

December 9, 2019

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

### **PTA Cookie Exchange for Teachers**

The HG PTA sponsors a cookie exchange for teachers every year during the last day before break. This is a great event for our staff and the PTA needs your help to make it a success. The exchange will take place December 19, so cookies would need to be delivered by 8 a.m. on that day. Thank you, as always, for your help in ending the semester on such a positive note for all of our teachers!

If you can help bake a dozen cookies or two, please sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090d45a5a92da1fe3-cookie>

### **Heart Screenings**

The health and safety of your student is important to our district. That is why we want to keep you informed when optional health services are available through our schools. Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the leading cause of death for student athletes. While our district doesn't endorse specific testing, we do feel it is important to make it available if you choose. A flyer is also at the end of this newsletter.

On **Saturday, December 14, 2019** and **Wednesday, January 15th**, **ATS HeartCheck** will be returning to Shawnee Mission School District to provide their comprehensive heart assessments. This program is the national leader in youth heart screenings operated by highly trained medical professionals and overseen by pediatric cardiologists. Through special arrangements, the HeartCheck is being offered to all kids ages 8 to 25 for the special price of only \$129, normally \$1500.

**[Click here to learn more or SCHEDULE NOW](#)**

Pre-registration is required

If cost is an issue, [CLICK HERE](#) and complete the form to request a discount and see if you qualify. You can also schedule your child's appointment at [www.ATSHearCheck.com](http://www.ATSHearCheck.com). Select "Make an Appointment" from the menu bar to access the list of events.

### **Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination is Open Through Dec. 19**

Shawnee Mission has some of the best teachers in the state of Kansas. Recognize a deserving teacher by nominating them for the 2020-21 SMSD Teacher of the Year. [Click here to see a video.](#)

Students, teachers, parents, staff, and community members are encouraged to submit a nomination using the links below.

[In English](#)

[En Español](#)

The deadline to nominate a candidate is December 19.

Nominees must have completed at least five years in the profession and have served at least three years in the Shawnee Mission School District. The Kansas Teacher of the Year program recognizes teaching excellence across the state. The Kansas State Department of Education asks each school district to nominate one elementary and one secondary classroom teacher for the program. The person named Kansas Teacher of the Year is entered in the National Teacher of the Year competition and honorees are invited to become a part of a Kansas teachers network to share best practices and ideas.

### **End of Semester Finals Schedule**

We are now down to three great weeks of learning until the end of the semester. As we've done in the past, we will finish the semester with finals. The finals schedule will serve as a transition from elementary to high school. We will use every day between now and the end of semester for academic purposes with the one exception of second quarter celebration on December 12. With that in mind it will be important for each student to be at school as much as possible between now and the end of semester. Any students that will miss school between now and the end of semester can make arrangements with the teacher to take their final early. Please see the finals schedule below. We have designed it so that students don't take more than three finals in any one day so that they can prepare fully for each one.

#### **Wednesday – December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Periods – 3 & 7

#### **Thursday – December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Periods – 4, 6, 8

#### **Friday – December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Periods – 2 & 5

Our bell schedule for Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> will look like this:

#### ***Early Release Schedule – Friday, December 20, 2019 – Modified for Finals***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Hour      8:45 – 9:35 (50 minutes) Second Hour Final***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Hour      9:39 – 10:05 (26 minutes)***

***4<sup>th</sup> Hour      10:09 – 10:35 (26 minutes)***

***6<sup>th</sup> Hour      10:39 – 11:05 (26 minutes)***

***7<sup>th</sup> Hour      11:09 – 11:35 (26 minutes)***

***5<sup>th</sup> Hour      11:39 – 1:15 Fifth Hour Final***

***1<sup>st</sup> Lunch   11:41 – 12:07***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch   12:13 – 12:39***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch   12:45 – 1:11***

***8<sup>th</sup> Hour      1:19 – 1:45 (26 minutes)***

### **Save The Date for Northern Exposure**

Eighth grade parents, be sure to put January 15 on your calendar for Northern Exposure. This is a great opportunity for eighth grade students and their parents to get a look at SM North programs and classes that await them next year and beyond as well as to get into the building to see what North has to offer.

### **Tutoring Through Johnson County Library**

The Johnson County Library offers homework help services for students. You must be a library card holder in order to participate. Math teacher, Mrs. Long, has created [this video](#) to help show parents how to connect with this resource.

### **This Week in The Grove:**

December 9 Boys Basketball tryouts begin 3:50 pm, HG Gym

December 9 Hocker Grove Winter Music Concert 7:00 pm, SM North Fieldhouse

December 12 2nd Quarter Celebration Trip to Powerplay in the Northland

December 12 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm, HG Library

### **Upcoming Events:**

**December 18-20 Semester Finals**

**December 20 Last Day of Second Quarter/First Semester- Early Dismissal 1:45 pm**

**December 23-January 2 Winter Break- No School**

**January 6 First Day of Third Quarter/Second Semester**

January 15 Northern Exposure 6:00-8:00 pm, SM North



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Principal

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I thought my kids were 100% healthy,  
no issues, it couldn't happen to them.

Then, my 16-year-old son that always passed his wellness checks  
and sports physicals suffered Sudden Cardiac Arrest while pitching.  
I witnessed it firsthand and had nightmares for months!

Kristin Connell

# Heart Screenings

ages 8 to 25



Saturday  
Dec. 14, 2019  
SM East High School

Wednesday  
Jan. 15, 2020  
SMSD Center for  
Academic Achievement



scan to learn more

**Now you have the opportunity to protect your child!**

**Still not sure? You need to read more at**

**HeartCheckUSA.com**



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