

Good Evening Southwest Family,

This is your proud principal, Dr. Richmond, calling with your first set of announcements for the new year of 2025! I want to wish your family a blessed and happy new year! It is my hope that everyone is safe and well as we enter 2025. Here are your announcements for the week of January 5.

At the Ranch

-We will welcome students back to school tomorrow January 6.

-Girls Who Game will take place on Monday, Battle of the Books on Tuesday and Thursday, jazz band on Wednesday, and Campus Life on Wednesday.

-Math 7, Math 8, and Math 1 will begin their interim assessments on Wednesday.

-As we start school back, I do want to remind families that it is go time. Procedures and rules of middle school have been well established. We only have approximately 5 months until the start of EOGs. So, we do not have time to play. Let us come to school each day ready to do what we have to do, this includes students and adults.

-The last week before winter break, we got a little lax, especially our 8th graders. I do want to remind families of several school rules. Pajamas are not allowed unless it is a designated pajama day, headwear including headphones are not allowed, and know that I take vapes and any other substances that could hurt our students very seriously, especially for repeat offenders.

-Also, please remember that the Southwest administration and teachers have an open-door policy and encourage dialogue, however, please make an appointment. Should you show up without an appointment and want to see a teacher or administrator, we are busy handling the school business. Just like the doctor's office, a wait time will more than likely happen.

Athletics

-Wrestling will have a HOME match against Northern MS on Thursday.

-Basketball and cheer will have an AWAY game against Northern MS on Thursday.

All competitions begin at 4:45 pm. The price for entry for all middle school events is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

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