



SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Middle School Rebel Families,

Our 1st 9-weeks assembly this afternoon was a huge success! In addition to the basketball musical chairs activity, we also celebrated our 1st 9-week school-wide attendance rate of 96.87%. Special thanks goes out to our student success committee for their hard work planning today's assembly.

For the 2nd 9-weeks, we will continue our efforts to recognize positive behaviors, reduce referrals, and increase student achievement. In order to participate in the 2nd 9-week incentive, students will have to meet certain criteria around attendance, behavior, and grades. This criteria will be shared with students during RAP class when we return.

Next week is fall break! We hope everyone enjoys time with family and friends! The next parent update will be sent out on Friday, October 20th.

Mrs. Lisa R. Hawkins, Ed.S
Principal

Report Cards: Report cards for the 1st 9-weeks will be released on Friday, October 20th.

Harmony: Please be sure you are checking Harmony frequently to stay up to date on your student's progress at school. This is a great place to monitor student tardies and behavior, in addition to grades.

Student Lockers: Students cleaned out their lockers this week so please be sure they clean out their backpack at home before returning to school after fall break.

Lost and Found: We have accumulated many items in our lost and found. Pictures of items will be posted on our Facebook page. Please be sure to take a look and have your student pick them up from the office area when we return.

Basic Skills: We will be organizing our basic skills class a little differently for the 2nd 9-weeks. Teachers will stay the same but what we do during class will be school-wide and more

intervention based. Information about the structure will be shared with students after the break and with parents once we set and establish our new routines. We are excited about how this targeted time and individualized instruction for ELA and math will help our students grow academically. Special thanks to our basic skills focus group of teachers for brainstorming ideas on how we can strengthen this time for student learning during our school day.

After School Tutoring Opportunity: The National Honor Society will continue holding tutoring sessions after fall break. They take place on Thursdays after school until 4pm. These are available free of charge to any student that needs extra help with any subject area or if they just need a quiet, focused space to complete homework.

Tutoring sessions will be held in room H213 in the high school upstairs. Students do not need to sign up. They just show up with their work and NHS students will help with whatever is needed.

Southwestern Middle School Facebook Page: Please be sure to “LIKE” our school Facebook page to gain access to important updates throughout the year. We are always looking for POSITIVE parent ambassadors to help us spread good information about our school to friends, neighbors, and the community. You become a parent ambassador when you “like” and “share” or make positive comments on our posts. Parent ambassadors are ESSENTIAL to the community culture of our school and we appreciate you very much!

Chromebooks: Please be sure your student is taking care of their chromebooks over the break. They should return to school with your student on Monday, October 16th charged and ready!

Upcoming Events:

Fall Break: October 9-13