

# SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST NEWS



AUGUST 2025



## DATES

- Aug. 12: Picture Day (freshmen & sophomores)
- Aug. 13: Picture Day (juniors & seniors)
- Aug. 15: Freshman Mixer
- Aug. 21: Back to School Night
- Aug. 21: Staff Appreciation (Ice Cream Sundaes)  
provided by Senior families
- Sept. 1: NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
- Sept. 3: Bonfire
- Sept. 2: Yard Sign Order Deadline
- Sept. 11: Parking Raffle Deadline
- Sept. 17: PTSA Meeting @ 6:45  
After Prom Kick-off & Theme Reveal @ 7:00
- Sept. 18: Staff Appreciation (Grab & Go Snacks)  
provided by Junior families
- Sept. 20: After Prom Cornhole Fundraiser
- Oct. 9: Homecoming assembly & parade
- Oct. 10: Homecoming game
- Oct. 11: Homecoming dance
- Oct. 15: Fall Conferences
- Oct. 15: Staff Appreciation:  
Conference Night Dinner

## BE INFORMED



[www.smnwptsa.org](http://www.smnwptsa.org)

The PTSA website is your up-to-date source for info on upcoming events, links, Cougars merch, yard sign sales, volunteer opportunities, sign ups, and more! Click the logos below to follow us on FB and Instagram!



E-mail: [smnwptsa@gmail.com](mailto:smnwptsa@gmail.com)

## PUBLICATIONS TO WATCH FOR

**Northwest News** a monthly SMNW newsletter. You'll receive a link to Northwest News in your email at the beginning of each month.

**Cougar Connection** is a weekly newsletter. You'll receive a link to each week's Cougar Connection in your email on Thursdays or Fridays.

The **PTSA website** ([www.smnwptsa.org](http://www.smnwptsa.org)) also has links to the current editions of Northwest News and Cougar Connection, so if you delete that email, you know where to find them!

# 2025 / 2026 Staff Appreciation

One of the biggest things our PTSA does is monthly staff appreciation events for our amazing teachers and staff at Northwest. Below is a schedule of events planned for this year. Underlined events are linked, so you can plan ahead! Each edition of Northwest News will have updates and photos from the previous month's event. **THANK YOU** in advance for helping us show support for our hard-working staff!



**Attention  
Senior  
Families**

**August 21**

Ice Cream  
Sundaes

\*Provided by  
SENIOR  
families



**September 18**

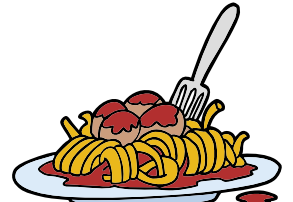
Late Start Grab  
& Go Snacks  
and Drinks

\*Provided  
by  
JUNIOR  
families



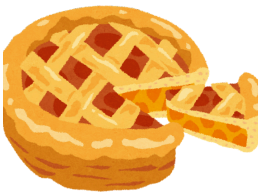
**October 15**

Conference  
Night Dinner



**November 21**

Thanksgiving  
Pies



**December 19**

Holiday Cookie  
Trays



**January 15**

School Supply  
Refresh

(Purchased with  
monetary donations  
to staff  
appreciation)



**February 11&12**

Conference Night  
Dinner and  
Valentine's  
Cupcakes

(Purchased with  
monetary donations to  
staff appreciation)



**March 12&26**

Sonic Drinks

Late Start Grab  
& Go Snacks  
and Drinks

\*Provided by  
SOPHOMORE  
families



**April**

Popcorn Bar &  
Drinks

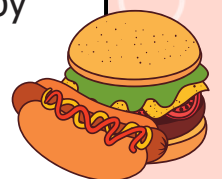
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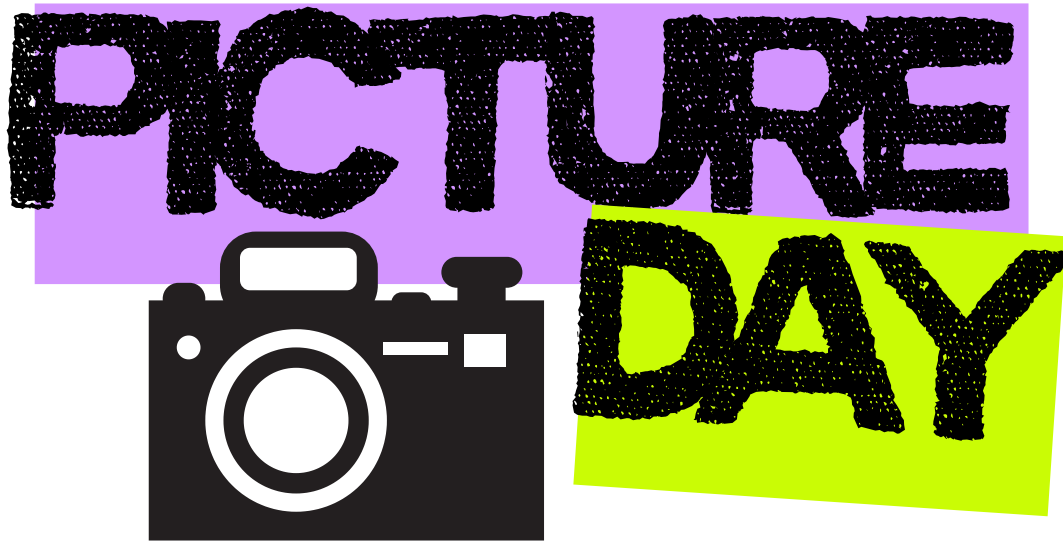


**May 13**

Lunchtime  
Cookout

\*Provided by  
FRESHMAN  
families



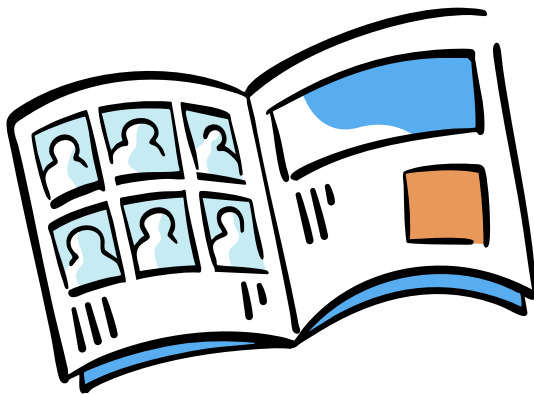


**FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES**

**AUGUST 12**

**JUNIORS & SENIORS**

**AUGUST 13**



Photos will be taken during English classes. Check [@smnw\\_yearbook](#) on Instagram for detailed schedule.

# LET'S DANCE!

Dances at SMNW are organized by Student Council, but PTSA supports them by providing snacks, drinks, and volunteers. Watch for sign ups for these events:

Freshman Mixer (August - see link below)

Homecoming (October)

Mother-Son / Father-Daughter Dance (November)

Sweetheart Dance (February)

After Prom (April)



Click below to contribute to the FRESHMAN MIXER!

**FRESHMAN MIXER**

# HoCo Parade



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 1:00 PM**

FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY ARE  
WELCOME TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT  
THIS FAVORITE ANNUAL TRADITION!



# YARD SIGNS

**ORDERS DUE SEPTEMBER 2**



**SIGNS**

**\$55**

**RIDERS**

**\$12**

**[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)**

**Yard sign sales are open twice a year.  
The next time to order will be in the spring.**

# **PREMIUM RESERVED** **PARKING RAFFLE**

**Open to Juniors, Seniors and Staff**

**\$5 per entry**

**Max. of 4 entries  
per person**

**RESERVED**

**for**

**PTA WINNER**

**MONDAY**

**thru**

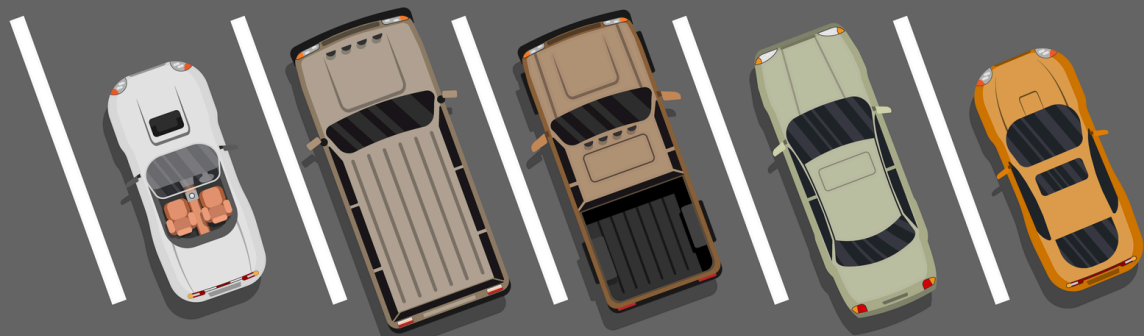
**FRIDAY**

**7am - 3pm**

Ticket sales close September 11.  
Winners will be announced during  
9/11 football game (you **do not** need  
to be present to win)

Visit the PTSA website or  
**CLICK HERE TO ENTER!**

**Proceeds benefit After Prom 2026**





# Join the Team for After Prom '26!

**Kickoff & Theme Reveal: September 17**

After Prom is our biggest event of the year and the team is already being assembled for 2026!

Committee members are needed in a variety of areas. Take a look at the link **HERE** and plug yourself into a spot that fits your time and talents! All who join the team before our kick-off get to vote for the After Prom 2026 theme! We'd love to have you!

## SUBMIT YOUR INFO TO NORTHWEST NEWS

Are you in a booster club? Are you a NW staff member who sponsors a club, group, or co-curricular activity? Your info can be included in Northwest News! Submit items by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to [smnwptsa@gmail.com](mailto:smnwptsa@gmail.com).

# PTSA UPDATES

## 2025/2026 Meeting Dates

### **September 17: 6:45 PM at Location TBA**

Please join is for a quick meeting to vote on this year's budget. This meeting will be followed by the After Prom Kick-off & Theme Reveal at 7:00.

### **December 10: 11am in the library**

This is a joint PTSA & Site Council meeting. Come hear amazing performances from choir and orchestra to kick off the meeting!

### **February 19: Time and details TBA**

### **May 7: 3pm in the library**

This is a joint PTSA & Site Council meeting.

### 2025/2026 Officers:

PRESIDENT: Brittney Hooper

VICE PRESIDENT: Jon Riekenberg

TREASURER: Courtney Roberts

RECORDING SECRETARY: Michele O'Malley

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jill Chalfie

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Erin Cecil and Tracy Woolf



## JOIN YOUR SMNW PTSA!

Joining doesn't commit you to volunteering, it simply says that you support what our PTSA does for our school and advocates for public education. Use the link below to join online quickly and easily in about 3 minutes!

**CURRENT MEMBERS: 8**

**2025-2026 GOAL: 125**

**JOIN NOW**



**JOIN PTSA IN AUGUST and be eligible for the prizes listed below! Winners will be contacted in early September!**

Cougards Merch Package

SMNW Yard Sign

(Staff) Amazon Gift Card (staff drawing)

NW T-shirt (student drawing)



AFTER PROM

# CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

& BACKYARD PARTY

SEPTEMBER 20 @ 6 PM

CHALFIE'S: 7404 SUMMIT ST.

**\$50 PER PERSON**

includes Erik's famous smashburgers,  
sides, drinks, & snacks

\*60 tickets available!

\*Adults only.

[CLICK HERE  
FOR TICKETS](#)



ALL  
PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT  
SMNW  
AFTER  
PROM  
2026



## CORNHOLE:

Find a partner and sign up that night  
to enter the tournament for \$30 per team.  
(pay with cash or venmo at the event)

**WINING TEAM GETS \$100 and bragging rights!**

Hosted by Chalfies, Klahns, Vanlandingham, & Woolfs

# SENIOR SECTION

Attention  
Senior  
Families!

SMINW *Class of*  
2026

Senior yearbook tributes are open for purchase now through early 2nd semester! Simply click the link, upload your text and photos, and the yearbook staff will provide you with a proof!



[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

YEARBOOK TRIBUTES