

January 7, 2019

Good afternoon Eagle Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We are excited to get rolling with a new semester today. Students are off to a great start with the first of two days of Eagle Excellence, an opportunity to review expectations and procedures that help us all remember what it takes to be successful in The Grove.

### **2019-20 Enrollment Process Begins This Week**

Seventh grade students will have an enrollment presentation tomorrow (January 8) and eighth grade students will have their first high school enrollment presentation on Friday, January 11. This will be an opportunity for students to have a focused presentation about course options available to them. Eighth grade parents and students are encouraged to attend the open house event on Wednesday of next week (Northern Exposure) in preparation for high school counselors to return on Friday, January 18 to pick up enrollment cards. Northern Exposure begins with optional activities from 5:25-5:55 pm. These include visiting with the high school counselors in the main entrance (Times Square) or Special Education in Room 125. At 6:00, everyone will convene in the auditorium for opening ceremonies, a message from SM North Principal Dr. Higgins, and instructions for the evening. Rotation activities include athletics/activities, core classes, electives, and signature programs. We hope 8<sup>th</sup> grade families are making plans to attend this important evening.

### **Signature Program Open House**

The Shawnee Mission School District invites middle and high school students and their families to the annual Signature Program Open House, to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st Street.

The Signature Programs provide unique opportunities for students in the areas of:

- Animation and Game Design
- Biotechnology
- Culinary Arts and Baking
- Engineering (Project Lead the Way)
- Health Science
- Law, Public Safety, & Security (Project Blue Eagle)
- International Baccalaureate (offered at Shawnee Mission East, North, and Northwest)

Those attending the open house will visit state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, speak with instructors and current students, and learn about options for creating flexibility in their high school schedules to allow time for enrollment in coursework.

In addition to the Signature Program Open House, students and their families can learn more about these programs at <https://www.smsd.org/academics/signature-programs>. The website includes short video introductions to each program and instructor contact information. The counselors at Hocker Grove also

serve as a tremendous resource in helping your child develop a dynamic and individualized high school experience to help them explore their areas of interest.

**Afternoon Pickup**

One of our area neighbors has called asking for help in keeping their parking lot clear. Businesses in our area are still conducting their normal business when our students are coming to school and when we dismiss. Parents who opt to pick their student up from school are encouraged to do so by coming onto our campus. It will not only make life easier on our neighbor businesses, but it also ensures that your student can be supervised from dismissal until they get in your car. Many families try to avoid the rush at dismissal, which is understandable, but please know that our parking lot is almost always clear at 3:53 pm. Parents are more than welcome to wait until after the main rush and pick their student up in the front circle drive 10 minutes after dismissal with very little wait.

**Upcoming Events:**

January 7 Boys Basketball Practices Begin 3:45 pm, Main Gym

January 8 Seventh Grade Enrollment

January 11 Hocker Grove Spelling Bee 9-11 am, HG Library

January 15 Signature Programs Open House 5:30-7:30 pm, Center for Academic Achievement

January 15 Mental Wellness Event 6:30 pm at SM North (**See flyer below**)

January 16 Hocker Grove Geography Bee

**January 16 Northern Exposure 6:00 pm @ SM North**

**January 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No School**

**January 22 Parent-Teacher Association Meeting 6:30 pm, HG Library**

January 28 Sixth Grade Open House

January 31 Science Board Night

February 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 8 Hocker Grove Career Fair

February 26 STEM Night @ Hocker Grove

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6:30PM

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