



SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lisa Hawkins, Principal

167 South Main Cross Street

Hanover, IN 47243

Phone: (812) 866-1261; Fax (812) 866-4680

9/22/23

Middle School Rebel Families,

Next week we celebrate [College GO!](#) week at Southwestern Middle School. We have special dress up days, competitions in RAP class to help encourage participation, and activities in classes related to college/careers. Be sure to check out the link for resources related to preparing for college, becoming a 21st Century Scholar, researching schools, paying for college, etc.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Lisa R. Hawkins, Ed.S
Principal

College GO! Week: Students are encouraged to participate in our dress up days next week! RAP teachers will be recording the amount of students who dress up each day for a small reward at the end of the week.

Monday: *Your Future Starts Here* - Wear your Southwestern gear/school colors

Tuesday: *Don't Hide Your Potential* - Wear camo apparel

Wednesday: *Your Future is Bright* - Wear neon colors

Thursday: *Dress for Success* - Dress for your dream job

Friday: *Step Up to Higher Education* - Wear college/university spirit wear

A couple clarifications about dressing up:

- Hats are acceptable as long as it is part of the spirit day outfit.
- No face paint.
- No masks.
- Everything needs to meet dress code requirements.

KONA ICE: On Friday, September 29th, middle school students will be invited to purchase KONA ICE. Please be sure to send money with your student if you want them to participate.

KONA ICE
IS COMING!

SOUTHWESTERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
10:30-1:20PM

KIDDIE \$3.00	KLASSIC \$4.00	KING \$5.00	KOWABUNGA \$6.00 \$3 refills	COLOR CHANGING \$6.00 \$3 refills

25% of sales goes to your school!

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.

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.

Tardies: The majority of Harmony referrals we continue to 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.

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 and charging them each night!

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.

Upcoming Events:

Monday

MS Boys Soccer at 5pm vs. Switz at Home

MS Girls Soccer at 6:30 vs. Switz at Home

Tuesday

MS Cross Country to Rising Sun for ORVC at 5:30

MS Tennis vs. Scottsbug at Home

Wednesday

6th VB at New Washington at 6pm

7th and 8th Grade VB vs. Madison - Blue Gym

MS Girls Soccer at Shawe at 5pm

Thursday

MS Girls Soccer at 6:45 at Home

6th VB at Home vs. Austin - Blue Gym

Saturday

MS State Meet at Terre Haute

Rebel Regiment - ISSMA Scholastic Prelims at Whiteland IN