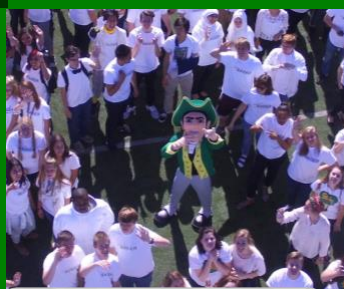


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### Values

We care about ALL students.

### Beliefs

We believe ALL students can and will learn.

### Vision

All means ALL! Personalized Learning for ALL students.

## Message from Dr. Fulton 7.17.20

Shawnee Mission School District Families,

**Update Following Governor Kelly's Announcement** - On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, Governor Laura Kelly announced she would issue an executive order on Monday, July 20, 2020. A key provision in the order will include delaying the start of school for students until after Labor Day. The order will also likely include provisions for the reopening of schools across Kansas. We expect to have a better understanding of the complete order once it is fully issued on Monday. But, we wanted to provide you an update on the steps we will take in anticipation.

**Special Board Meeting to Approve Draft Reopening Plan** - Knowing some adjustments will likely be needed for the Shawnee Mission School District reopening plan in light of the Governor's executive order, a previously discussed Board of Education meeting will be rescheduled. The Board is planning to meet on July 22, 2020 to consider the district's draft reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The draft reopening plan will be posted on [Board Docs](#) prior to the meeting and the meeting will be livestreamed, with the link posted prior to the meeting on [www.smsd.org](http://www.smsd.org).

**Regarding the Calendar**- We are doing preliminary work to create an adjusted calendar. Any proposed changes to the calendar will be presented to the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. The proposed [changes will be shared on Board Docs prior to the meeting](#). (The board is expected to hold a special meeting on July 22 and a regular meeting on July 27). These meetings will be livestreamed and links will be posted prior to the meetings on [www.smsd.org](http://www.smsd.org). We will share any potential changes broadly with our community, and post updates on [the district website](#). We continue to read and listen to the essential input provided by families and staff members through surveys and Thoughtexchange in order to plan for the school year. Thank you for engaging in this process. Through all of these changes as we plan and prepare the start of the 2020-2021 school year, we thank everyone for their teamwork, grace, and patience.

**Message from Kansas State High School Activities Association 7.15.20**

The KSHSAA believes participation in school and school activities is critical for the students of Kansas and we strive to provide those opportunities for students this fall. This Friday (7/17) the KSHSAA had planned to distribute considerations and guidance for all fall activities to take place starting August 17. With the announcement today (7/15) from Governor Kelly, we will not release any information Friday. Rather we will go back and look at models and plans that are in place with a delayed start and release information when appropriate

**Building Access Update:**

Due to the Governor's announcement to move the start of school until after Labor Day, everything regarding current building access for staff & students including summer camps, has been put on HOLD until we have more info from the district and KSHSAA. There will be NO access for staff or students until further notice. When we have more direction/information we will share.

**Fee Payment / Registration 20-21:** Due to COVID 19, we will NOT host a Registration Day. Most students including freshman will already have their laptops and we will plan to take their yearbook/ID photos upon their return to school. Families are strongly encouraged to pay fees online. See explanation of fees / payment form attached.

**Given current health guidance, we are only able to accept fee payments remotely. Families will have 3 options for paying fees:**

- 1) Register/Pay online: [www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees](http://www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees)  
Online fee payment will be available starting July 18.**
- 2) Mail-in your payment along with registration form on the following page.**
- 3) Payment plans / arrangements can also be made by e-mailing our bookkeeper, Sharon Anderson at [soanders@smsd.org](mailto:soanders@smsd.org).**



Kansas State High School Activities Association requires a Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE) annually and shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

See below the required documents for you to download and return the South Athletic Office. The PPE/Concussion/Transportation form must be on file in the athletic office before an athlete may participate.

The PPE should be taken to your healthcare professional to be completed. **\*New for 2020, two signatures by the healthcare professional are required.**

**All pages must be completed.**

**[2020-2021 Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation \(PPE\)](#)**

**[2020-2021 PPE \(Spanish\)](#)**

**[2020-2021 SMSD Concussion/Head Injury Release Form](#)**

**[2020-2021 Transportation Release Form](#)**

In addition to the physical forms, athletes and their parents/guardians are required to complete the High School Packet found online in **[Skyward](#)**. These forms must be completed by the student athlete's first day of tryouts. If either parent/guardian or student have issues with Skyward, please contact the counseling office.



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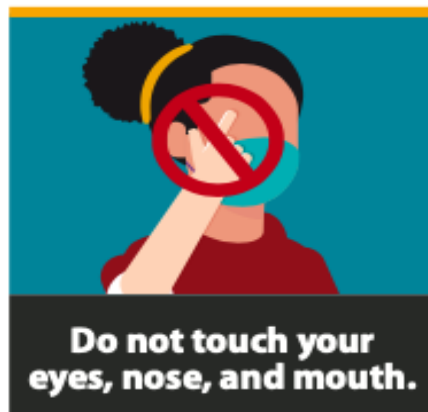
- Are you Moving? Please fill out the [SMS Withdrawal Form](#) if your child will not be attending SMS in the fall. Does not include 2020 graduates.
- The student must fill out the [Schedule Change Request Form](#) if he/she wants to adjust his/her schedule requests for the upcoming school year. Schedule change requests are only considered if the student meets one of the requirements stated in the form. The last day to request a change is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Student Schedules will be viewable mid-July.
- Free [Pick Up and Go Meals](#) are available through July 24<sup>th</sup>. Children must be present at pick up. Meals are available for all children ages 1-18.
- Email [susanwalter@smsd.org](mailto:susanwalter@smsd.org) for all Transcript requests. Final transcripts for the Class of 2020 were sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.
- Visit [Johnson County Mental Health Center](#) and [Johnson County Family Resources](#) for family/adolescent supports.
- Recursos en Español- [GKCHC recursos](#)      [El Centro](#)      [JoCo Salud Mental- se habla Español](#)
- As always, in the case of a mental health emergency call 911. Siempre, en caso de una emergencia de salud mental llama 911.



## Updates From the Health Office

# Stop the Spread of Germs

**Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.**







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# Kansas Pandemic EBT

While schools are closed due to COVID-19, families with children age 5-18 who received free or reduced-priced meals from August 2019-May 2020 will receive up to \$291 per child in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits to purchase food. This benefit is in addition to any other services families are currently receiving.

## How will families receive their P-EBT benefits?

Most families with eligible children recently or currently participating in Food Assistance, Child Care or TANF (cash assistance) programs will automatically receive the one-time benefit to their EBT card in the next few weeks.

Families not actively participating in these programs, but whose children receive free or reduced-price meals will be mailed a Kansas Benefits Card with benefits pre-loaded in the next few weeks. If these families do not receive a Kansas Benefits card by **June 5<sup>th</sup>**, they may need to provide additional information to DCF. These families should watch for a confidential weblink provided by their school district.



## Use it like a debit card.

Families will receive the P-EBT benefit on a Kansas Benefits Card. This card functions like a debit card and can be used to purchase eligible food items at EBT authorized retailers. Non-food items *may not* be purchased with this card.

## Questions?

Call 1-888-369-4777 for help.

Kansas will continue to comply with civil rights requirements, including providing equal access to individuals with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient.