

Hello Southwest Middle School Family,

This is your proud principal Dr. Richmond with your weekly updates.

At the Ranch

-We will begin counting tardies starting tomorrow. The tardy bell rings at 8:30am. Please make sure that students are at school on time so they can get settled and ready to start instruction at 8:30am. There is an 8:25am warning bell that lets students know they have five minutes till go time.

-Please refer to the dress code that is attached to this email. Beginning tomorrow, the dress code will be heavily enforced meaning that students out of dress code will be given an opportunity to change with clothes we have on hand or call home. This is important to ensure a undistracted learning environment.

-This past week all students participated in grade level town hall meetings where we continued our work of creating community, allowing students and teachers to have voice, and working to create a safe learning environment and school.

-This Friday we have our First Annual Fall Pep Rally. Students will hear about our positive behavior incentives and we will introduce and celebrate our fall sports teams. Students have been asked to wear their Southwest Green as spirit wear, students who have not had any office referrals will be entered into the Principal's Drawing for some great prizes, and we do plan to go live on Facebook for you to be able to view. The pep rallies will start around 1:30pm.

-**Campus Life:** We would like to invite your child to participate in Campus Life this year. We provide fun & safe year round activities to help students navigate their middle school years. Our weekly meetings begin this coming Wednesday morning before school from 7:31 - 8:11 in the main gym. Each meeting will give your child a chance to get to know other students, play games, win prizes and have a donut! Please look over the attached letter and year-long scheduled with more details and a QR code to sign your child up."

Athletics

-Our **Boys Soccer & Girls Volleyball** teams have two games this week. Monday our teams will have AWAY games versus Northwest Middle School. Both games start at 4:45PM. Tuesday our teams have AWAY games versus Allen Middle School. Both games start at 4:45PM.

-**Football** will play in the GCS MS Jamboree at Eastern High School this Saturday. Games will start at 9:00AM. We recommend brining a(n) outdoor chair & umbrella.

-**Cheer** will practice Monday-Wednesday 3:30PM- 5:30PM. No practice Thursday or Friday.

Please remember that GCS charges \$5 for adults and \$3 for students for all middle school athletic events and that the GCS Clear Bag Policy will be enforced.

Thanks again for your continued support of SWMS athletics.

PTSA


-Monday September 11 is our first PTSA General Meeting of the year. It will begin at 6:00pm in the SMWS Cafeteria.

Come learn about the SWMS PTSA, opportunities to get involved, and the positive change you can make in the lives of our school & students! Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served. See you there!


Remember at Southwest, we will do the right thing. I look forward to seeing your child's smiling face tomorrow morning.


Dr. Richmond

Attachments:

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