



SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Middle School Rebel Families,

Our middle school athletic season is in full swing and marching band season opened up last weekend. If you are looking for something to do, check out the list of upcoming events. Students would love your support!

Have a great weekend!

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After School Tutoring Opportunity: The National Honor Society will be holding tutoring sessions 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.

Middle School Spell Bowl: If interested, please have your student pick up a Spell Bowl Permission Slip and information form at the middle school office. Mrs. Scroggins will be the head coach. The cost is \$30 to cover a team shirt and snacks. Practices will be on Monday and Wednesday after school and the competition is on November 1st at Madison Jr. High with an opportunity to make it to the state finals on November 11th.

Animal Shelter/Puppy Dorm RAP Class Contest: We have 8 RAP classes collecting for the Animal Shelter and Puppy Dorm. These are the items we are collecting: wet and dry food, toys, vinegar, laundry soap, treats (no rawhide) and towels/blankets. The winning class gets a reward party with cupcakes and drinks. We would like to have all donations by Friday, September 22nd. Thanks in advance for your help with our philanthropy project!

Student Grades/Progress: Please be sure you are checking Harmony frequently to stay up to date on your student's academic progress. The end of the grading period is Friday, October 6th.

Breakfast: Our grab and go area has continued to be successful for 6th and 7th grade. Of course, all students may report to the cafeteria for hot breakfast but the grab and go is just another option. 8th grade students should continue to report to the cafeteria for breakfast. Remember, breakfast is free for Southwestern Middle School students!

Tardies: The majority of Harmony referrals we deal with at the middle school are centered around 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. If you notice your student is having issues with tardies, please have them reach out so we can help.

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

After School Detention/Saturday Morning Detention: When students receive an ASD (After School Detention) or SMD (Saturday Morning Detention), they will be called to the office to discuss the situation and will receive paperwork with the date of the detention highlighted, which will be similar to what the parent receives via email. We will make parent calls even for ASD's and SMD's when possible, but we do want parents to know that information for this level will typically be sent via email. Not attending ASD or SMD will result in additional consequences. Reminder emails are sent to parents from the office prior to the detention to help make sure everyone is aware.

Dress Guidelines: The full dress code can be found on pages 33-34 of the student handbook. Specific areas we continue to have issues with include:

- Shorts must be mid thigh in length.
- No hats, hoods, or head coverings are to be worn in the building.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- All types of tight clothing should be avoided unless another garment is worn over the item.

Dress code violations will be documented in Harmony and parents will receive notification when violations are considered office level. Please help us out with this by talking to your student about the dress code.

Chromebooks: Please be sure your student is taking care of their chromebooks and charging them each night!

Personal Electronic Devices: At the middle school, we have continued to stress to students that cell phones should be kept in lockers and powered down during the school day. The

students have done really well with this overall! If a student needs to call home during the school day for something that cannot wait, they are able to use the phone at the front office. I would like to encourage parents to review this policy (pg 33 student handbook) with students again at home and help us avoid any potential situations regarding cell phones.

Middle School Policy: Personal electronic devices are highly discouraged from being brought to school. Cell phones are permitted; however, they must be turned off and placed in the student's assigned locker as soon as they arrive at school. Cell phones may not be removed from the student's locker and/or turned on until after the 3:00 bell has rung. Violation of this policy will result in the phone being confiscated and the parent/guardian will be allowed to pick it up at their earliest convenience. Future occurrences will result in additional consequences.

**The school will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices or personal items.

Upcoming Events:

Monday 9/18

6th Grade VB in Blue Gym at 6pm

7th and 8th Grade Volleyball in HS Gym 6pm

Tuesday 9/19

MS VB to Henryville at 6pm - Big Bus - Leave at 4:15PM - Johnson

MS Tennis to New Washington - 1 mini bus - Cash

Wednesday 9/20

MS Soccer to Shawe - 5pm - Big Bus - Leave at 4:15PM - Robison

6th VB to Salem - Mini Bus - White

MS Tennis at Home at 5pm

Thursday 9/21

7 and 8 VB in Blue Gym at 6pm

MS Girls Soccer at Home at 5:30pm

Saturday 9/23

HS and MS Cross Country at Hanover College

Southwestern Rebel Regiment - Marching Band @ Floyd Central