

Good Evening Southwest Family,

This is your proud principal Dr. Richmond with your announcements for the week. My sincere hope is that you and yours enjoyed some amazing family time, and I am thankful for each and every one of you as we continue this journey together.

### **At the Ranch**

-This week we go back into learning after a few days off. Please remind students that every minute at school is crucial. While we will make mistakes along the way, it is important that our students understand the role they play in the learning process.

-There will be an All-county Band Clinic on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Our chorus concert is scheduled for Tuesday of next week December 5 at SWGHS.

-Parents, I need your help at after school hours with cell phones and all that different devices, apps, and group chats bring to our students. They have the world in the palm of their hands and many of them are not ready for it. We spend a lot of time mitigating arguments, bullying, and words said over social media. Many conversations that happen after school end up spilling into school. Please talk to your child about what they say to others. Monitor their social media. Once words are said, they cannot be taken back. Thank you for your help with this. Also, please feel free to reach out to us should you find something that could possibly create a problem within school.

### **Athletics**

-Wrestling will post the final roster on Monday, November 27th

-Southwest Middle School Athletics will host our Boys & Girls Basketball tryouts starting Monday, November 27th and run through Thursday.

#### **Boys Basketball**

Monday, November 27th, 4:00PM – 5:00 PM (6th Grade ONLY)  
Tuesday, November 28th, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (7th Grade ONLY)  
Wednesday, November 29th, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (8th Grade ONLY)  
Thursday, November 30th, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Combined INVITE ONLY)

#### **Girls Basketball**

Monday, November 27th, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (6th Grade ONLY)  
Tuesday, November 28th, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (7th Grade ONLY)  
Wednesday, November 29th, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (8th Grade ONLY)  
Thursday, November 30th, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Combined INVITE ONLY)

\*All students will remain on campus for the late tryout times

\*Late tryouts will start with a study hall session

**\*Final rosters will be posted Friday, December 1st**

**\*First practice is Monday, December 4th (Boys 3:30PM – 5:15PM & Girls 5:15PM – 6:30PM)**

GCS does not provide transportation after tryouts. All students will get picked up from the bus awning/ramp.

GCS also requires all student athletes provide an annual physical; signed by a medical provider & Concussion Form with student & parent signatures. All forms are located on the Southwest Middle School website. You can also pickup copies in the front office. Students will submit all paperwork to their respective coach at the start of the tryouts.

Last, we suggest packing a snack & bottled water.

At Southwest, we will do the right thing. I look forward to seeing your child's smiling face tomorrow morning. Have a great rest of the evening!

Dr. Richmond