Contact: _____

Name

Email Address

Describe the need with some detail: _____

Date funding is needed by: _____

\$ _____ Student/family contribution (some amount expected)

\$ _____ Any additional funding (School support, Booster club, etc.)

\$ _____ Amount requested from Secret Samaritan Society

\$ _____ Total cost for item/activity

Entity requiring payment (*Pay to the order of): _____ ***Funding will not be made to individuals. Must be SMNW or school related organization.**

Deliver payment to: _____

Name

Email Address

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Date Received: _____

Comments: _____

Melissa Osborn will detach below dotted line and keep on file at SMNW.

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

FOR SMNW STAFF ONLY

Grant Received: _____ Amount Awarded: _____

Grant Declined: _____ Reason: _____