



SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Middle School Rebel Families,

Are you starting to think about things to keep your kids busy this summer? Check out the multiple camps that the Southeastern Career Center is offering!

Please continue to ask your students about classwork/homework. We can tell parents are checking on this because we have had many students come off the list this week. However, we still have students with missing assignments. You can quickly see if your student has missing work by checking for any grades populating as an "I" in Harmony. Be sure to contact teachers with any questions.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs. Lisa R. Hawkins, Ed.S
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[A Summer of STREAM:](#) Check out the link to see the opportunities for middle school students at the Southeastern Career Center! Registration opens April 1st!

- **Rev It Up: Automotive & Diesel Camp - June 17 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
- **Gourmet & Glamour: Culinary & Cosmetology Camp - June 18 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
- **Camp Construction Junction - June 17 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**
- **In the Line of Duty: Public Safety Camp - June 18 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**
- **Critters & Crops: Veterinary Science & Agriculture Camp - June 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
- **Bits & Bytes Digital Discovery Camp - June 19 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**
- **Metal Masters Camp - June 20 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
- **Health Heroes Camp - June 20 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Middle School Golf: 2024 Southwestern middle school co-ed golf season will be from April 2-May 13th. First team meeting will be on Friday, March 8th at 3:30 pm in the high school gym. The second team meeting will be Monday April 1st at 3:30 pm in the high school gym. Practice will begin on Tuesday, April 2nd at Butler Falls Golf Course in Hanover. Players must have a sports physical turned in to the middle school office before the first gold match on April 16th.

Connect 4 Tournament: Sources of Strength will be sponsoring a Connect 4 tournament for middle school students during lunch next week. We are excited about students making some positive connections!

Being Prepared for Class: Since the break, we have continued to have students showing up to class without required materials such as pencils, paper, folders, homework, and chromebooks that are charged. Most classrooms are charging a student with a tardy if they have to return to their lockers to obtain materials or if their device needs to be charged and they have to get a charger from their locker. Please stress to your student how important it is to use their passing period wisely and show up to class with required materials.

NHS Tutoring: Tutoring that has been offered each Thursday afternoon after school is canceled for the rest of this 9 weeks. We will send out information if we are able to offer it during the 4th 9-weeks.

3rd 9-weeks Grades: Please be sure to stay up to date with 3rd 9-week academic progress and communicate any questions to teachers. *The end of the 3rd 9-week grading period is Friday, March 14th.*

Changes in Procedures during the School Day: You may hear your student talking about a few changes that have been made at school. These changes are being made around the building during transitions between classes, to/from lunch, and with restrooms. These modifications are being implemented to help us provide additional safety and security for students during unstructured times.

Horseplay: We will continue to address “horseplay” and “hands on” issues as they occur. As identified throughout the year, horseplay often starts out as “play” but can sometimes escalate quickly into anger, leading to someone getting hurt. When we have conversations with students about horseplay, they struggle to see anything wrong with it because they are “friends” with the other person and they were just “joking around.” Overall, we continue to find that many of our students are having a hard time respecting each other’s boundaries. There are consequences in the handbook for horseplay including ASD, SMD, and OSS. Please be sure to discuss this with your student. Help us be proactive and keep everyone safe.

3rd 9-weeks Incentive: January 15 - March 13, 2024

To be eligible to participate in the incentive on March 15th, students must achieve the following things from 1/15/24-3/13/24:

- No overall grades lower than a C
- No unexcused absences (Parent verified absence UP TO FIVE per semester - See page 18 of the student handbook for more information.)
- No behavior referrals from the classroom or office
- *NEW: 10% or more increase on ClearSight assessments*
 - *Any combination of growth in ELA or Math that equals 10% or more*

The incentive activity on March 15th will be structured and will include snacks plus a variety of activities for students to participate in and enjoy with friends:

- Corn Hole
- Yard Bowling
- Art Table
- Twister
- Table Ping Pong

Chromebooks: Please talk with your students about taking care of their devices. Chromebooks are used throughout the day so it is important that students keep them charged and in good working condition.

Phones/Earbuds: Students do not need their phones during the school day. There is a phone at the front office that can be utilized, upon request, if a parent needs to be contacted during school hours. Please be sure to remind your student that phones are not allowed in class, should be powered off, and kept in lockers during the school day. Phones will be confiscated during class and earbuds may be confiscated if students make the choice to use them. If you receive a notification that your student's device has been confiscated during class, they can be picked up at the middle school office between 8am-3:30pm daily.

Tardies: Each student started the 3rd 9-weeks with a clean slate on tardies. Being on time to class with the correct materials is a huge expectation and being tardy more than twice will result in office level consequences.

TARDY POLICY: (Pg 20 Student Handbook)

1st and 2nd Tardy – teacher's discretion

3rd and 4th Tardy – After School Detention for each

5th through 9th Tardy - Saturday Morning Detention for each

Over 9 Tardies - Suspension Pending Expulsion

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!

Upcoming Events:

Sat Feb 24

MS wrestling to Madison - Big Bus - leave at 7:30 am

Monday 2/26

MS Swimming at Home at 6pm

Wednesday 2/28

MS Wrestling at Milan

Thursday 2/29

MS Wrestling at Home at 6pm - Scottsburg and New Washington

MS Swimming at Home at 6pm

Saturday 3/2

MS Girls Basketball ORVC Tournament at South Ripley

MS Wrestling - SIWC Tournament at Charlestown