



## **SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**3/8/24**

**Middle School Rebel Families,**

**Next week we “Spring out of Winter” with some special dress up days:**

**Monday - March 11: Sock it to Winter - Wear Mismatched/Crazy Socks**

**Tuesday - March 12: Time to Shine - Hat Day**

**Wednesday - March 13: Spring into Fitness - Wear your Workout Attire**

**Thursday - March 14: Spring Fling - Wear Pastel Colors**

**Friday - March 15: March Madness - Wear your Favorite College Gear**

**Please remember that the dress code should be followed and we kindly ask that students do not wear face paint.**

**Friendly reminder....There is no school March 18-29 for spring break.**

**Have a great weekend!**

**Mrs. Lisa R. Hawkins, Ed.S  
Principal**

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**Middle School Track and Field:** Official practice starts on Monday, April 1st, which is the first day back from Spring Break. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. We will meet at the track after school and plan to practice until 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Nussbaum.

**Middle School Golf:** 2024 Southwestern Middle School co-ed golf season will be from April 2nd-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.

**Middle School Softball:** Middle School softball will practice on Monday from 5:00-6:30 at the HS field.

**Swimming:** Come join us for "one final dip" to celebrate the 50 Great years of swimming at Southwestern High School's current pool and the introduction of the new one. March 9th 12-3 \$5.00 admission fee.

**FFA Leadership Contest:** On March 2, students attended the District 12 FFA Leadership Contests at North Decatur High School. The District 12 FFA Convention encompasses leadership contests that schools from the entire FFA District come to compete in and allows students to demonstrate their leadership skills. Southwestern took 21 total students this year and 3 of those were middle school students. We are proud to say that each one of those students finished in the top 2 of their respective categories and Molly Bruce also has qualified to compete at the Indiana FFA State Convention at Purdue University this June after winning her contest. Those students that attended and were recognized at the awards ceremony for their efforts are listed below.

Molly Bruce: 1st Place Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Luke Coles: 2nd Place Prepared Public Speaking

Amelia Sloan: 2nd Place Animal Science Demonstration

**JCASP (Jefferson County Alternative to Suspension Program):** JCASP is a collaboration of Southwestern Schools, Madison Consolidated Schools, the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office, and the Jefferson County Probation Department. This program provides an alternative to out-of-school suspension in which students are required to report to the Brown Gymnasium in Madison to serve suspended days. Specific information about JCASP was sent out to Southwestern Middle and High School students/parents this past week.

**[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

**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 15th.*

**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.

**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

**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!