

Good Evening Southwest Family,

This is your proud principal, Dr. Richmond, with your announcements for the week. Here are your announcements for the week of September 15.

At the Ranch

-This past week, 7th and 8th grade students received their Chromebooks. We will hand out 6th grade Chromebooks this week. It is important that students take care of them, use them responsibly, and bring them to school charged daily. Please remind students that just about anything they do on their device can be tracked. Let's help them make smart decisions.

-This week is *Start With Hello Week*, a national call-to-action week dedicated to making new social connections and creating a sense of belonging among youth. *Start With Hello* is one of Sandy Hook Promise's no-cost *Know the Signs* programs and teaches students to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other. Teaching empathy and empowering students to end social isolation by following three easy steps, (1) learn how to recognize the signs of loneliness and social isolation; (2) find out what you can do to help others feel include and (3) discover how to break the ice and spike up conversation. We will have our first spirit week of the year this week! The assigned days are in the flyer attached.

-Many different clubs and after-school activities are beginning to start. Remind students to check the Southwest Happenings wall for information. Information will also be posted on Facebook and attached to this message as it arises.

-I want to thank you all for any part you have played in keeping our AM and PM car rider line rolling.

-Looking ahead, picture day will take place on Thursday, September 26.

-For all 7th grade students, please be reminded that the immunization deadline is September 24.

-A separate email was sent out earlier today regarding Operation Excel. This is a free homework and tutoring program provided at Southwest. For any questions, please reach out to 7th grade co-principal Monique Wallace. She can be reached at wallacm3@gcsnc.com.

Athletics

-This week volleyball and soccer will have two games. They will have an away game at Southeast MS on Monday AND they will have a HOME game against Northern MS on Tuesday. Game time is 4:45 pm. Should there be a cancel of game due to weather, we will let you know as soon as a joint decision is made by both schools.

Please remember that at SWMS, an adult must be present with any student in order for them to attend. Entry fee 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 at Southwest, where we will do the right thing!

Dr. Richmond

Attachments:

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