



SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Middle School Rebel Families,

We had a great time celebrating College GO week with dress up days, daily trivia, and classroom activities that highlighted college and careers. RAP dress up winners will be announced next week and we will share pictures on Facebook from a few of our career activities.

Kona ice was a huge success today! It was great to get the kids outside to enjoy the beautiful weather and just socialize for a little bit.

Have a great weekend!

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

Congratulations to our Cross Country Middle School State Qualifiers: Girls: Haylee Crawford, Harper Green, Mikayla Nussbaum, Savannah Nussbaum, Kaylynn Warren; Boys: Jacob Adams, Thomas Gammons, Landon Gross, Michael Gross, Quinton Lewis, Andrew Nussbaum, Trevor Swalley

These runners compete tomorrow in Terre Haute @ Lavern Gibson Classic - Nike Nationals Course. The girls run at 12:20pm and the boys run at 1:10pm. Best of luck to these student-athletes!

6th grade boys basketball tryouts:

Where: Blue Gym

When: 10/4/23, 6-8pm

Tryouts for 7th and 8th will be posted as soon as we have that information.

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

End of 1st 9-weeks: The end of the 1st 9-week grading period is Friday, October 6th. Please be sure you are checking Harmony frequently to stay up to date on your student's academic progress.

Fall Break: October 9-13 No School

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. However, we have noticed a HUGE increase with phones being confiscated in class, especially this last week. 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.

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.

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!

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 10/2

MS Boys and Girls Soccer at Madison