



SHAWNEE MISSION

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shawnee Mission East High School

July, 2021

Dear SME Parents and Students,

Greetings from Shawnee Mission East High School! I hope this finds you enjoying a safe and relaxing summer. As we look toward the 2021-22 school year, a few important items to prepare and consider are highlighted below. More information can be found on our Back-To-School Information web page [here](#), which includes a convenient checklist with links and attachments for both parents and students.

SME Fee Payment

Payment of fees is the final confirmation of your student's enrollment at East. Students may not report to class until fees and fines are paid. As well, fees and fines need to be paid before optional items can be purchased. We offer a few options for **paying fees including online (available late July)**, mail-in and by appointment. More information regarding these options can be found on the Back-to-School web page.

Lancer Launch 2021-22 (formerly Fee Payment & Registration Days) will offer an additional opportunity for fee payment in person, yearbook/student ID photos, MacBook checkout and more. **Please plan to join us in the SME Auxiliary Gym on one of these two dates:**

3-7PM, Wed., July 28th
7AM-Noon, Mon., Aug. 2nd

Important Dates to Note:

- **July 27 – SME office re-opens**
- **Incoming Freshmen-** Mark **Thursday, August 12, 2021** on your calendar! Link Crew activities will begin at 7:40am in the SME Cafeteria!
- **Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors -** Mark **Friday, August 13, 2021** on your calendar! Classes will begin at 7:40am in your 1st Hour class!
- **Additional dates for your calendar:**

Link Crew Dance (freshmen): **August 13th, 7-9 p.m.** in the cafeteria

Back to School Night: **August 19th, 6:00pm**, begins in the SME Auditorium

Fall Meet the Coach Night: **August 24th, 6:30pm** in the SME Auditorium

Lancer Day Parade: **September 3rd, 2:00pm**

Homecoming: **October 9th, 8:00pm**

College Clinic: **October 13th, 5-8:00pm**

Fall Parent/Teacher Open Conferences: **Wednesday, October 20th, 5:00-8:00PM**



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Other Items of Note:

1. **Athletics:** Athletic documentation needs to be completed online in Skyward by parents and students. **The pre-participation physical and athletic documentation must be completed before participation in athletics at SME.** Please see the ["General Athletic Information" link](#) on the *Athletics* tab of our website for more information. Questions can be directed to Debbie Katzfey, Athletic Director, at debbiekatzfey@smsd.org.
2. **Seminar Periods:** The Seminar period is in place to give students an opportunity to connect with teachers to get the academic and social-emotional support they need. Attendance during seminar is expected as students have opportunities to meet with instructors, make-up missed work, receive tutoring, and access media, industrial, and technology labs. This is also a time when their Seminar Teachers help them develop their Personalized Learning Plans and work with them on skills to be college and career ready.
3. **Late-Starts: Thursdays beginning Sept. 9th, classes will start at 8:50am.** Teachers WILL NOT be available to meet with students prior to the start of school on late-start days. Students who arrive early by bus will wait in supervised areas for class to begin. **Prior to Sept. 9th, Thursdays will be a typical even block day beginning at 7:40am.**

Finally, please consider following/liking the various SME social media feeds listed below. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns regarding SME-sponsored sites.

- **SME Office Twitter:**
<https://twitter.com/SMEOffice>
- **SME Office Instagram:**
http://www.instagram.com/sme_office
- **SME Athletic Twitter:**
<https://twitter.com/SMEathletics>
- **SME Counseling Twitter:**
<https://twitter.com/SMECounseling>

As always thank you for your support of our community and Shawnee Mission East High School. We look forward to seeing you in August. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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