

Good Evening Southwest Family,

This is your proud principal, Dr. Richmond, with your updates for the week. We had a great first week, and look forward to continuing this as we go along. Here are your announcements for the week of September 1.

At the Ranch

-There is no school tomorrow in honor of Labor Day.

-As the car rider line continues to calm down, please remember that in the afternoons, it is crucial that we keep the left lane clear. Our buses must use this lane to get to the school. Without them, we cannot dismiss our bus riders. Cars coming down Barrow Rd from the Gallimore Dairy side need to wait in the turning lane if SW School Rd is already full. It is also crucial that you constantly pay attention because our walking students have to cross. The lives of our kids are more important than anything else.

-This week, students will start participating in town hall meetings with their classmates and co-principals. This is where grade-level teams will meet to discuss expectations, behavior, consequences, and how we do middle school. The 24-25 Student and Family Handbook is attached.

-Looking ahead, fall yearbook pictures will take place on September 26.

Athletics

-The schedules for Football/Cheer, Boys Soccer, and Girls Volleyball are ready for publication. They are attached to the email version of this message. They will also be on our website.

-Rosters for teams will be posted at some point this week. The way this happens, is that team rosters are posted throughout the building once the coaches have made final decisions. If your child makes one of the fall teams, please know that there is a mandatory parent meeting. The meeting is:

*Thursday, September 5th @ 6:00pm Boys Soccer/Girls Volleyball in the gym.

* Tuesday, September 10th @ 6:00 pm Football/Cheerleading in the gym.

Attendance is mandatory before participating in any contest.

Topics of discussion: SWMS Student/Parent Code of Conduct, NCHSAA Consent to Participate form, Participation Fee, Eligibility.

PTSA

-There will be a PTSA General Membership meeting on Thursday, September 5th at 5:30 in the cafeteria. You will be able to meet the board, learn about the different committees and goals for the year. We look forward to seeing you there. The PTSA membership flyer is attached.

I look forward to seeing your child's smiling face on Tuesday at Southwest, where we will do the right thing.

Dr. Richmond

Attachments:

 [24-25 SWMS BOYS SOCCER.pdf](#) (73.2 KB)

 [24-25 SWMS Football.pdf](#) (73.7 KB)

 [24-25 SWMS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL.pdf](#) (73.2 KB)

 [SWMS PTSA Flyer.jpg](#) (153.5 KB)

 [SWMS Student and Parent Handbook 24-25.pdf](#) (938.6 KB)