



Shawnee Mission Northwest News

September 2021

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A SMNW PTSA Publication

SMNW Calendar

September

- 2 Football Game, 7:00 PM @ SMN
- 6 **NO SCHOOL**, Labor Day
- 9 Football Game, 7:00 PM @ CBAC
- 9 NW Clubs Day, 7:30 AM
- 14 Volleyball Fundraiser @ Chipotle
- 17 **NO SCHOOL**
- 17 Football Game, 7:00 PM @ SMN
- 22 Bilingual Back to School @ CAA
- 24 Football Game, 7:00 PM @ SMN
- 25 "Overture" Theatre @ 7pm

October

- 1 Homecoming Parade
- 1 Homecoming Game, 7:00 PM @ SMN
- 2 Homecoming Dance, 8:00 PM
- 5 Fall Choir Concert, 7:00 PM
- 5 Yearbook Photo Retakes
- 7 Band & Jazz Concert, 7:00 PM
- 8 Football Game, 7:00 PM @ CBAC
- 12 Orchestra Concert, 7:00 PM
- 13 **Early Dismissal**
- 15 **NO SCHOOL**
- 15 Football Game, 7:00 PM @ Gardner
- 20 Parent Conferences
- 21 Fall Mainstage, 7:00 PM
- 22 **NO SCHOOL**
- 22 Fall Mainstage, 7:00 PM
- 22 Football Game, 7:00 PM @ SMN
- 22 Parent Conferences
- 23 NW Fall Carnival, 4:00 PM
- 23 Fall Mainstage, 7:00 PM
- 26-28 Balfour Rep

PTSA Update

From the PTSA President

I hope everyone has had a great start to the school year. It is a busy time of the year and 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>

A link to join is on the main page along with other opportunities to be a part of PTSA.

2021-2022 PTSA Meetings:

- Wednesday, September 15 @ 6:00 PM
- 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.

Yard Signs:

Yard Signs are for sale until September 25th. You can order on the same site memberships are ordered, or you can print the order form that is enclosed in this newsletter.

Thanks for supporting PTSA!
Erin Cecil, SMNW PTSA President
smnwptsa@gmail.com

StuCo Update

Greetings! This school year has just begun, and Student Council is hard at work for our school! Here is some of the news regarding Student Council's upcoming activities. Also, make sure to follow @smnwstuco on Instagram and Twitter for pictures and important updates about things going on at Northwest!

Social Media Options for STUCO:

@smnwstuco on Instagram and Twitter
@smnwccc on Instagram
@smnwnhs on Instagram
@smnwsadd on Instagram
@smnwchickfilaclub on Instagram
@NWcrocclub on Instagram

Freshman Mixer

StuCo hosted our annual freshman mixer on Friday, August 13 on the SMNW Track. The dance was free for all SMNW freshmen and around 200 attended!

Freshman Elections

Elections for freshmen representatives were on August 31.

Photo Retakes October 5

If your student missed the Yearbook Photo days – be ready for retakes on October 5th. Grades 9 to 11 need to return their package if they want free retakes. All other will need to pay \$3.00 for a retake. Don't miss retakes!

<https://www.rollandkc.com/>

Attendance Procedure : Please call ahead for an early release. We will prepare a pass to dismiss your student from class at the designated time. After checking out through the attendance office, your student can meet you outside. This will help with waiting time and office traffic control. We appreciate your help with this process!

For Early Release:

Call 913.993.7242

NW ATHLETICS



Football Booster Club

Football Players: Pay your SMNW Football Booster Club Fees online at <https://www.smnwfootball.com/team-fees>.

For questions or concerns, please contact smnwfb@gmail.com. Thank you!

Volleyball Booster Club

Come support the Volleyball Program by dining out at Chipotle on September 14th. Make sure to mention you are with the SMNW Volleyball Program and enjoy a night off from cooking!

Athletic Season Pass

SMNW Sports Fans: The 2021-2022 Athletic Passes are available now. There are two types of passes:

1. Individual Pass: \$70 and admits one for all home events that are not tournaments or post-season KSHSAA events.
2. Family Pass: \$180 admits up to four people (no more than two adults) and are good for all home events that are not tournaments or post-season KSHSAA events.

Mrs. Alvey, athletic administrative assistant, will sell passes during normal business hours from 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Passes may be secured by paying with cash or through check, which may be made out to "SMNW Athletics."

SMNW Sports

Want to cheer on our Cougars...use this link to view schedules of all the sports teams.

<https://www.sunflowerleague.org/public/genie/403/school/9/>

YEARBOOK SENIOR TRIBUTE

See the attachments for Tribute information!

COLLEGE ADVISER REPORT

SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST

Checklist Continued



Apply to scholarships! This is something that can be done all year round. Pay attention to scholarship requirements, due dates, and eligibility.

*I have resources for this in my office too, feel free to quickly stop!

IMPORTANT DATES & TO-DO'S!

September 17th - Registration deadline for October 23rd ACT.

October 1st - FAFSA opens!

*Start researching colleges and creating a college list as many applications will have priority deadlines in November!

COLLEGE ADVISER REPORT

SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST

Ms. Connor Davis
College Adviser

phone: 913-993-7207
connordavis@smsd.org
Instagram: smnw_advise



schedule an appointment!

Checklist



Make an appointment with me, Ms. Davis, to talk about your post-secondary plans!



Seniors, FAFSA opens on October 1st! Create your FSA ID today at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>.
you will need your SSN and do not use your school email



Start creating a college list (3-5 schools) that you are interested in. Things to consider are cost, distance from home, programs of study, clubs, etc.!



Have you taken the ACT? While some schools do not require it for admission, it can be needed for scholarship consideration! Register at www.act.org

WorkKeys Assessment – Wednesday, October 20

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the Kansas Legislature appropriated funds for a statewide contract to provide one free WorkKeys assessment to qualifying students. The WorkKeys assessment is available to **any high school junior or senior enrolled in a Shawnee Mission high school.**

This test will be administered on Wednesday, October 20.

If your child is interested in taking the WorkKeys, please have them sign up in the office, or email Erica Jablonski, RWL Counselor at ericajablonski@smsd.org before September 17.

Please include the student's name, ID and grade level.

About WorkKeys

The WorkKeys assessments measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace. Individuals who successfully complete all three WorkKeys assessments—Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents—can earn a WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate® (WorkKeysNCRC®) and/or a Kansas WORKReady! Certificate. These certifications are a valuable credential for students and job seekers seeking to verify foundational workplace skills.

Many employers use the Kansas WORKReady! Certificate as a means for identifying quality applicants. Job seekers can present this certificate to potential employers as documentation of work skill levels.

For more information on the National Career Readiness Certificate or the *Kansas WORKReady! Certificate*, please visit :

<https://www.workreadycommunities.org/KS>

and <https://bit.ly/2MsOexC>

WORKKEYS

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

SENIOR TRIBUTES

Every year we give parents the opportunity to honor their senior(s) in the NW yearbook. This is a time to acknowledge their accomplishments and express how proud you are of them. On the attached form you will find two different options that you can choose from to submit your student's senior tribute. Along with the form we ask that you provide multiple photos to fill the size of your tribute, a message, and your form of payment. This year we have lowered prices in an attempt to get even more seniors into our book! As the deadlines progress, prices increase, so purchase your tribute as soon as possible! If ALL components of your tribute are not submitted by the deadline, your tribute is not considered on time and the price will increase to the next deadline. Thank you for helping us honor your students and their hard work throughout high school. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Susan Massy nwmassy@smsd.org. Please see the attached information and contract.



SENIOR PORTRAITS

This is the **FINAL SENIOR PORTRAIT** appointment sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADA82CABFDC16-senior>

Appointments are scheduled on October 5, during seminar as well as shortly before and after.

Appropriate attire for senior portraits (waist up) is business dress. For girls, we expect dressy (but not revealing) tops. For guys, we expect a shirt with a collar. We also recommend a tie and a jacket.

Remember that all clothing for senior portraits must follow the school dress code. This is seniors' **LAST CHANCE** to have their portraits taken and included in the yearbook. If you are graduating early or will be considered a senior this year and have not had your senior portrait taken, this is your last chance!

This is also an opportunity for any senior to have their portrait *retaken* if they would like, however, a \$3 fee will be charged

UNDERCLASS PORTRAITS

This is the **FINAL** opportunity for underclassmen to sign up for a picture appointment.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAAAD22A1FFC07-underclassman>

Appointments are scheduled on October 5, during seminar as well as shortly before and after. Attire for pictures must follow the school dress code. This is the last chance underclassmen have to get their pictures taken and included in the yearbook. **This is also an opportunity for any underclassman to have their picture *retaken* if they would like, however, a \$3 fee will be charged**

A screening of last year's musical

Overture

will be shown on September 25th, Saturday at 7pm in the Auditorium.

Come see **Backstage**,

the fall play, on October 21, 22, & 23 at 7pm in the Auditorium! Written by alumni Zach Dulny and directed by students Layla Harris and Grace Allen.

SMNW Yard Sign Order Form

Benefitting SMNW After-Prom

Yard Signs - \$50.00 each

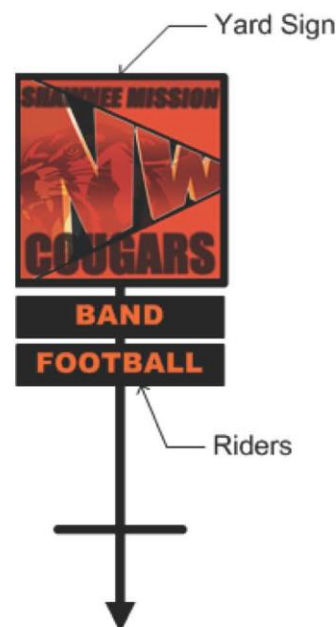
18" x 18" all-weather PVC sign with steel stake

Riders - \$10.00 each

3" x 18" all-weather PVC; attaches to stake

Available for any school activity

Stakes can accommodate up to 5 riders



Select riders and/or write in other activity/club in blank space.

<input type="checkbox"/> Band	<input type="checkbox"/> Club 121	<input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotillion	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Ensemble	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish NHS
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Cougar Classics	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/> Cougar Express	<input type="checkbox"/> KUGR	<input type="checkbox"/> STUCO
<input type="checkbox"/> BPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Latin Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Swim & Dive
<input type="checkbox"/> BSU	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Link Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> CCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Debate	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Thespian Troupe
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheer	<input type="checkbox"/> DECA	<input type="checkbox"/> NHS	<input type="checkbox"/> Track & Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Class of 2022	<input type="checkbox"/> Forensics	<input type="checkbox"/> Photojournalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling
<input type="checkbox"/> Class of 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> French Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Quill & Scroll	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook
<input type="checkbox"/> Class of 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> German Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Class of 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Customer's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to SMNW PTSA.

Deadline for orders: September 25, 2021

Order form and payment may be turned in to the school office or mailed to:

SMNW PTSA

12701 W. 67th Street

Shawnee, KS 66216

Questions? Contact jillchalfie@yahoo.com

ORDER INFORMATION

Signs _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

Riders _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Check Number _____



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

Visit our website at 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

FOR SMNW STAFF ONLY **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: _____