This is Dr. Richmond. I hope that you have had a great weekend. Here are your announcements for the week of February 18.

## At the Ranch

-Do you have an upcoming $6^{\text {th }}$ grader? Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Lawrence are currently visiting our feeder elementary schools. We will also have some upcoming events for our future 6th-grade cowboys.
-On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, some of our students will be attending the All-County Chorus.
-Wednesday marks the middle of the third quarter. Please log into Powerschool with your student and check their progress.
-Parents, I need your help. We still have a lot of work to do and time to make adequate progress this school year. One thing we have noticed is a spike in the wearing of hoods and other head gear from students, and the wearing of earbuds by students, and the use of cell phones by students. Students have been educated on, and reminded about the Southwest school rules all year now. There is no excuse for not obeying school rules, nor arguing with staff when they are told to put items away or remove their hoods. It is now not a mistake but a conscious choice. Therefore, consequences and confiscations will now become the norm. I appreciate your help and understanding with this. A student tucked away listening to music is not learning.

## Athletics

-Congratulations to Coach Turner, Coach Washington, and the Boys' basketball team, who will start tournament play this week. The Cowboys will host Northwest MS on Tuesday at 5:00 pm.

Entry to this game costs $\$ 5.00$ for adults and $\$ 3.00$ for students. At SWMS, any student attending a sporting event must have an adult with them to enter. Please stop by our concessions. With the win of this game, we will announce another game to be played on Thursday.
-There will be student interest meetings this week for spring sports. These meetings will take place on Wednesday of this week, right after morning announcements. Golf will meet in the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade commons, track will meet in the gym, baseball will meet in the cafeteria, and softball will meet in the media center. Once teams are selected, a parent meeting will be held. Dates for tryouts are forthcoming.

Those are all of your announcements for the week. I look forward to seeing your child's smiling face tomorrow morning at Southwest, where we will do the right thing.

Dr. Richmond

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