



Shawnee Mission Northwest News

October 2022

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SMNW Calendar

October

- 6 Band & Jazz Concert @ 7:00 PM
- 7 Homecoming Parade @ 1:15 PM
- 7 Homecoming Football Game @ 7:00 PM
- 8 Homecoming Dance 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- 10 Fall Choir Concert, 7:00 PM
- 12 **National Test Day - Early Dismissal**
- 13 End of 1st Quarter
- 14 **NO SCHOOL**
- 19 Parent Conferences, Evening
- 21 Parent Conferences, Daytime
- 21 **NO SCHOOL**
- 25 Orchestra Chamber Music
- 27 Fall Mainstage, 7:00 PM
- 28 Fall Mainstage, 7:00 PM
- 29 Fall Mainstage, 7:00 PM

November

- 7 NHS Inductions
- 21 **NO SCHOOL**
- 22 **NO SCHOOL**
- 23 **NO SCHOOL**
- 24 **NO SCHOOL**
- 25 **NO SCHOOL**
- 28 Winter Sports Meeting, 6:30 PM

PTSA Update

From the PTSA Vice-President

Thank you to everyone who attended our September PTSA meeting. If you have any topics, you would like addressed at the December meeting, please feel free to email

them to smnwptsa@gmail.com before December 8th.

Newsletter Deadlines:

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

PTSA 101:

Our PTSA supports various endeavors at Northwest, and we encourage everyone to visit our website: <https://www.smnwptsa.org/> to explore all that is PTSA. You will find ways to donate your time (Homecoming/Staff Appreciation/After Prom/etc.) and ways to contribute financially to the high school community. At any time, you have questions please email us at smnwptsa@gmail.com and one of the board members would be happy to assist you.

Thanks for supporting PTSA!

Erin Cecil, SMNW PTSA Vice-President

smnwptsa@gmail.com

Homecoming:

Join us for the Homecoming Parade "Lights, Camera, Action!" on Friday, October 7th at 1:15pm! Northwest would love to see family and community and support to celebration this annual tradition.

Dance Theme: "A Night at the Gatsby"

Tickets on sale next week - \$15 each

Location: NW Cafeteria 8 – 11pm

Calling All Parents: After Prom Planning Committee '23 Needs You!

After-Prom is by far the biggest event PTSA hosts each year, and it's an important one. A casual affair, held in the hours 'after the prom' (11:30 PM - 3:00 AM @ Northwest), After-Prom provides seniors the opportunity to close out their time at SMNW in a fun, safe environment, surrounded by peers (juniors, seniors and guests), and with the support of faculty and community.

It is important to note, After-Prom welcomes all: upperclassmen and their guests can attend, regardless of having participated in Prom. Tickets are sold separately. Each year, 550-650 juniors and seniors attend After-Prom. Up to 150 parent volunteers are needed in advance and on the day of the event to make sure things run smoothly.

We're looking for folks to serve on a few committees and invite parents from ALL classes to join in the process.

Join our team! Follow this sign-up link to join a subcommittee today.

<https://www.smnwptsa.org/afterprom>



Attention ALL RISING STAR CLASS OF 2023 SENIORS

We will take a group picture for the yearbook on Thursday, October 6th at Rising Star Elementary!

Meet at 7:25 a.m. at the Rising Star Front Entrance.

Pictures at 7:30 a.m. SHARP (before the car line gets too crazy!)

Please share this with ALL Class of 2023 Seniors who attended Rising Star Elementary.

We will need to collect donations to cover the cost of the yearbook ad since this is NOT PTA funded. \$10 per student is recommended but a

donation is not needed to participate. You can send payment via Venmo @gwyndill or bring cash the morning of the photo! Please put "RS photo" in payment if sending via Venmo.



SENIORS: If your parents are interested in purchasing a senior tribute in the 2023 yearbook, please have them go to yearbooksforever.com to secure your spot in our Senior Tribute section. We have two more deadlines this year with varying prices. We do **NOT** accept incomplete tributes. All materials must be turned in by the deadline to receive the discounted price. This includes photos, a written message, and payment. The upcoming deadlines as well as prices for each size are listed below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at nwseniortribs@gmail.com

Regular Deadline (**OCTOBER 21ST**) Prices

1/6 page- \$97
1/4 page- \$140
1/3 page- \$186
1/2 page- \$290
Full page- \$490

Last Minute Deadline (**DECEMBER 20TH**) Prices

1/6 page- \$130
1/4 page- \$200
1/3 page- \$275
1/2 page- \$375
Full page- \$525

PTSA Teacher Grants

The PTSA offers grants to help staff members with extra programs, projects, or supplies not provided by the district that will benefit the student's educational experience.

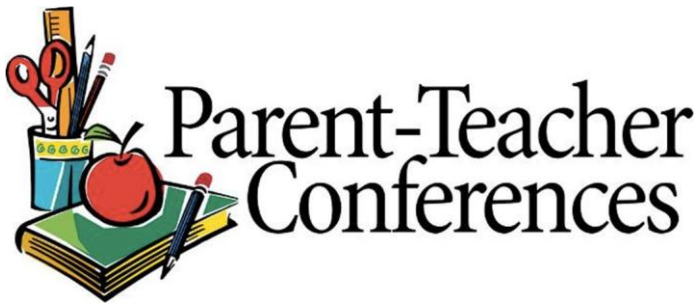
Applications must be submitted by November 18, 2022. You will be notified if your grant was approved by December 9th, 2022.

Teachers must be PTSA members for their applications to be considered.

Here is the link

<https://forms.gle/Njoh8P5kxFZsN8sD6>

Contact Courtney Roberts at smnwptsa@gmail.com with any questions



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences for the Fall Semester will be held on Wednesday, October 19 from 5-8pm and Friday, October 21 from 7:30-3:30 and will be in teacher classrooms. You may have a quick check-in with any/all teachers you wish. The Special Education Department will be in the library. Counselors will also be on-hand. We hope to see you all there!!

Conferences will be scheduled through Skyward. See the attachments for step-by-step Skyward instructions. One attachment is for Desktop and one is for the Skyward App on your phone. If you'd like to meet with the Special Education teachers, please email them directly. Any questions, contact stefanieforbes@smsd.org or Stefanie at 913.993.7356.

Orchestra Chipotle Night

Calling all burrito lovers,

Foil your dinner plans and stop by the Chipotle at **11805 Shawnee Mission Parkway in Shawnee** for our fundraiser on **Tuesday, October 04** from **5:00pm - 9:00pm**. We're raising money to support SMNOFI, so just download a flyer from the link below or mention the fundraiser at checkout and they'll donate 33% of the proceeds to the cause!

Math Tutoring:

Math NHS has started a math tutoring center, and we were wondering whether we could include information about it to send in the next PTSA parent newsletter? I have given the information below and have attached our posters that are up around the school.

NW Parents! If your student needs some extra help with math, please book an appointment with the math tutoring center using this link: <https://forms.gle/JmYbk4xeRhiBfgyUA> or using the QR code on our poster. The math tutoring center is run by Math National Honors Society, with all of our tutors being in the most advanced math classes at the school. Students in math classes up to AP Calculus BC, including AP Statistics are welcome. The center is open every Monday after school in room 228 from 2:45 - 3:40 pm for appointments, and walk-ins are welcome prior to 3:00 pm.

Reflections Contest:



Tuesday, December 6, 2022 – District level winners announced at the Reflections Open House at the CAA
District level winners move to Kansas state level for judging – dates TBD

Questions? Contact the Reflections chair for Shawnee Mission Northwest, Becky Tate, notate@smsd.org, 913-993-7012

- **Digital entries** can be emailed to notate@smsd.org. You can email the entry form too – or if it is easier, drop that off in the SM Northwest front office.
- **Physical entries** (visual art & photography) and ALL completed and signed entry forms due to the Northwest front office by 3:15 p.m. Oct. 19

The theme for the 2022 Reflections Contest is:
Show your voice!

Students can submit their entries in the following categories: Dance Choreography, Music Composition, Film Production, Photography, Literature and Visual Arts

****Specific entry (file) requirements are listed on the attached entry form****

Important dates!

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 – entries due in the SM Northwest office. Just drop the entry off there with the entry form.

No late entries will be accepted, school level judging starts on October 19.

School level winners announced! (**Between Oct 31st & Nov 4th**)

Friday, November 4, 2022 – School level winners move to SMSD level judging



College Adviser Report

Shawnee Mission Northwest

OCTOBER

Ms. Connor Davis
College Adviser



schedule an
appointment!

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

Twitter: SMNW_StdntSrves



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 :)



While many schools are moving test optional for admissions, most still require an ACT score for scholarship purposes. Please check school requirements before deciding to not take the test.



College Application Week will be October 17th-21st. This week there will be numerous events during and after school to help students & families complete applications & other college prep tasks! Be on the lookout for more info!







Apply to scholarships! Seniors, you have resources to this in your Canvas Course Card, "Senior Information 2022-2023"
*I have resources for this in my office too, feel free to quickly stop by!

college adviser report

Shawnee Mission Northwest October



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- SMSD FAFSA Information & Completion Night
 - **October 4th @ 6:00** 
 - Scan to register:  
- National Testing Day: Seniors Sign Out!
 - **October 12th (all day)**
 - **Seniors** - *grab a form from the front office to sign out 10/12 to go on a college visit or job shadow!*
- Career Fair @ Shawnee Mission East
 - **October 12th @ 6:30**
- College Application Week
 - **October 17th-21st**
- Virtual College Rep Panel: KU, KSU, & WSU
 - for students & parents!
 - **October 17th @ 6:30 pm** 
 - Scan to receive link:
- FAFSA Assistance
 - **October 20th @ Parent Teacher Conferences**
 - No appointment needed

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **SMNOFI**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH | 5-9PM
11805 SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY, SHAWNEE, KS,
66203

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **YDK3TNH**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



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REFLECTIONS.

2022-2023
**CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

SHOW YOUR
VOICE!

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Explore the
Arts and Express
Yourself!

Learn more
and get involved!

smac-pta.org/reflections



DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY



FILM
PRODUCTION



LITERATURE



MUSIC
COMPOSITION



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL ARTS

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

Oct ■ 18

FOR DETAILS:

Contact Becky Tate - notate@smsd.org

Forms and details were included in newsletter

dropped off in Front Office or and emailed to students.

emailed to notate@smsd.org