

Hello Southwest Middle School Community,

This is your proud principal Dr. Richmond calling with good news and important information.

First off, I want to thank my staff, our PTSA, our community partners, and you for a successful open house on yesterday. I enjoyed conversing with you and our students. My hope is that you enjoyed our staggered open house sessions and were able to get some personable time with teachers.

The next bit of information is about our Evolv Body Scanners. We now have Evolv Body Scanners at both of our main entrances.

**Please know the following:**

- Every person, student & visitors, entering our building will travel through the body scanner.
- The body scanning system highlights and locates material that is deemed to be in question on our school grounds.
- If there is a ping from the body scanner, the administration and staff will locate and identify the item in question.
- Body scanners are located at the main entrance of our building and at our bus entrance.
- Students will walk through the body scanners starting on day one and then go about their business of learning at SW.
- Please tell and remind students daily that there will be some items that they will need to take out of their bookbags, hand to staff as they enter, and then grab after coming through the scanning station. Items that ping easily and need to be removed from bookbags are: magnetic closing eyeglass cases, large spiral notebooks, Chromebooks, or umbrellas. There will be staff that a student would hand these items to, walk through, and then be handed the items back. There will be a table for students to resituate their bag if need be.

In the name of safety, if any student pings and does not adhere to the search of their belongings, they will not be allowed entrance to campus. A parent/guardian will be notified.

**Sport's Tryouts**

This is a reminder that cheerleading, boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, and football tryouts will begin on Monday after school.

Thank you,

Dr. Richmond