



2021 SMSTF NEWS & NOTES

May 2, 2021

This was the first time in a long time we have had that nice of weather for all meets in the same week. The great weather also made for great results at both meets. This week was PR City (PR = personal record)! In all we had 31 new PRs at Gardner and 38 at the JV meet. We hope that is the case as we head into the final few meets of the season. We also have more movement in the Top 10 SMS All-time list this week. Improving their position on the list were Chloe Cox (jav), Kirsten Womack (shot), Ky Edwards (100), Hannah Gibson (1600), and the boys 4x100 relay. Those that broke into the top 10 this week were Max Close (jav) and Ariana Manuel (100).

This week will be busy. We have a Freshman meet on Tuesday, JV meet on Thursday, and the annual North Relays on Friday. Most freshmen will go to the meet on Tuesday this week. We are waiting to see what entries get accepted into North Relays before making decisions on entries for the JV meet. JV League and Varsity League will be the week of May 10th. JV League will be the final meet for many of our athletes, so please stay tuned for end of the year info as we wrap things up.

RESULTS FOR THIS PAST WEEK:

[SM South JV Meet](#)

[Trailblazer Invitational](#) (hosted by Gardner-Edgerton) - [SMS only results](#)

MEET INFO FOR THIS WEEK:

Freshman Meet: [SM Northwest Freshman Invitational](#)

JV Meet: [Olathe Northwest JV Meet](#)

Varsity Meet: [SM North Relays](#) - 2 sessions (morning & late afternoon)

UNIFORM TURN IN OPPORTUNITIES:

As the season concludes, it will be critical that uniforms are cleaned and turned in to Coach Wannamaker. These uniforms are expensive to replace, so please take care of it as your season ends.

SMS WILL HOST THE 6A REGIONAL TF MEET:

We will be hosting the 6A Regional meet on Friday May 21 in our facility. This meet is for qualifying to the state meet. As the host, we are responsible for running a smooth meet. I expect to have all JV athletes there to assist with events. Those helping with field events will need to work between 3-7pm. Those helping with running events will be needed 4-9pm. We will also



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need some parent volunteers to help with concessions. If you are the parent of a JV athlete, consider helping in the concession stand so the varsity parents can watch their athlete compete.

TEAM CELEBRATION INTO COMING SOON:

We will be having a team celebration on Monday 5/17 in the SMS Auditorium. Details are still being finalized, so please save the date with a probable 7pm start time. There will not be a dinner associated with this celebration as per SMSD guidelines, but it is much better than doing it virtually.

REPEATED INFO:

MEET INFO & TEAM CALENDAR ON THE APP

Please remember that all meet info can be found linked on the event calendar for each meet. Usually the info will be available at the beginning of the week. Sometimes meet hosts are slow sending info out, so be patient if you don't see it on a Monday!

PHOTOS AT MEETS -

Athletes really like to see pics of them in action. One of the great features that the Band App allows us to do is to post photos. Any camera will work, you don't need anything fancy. Take a pic on your phone and upload into the Band App. Thank you to the parents that have been posting photos. I would like to encourage parents and athletes to take photos at the meets and post them to the app. We build an Album for each meet to post into. Coach Wannamaker does carry a camera when possible and takes photos, but due to coaching duties, he cannot take photos at every event or of every athlete, especially the throwing events. As the season progresses, Coach Wannamaker will take less photos so he can focus on coaching athletes. We also maintain a [Shutterfly](#) account. Coach Wannamaker also posts his photos there and would encourage others to do so as well. We have photos going back to the 2011 season in that shutterfly account!

TEAM MEET TRANSPORTATION

Something that needs to be mentioned is the expectation of transportation to and from meets for the athletes. IT IS EXPECTED that athletes will ride the provided buses to the meet from school. There are a few extenuating circumstances that may merit an athlete not taking the bus. Remote Only families have that option, but must communicate with Coach Wannamaker in advance. In Person learners should be on the bus. This is a team sport. What would the football or basketball coach say if you wanted to drive yourself to the game? We would like to see athletes stick around at meets and support each other as well. However, especially with meets in the middle of the week, we understand that students may need to get some homework



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done and get home earlier. Athletes leaving a meet CAN ONLY GO WITH THEIR PARENTS. No one can ride with another family other than their own. Also athletes must check out with a coach that was on their bus as they are responsible for that student!

LEADERBOARD MATERIAL:

We maintain a Top 10 List of performances for SM South on our [website](#). You can switch between boys and girls lists. Making this list is a great achievement due to the amazing history of SMSTF. We have a few performances that have posted into those lists this year. Hopefully many more ahead! We also have freshman records that can be earned.

[KS Milesplit](#) is a great website that is utilized among the TF and XC community in our state. Most meets have their results posted on this site and it keeps an up to date leaderboard and database on performances. Athletes should claim their profile and follow their progress.

Another great resource to check on a statewide leaderboard is the info that Carol Swenson puts up each year. Mr. Swenson is a long time coach in the central Kansas area and he does an outstanding job compiling results and maintaining yearly leaderboards and all time state leaderboards. Check those out sometime: [2021 Leaderboards](#) and All Time State Leaders

[2021 MEET SCHEDULE](#) - Please check for any conflicts. Teams that an athlete are on can change during the season based upon performances. Meet info and results will be posted here as well.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, contact [Coach Wannamaker](#)