



SOUTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Middle School Rebel Families,

We held 7th and 8th grade class meetings this week during advisory in order to provide clear communication about our expectations of students at school. We also talked about how to schedule time with someone in the counseling department, the importance of how to use and take care of chromebooks, and how we expect students to represent our school at athletic events and ECA's. A meeting with 6th graders will take place on Monday.

Our staff is really focusing on "catching" students who display behaviors such as kindness, being helpful, taking pride in our school, and including others. Our Rebel Strong tickets are becoming very popular and we love recognizing so many outstanding students around the building! We also appreciate all the positive parent/community feedback around this initiative on Facebook!

Have a great weekend!

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

Harmony: It is really important that parents check Harmony and make sure contact information is correct, specifically for phone and email. The middle school staff uses Harmony to document behavioral concerns and having a correct email address ensures you stay informed.

Parents will be notified of all office level consequences via email. Phone calls will be made for any behaviors that result in OSS/AOSS (Out of School Suspension/Alternative to Out of School Suspension) or beyond. 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.

Tardies: Students are starting to accumulate tardies, resulting in office level consequences. We have reminded students during class meetings that if they need help figuring out how to cut down tardies, they should reach out to Mrs. Brawner or Mrs. Hackney. We can often help them with strategies such as taking materials for two classes when their class is located a little further away instead of returning to their locker each time. If you notice your student is having issues with tardies, please have them reach out so we can help.

Bus Pass: If your student will be riding a different bus, please print a [bus pass](#). We also have them available at school for students to pick up at the office. Please note, we cannot accept information for a bus pass by phone. It has to be completed by a parent and approved in advance.

Breakfast: We are going to pilot a new strategy for students to get breakfast next week. For now we are starting with one grade to see how it goes. Remember, breakfast is free for all students!

6th grade students will be able to obtain a grab and go breakfast from the concession stand starting Monday. 6th graders who want a hot breakfast should still report to the cafeteria. 7th and 8th grade students should continue to report to the cafeteria for breakfast. If your student is on a bus that arrives close to 8am, we still encourage them to visit the cafeteria for a grab and go breakfast. They are not able to sit in the cafeteria to eat but their 1st period teachers will allow them to eat breakfast in their room.

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 charges their chromebook each night. They will be using them throughout the day and during classroom instruction.

Upcoming Athletic Events:

Monday

6th Grade Volleyball at Home at 6pm - Blue Gym

Tuesday

MS VB and 6th Grade to Charlestown - Big Bus - Leave at 4PM from Blue Gym - Elizabeth White

Wednesday

MS Soccer to Switzerland Co - Big Bus - leave at 4pm from soccer field - Robison
MS Volleyball at Home vs. Jennings Co - Blue Gym

MS Tennis at Home

Thursday

MS Soccer to Austin - Big Bus - Leave at 4:30PM from soccer field

MS Volleyball to Madison - Big Bus - Leave at 5PM from Blue gym - Renee Johnson

MS Tennis at Madison

MS Cross Country Invite at 5pm at Hanover College - Need Helpers

Saturday

MS Cross Country to Ceraland - Big Bus - Leave at 7:15 from HS GYM

HS Cross Country to Ceraland - 2 mini buses - Jon Simpson and Zac Nussbaum

ORVC Golf Meet at Butler Falls at 9AM