


Welcome 8th Grade
“Class of 2022”
Students & Parents
Southwest Middle School
“Open House”



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Future LEADERS...8th Graders Today, World Changers Tomorrow!

Students, are you ready for
the shift?

Greetings from

- ▶ Mr. Barry Blair
 - ▶ *Principal*
- ▶ Grade Level Administrator
 - ▶ *8th Grade Administrator - Ms. Cassandra Mayo, Assistant Principal*
- ▶ Grade Level Counselors
 - ▶ *8th Grade Counselor - Mrs. Tuere Dunton-Forbes, M. Ed, NBCT*
- ▶ Mrs. Suzan Stroud
 - ▶ *Administrative Assistant*

WELCOME

Meet the Staff (8th Grade!!!)

Team Conquerors

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| Miss. Asega/K. Robey | A8 LA |
| Mrs. M. Little | A9 LA |
| Mrs. D. Toussaint | A11 Math |
| Mrs. W. Badran | A10 Math |
| Ms. C. Little | A13 Science |
| Mrs. B. Clark | A12 Soc. Studies |

Team Trailblazers

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| Ms. A. Reeves | A19 LA |
| Ms. O. Robinson | A21 LA |
| Mrs. R. Solh | A23 Math |
| Mr. G. Huether | MC233 Math |
| Ms. D. Nahikian | A17 Science |
| Mr. G. Joreid | A18 Soc. Studies |

Team Innovators

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Ms. N. Cayea | A20 LA |
| Miss. F. Mayer | A24 LA |
| Mrs. M. Bollinger | MC754 Math |
| Ms. E. Kohlhoff | A25 Math |
| Mrs. A. Marcello | A16 Science |
| Mrs. D. Baysinger | A22 Soc. Studies |



Meet the Staff

(Elective Team!!!)

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|---------------|------------|-------|
| Ms. Akers | Art | A6 |
| Ms. Bazluki | PLTW | C1 |
| Ms. Brown | PE | Gym |
| Ms. Chiusiano | Dance | D9 |
| Mr. Holmes | Band | D10 |
| Mr. Ivy | CTE | C3 |
| Mr. Keelan | PE | Gym |
| Mr. Mantilla | ESL | B7 |
| Ms. Marmolejo | Spanish | MC663 |
| Ms. McManus | Journalism | MC572 |
| Mr. Merlino | PLTW | A5 |
| Mrs. Burch | CTE | B2 |
| Ms. Renteria | ESL | B6 |
| Mr. Sanders | PLTW | A1 |
| Ms. Smith, S | Drama | D2 |
| Mr. Wayburn | PE | Gym |
| Ms. Wright | Orchestra | A4 |
| Ms. Sullivan | ESL | MC741 |



One-to-One

(Ms. B. Colwell)

- ▶ SWMS is a one-to-one school. Each student will be issued a Chrome book in each of their core classes.
- ▶ Canvas
- ▶ Twitter



SWMS Facts

ALL ABOUT SWMS

- ▶ *Opened in fall of 2003*
- ▶ *School Mascot: Patriot*
- ▶ *School Colors: **Blue** and **Gold***
- ▶ *School Hours: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.*
- ▶ *School supplies needed...specific to content and teacher. Teacher wish list in the classroom.*



Patriot Pride Pledge

I will focus on my academics;

I will increase my efforts to become successful;

I will have a positive attitude.



School Layout

- ▶ 4 Hallways

- ▶ “A” Hall....8th Grade Wing
- ▶ “B” Hall....7th Grade Wing
- ▶ “C” Hall....6th Grade Wing
- ▶ “D” Hall....Elective Classes, Cafeteria, and Gymnasium (Other elective classes are located at the beginning of the A, B, and C Wings)



Dressing for Success the “Patriot Way”

- ▶ Uniforms are required for all students enrolled at Southwest Middle School.
 - ▶ Fit properly, not to exceed one (1) size beyond the correct size.
 - ▶ Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
 - ▶ Clothing should not be modified in any way.
 - ▶ Clothing should not be sagging, bagging, or dragging.
 - ▶ Clothing should not have visible logos larger than a quarter other than Southwest Middle School logo.
 - ▶ Shoes can be any color or brand. Students are not allowed to wear sandals or open-toed shoes.
 - ▶ **Students are allowed to wear RED or GRAY polo shirts & sweatshirts this year.**
- ▶ P.E. uniforms are required, and must be worn during over class. The cost of the uniforms is \$15.



Dressing for Success...Additional

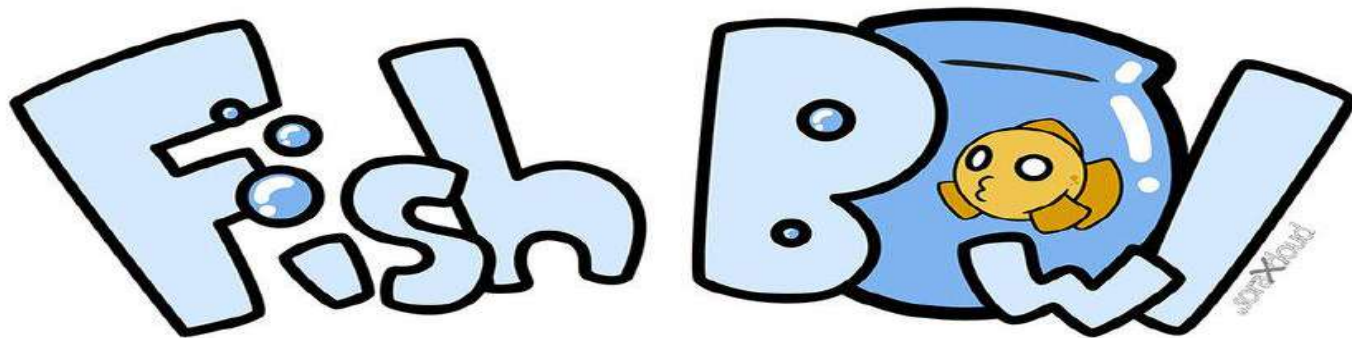
- ▶ Hoop & Dangling Earrings are NOT allowed! STUDS ONLY!
- ▶ No “EXOTIC” headbands (i.e. flowers, ears, large bows, etc.)
- ▶ Large purses are not allowed. Ladies, you will be permitted to carry a purse large enough to accommodate your “personal” monthly items.
- ▶ Shoe Swap is UNNECESSARY & UNSANITARY!

Rights and Responsibilities, Character Development Handbook

- ▶ **Code of Student Conduct** needs to be signed and acknowledged by student and parent.
- ▶ **Behavior Management Plan**; this plan highlights classroom management, documented teacher strategies, referable infractions, administrative strategies.
- ▶ **Behavioral Management Log**; this log pertains steps to enhance positive student behavior

Meeting at the Fish Bowl...

- ▶ Any student referred by staff member will be escorted by campus security (CSA) to the...



Wishing Your 8th Graders a Successful Year!

FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL FROM DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW



Lockers

- ▶ Students are charged a \$3 locker rental fee.
- ▶ Students **MUST** purchase a lock for their locker. SWMS does not provide locks or sell locks. Please be reminded that lockers are the property of the school. If deemed necessary to remove a lock from a locker, the school is not responsible for reimbursement.
- ▶ If students do not purchase a lock, they will have to leave their personal belongings outside their teacher's classroom.
- ▶ 8th graders **will NOT be** allowed to share lockers.



Core Class Information



- ▶ Class Placement : LA and Math
 - ▶ Standard Course of Study and Honors
- ▶ Language Arts: Novel Studies – Grammar -Writing– Short Stories - Various Non-Fiction - Summer Reading –Heavy focus on Informational Text
- ▶ Math: Standard and Honors (Math I & II – HS Credit) – Heavy focus on Application
- ▶ Social Studies: Incorporation of Reading and Writing with the new Common Core Focus – Heavy focus on Informational Text.
- ▶ Science: Info –Inquiry-Based – Layered Curriculum

Elective Class Information



- ▶ Class Placement : Student Choice (#1 - #6)
- ▶ Band & Orchestra: MUST be student's #1 choice
- ▶ Project Lead the Way (PLTW): Project based curriculum
- ▶ Computer Skills and Exploring Career Activities: I – typing skills, II – advance word processing skills
- ▶ Dance: Basic body structure and how they relate to movement.
- ▶ Journalism: Literacy based course designed to enhance students writing skills.
- ▶ Spanish (HS Credit): Study of the Spanish language
- ▶ **Health/PE: Required course for students in 6th – 8th grade**

STEM Course Work



- ▶ Courses Offered

- ▶ **8th grade Courses**

- ▶ Flight & Space - Students explore the science behind aeronautics and use their knowledge to design, build, and test an airfoil.
- ▶ Medical Detectives - Students play the role of real-life medical detectives as they analyze genetic testing results to diagnose disease and study DNA evidence found at a “crime scene.”
- ▶ Architectural & Interior Design: Design Principles will be utilized to teach students how to think about the future of design and sustainability.

Typical Day

- ▶ Three core classes per day.
- ▶ One elective per day. (A/B - Day Schedule)

Sample Schedule

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| 1 st Period | Language Arts (Core) |
| 2 nd Period | Dance/PE – 8 th grade |
| 3 rd Period | Math (Core) lunch – 8 th grade |
| 4 th Period | <div>Social Studies/Science (Core)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7th Grade: Semester 1 or Semester 2• 8th Grade: A Day/B Day</div> |

Sports @ SWMS

- ▶ 8th graders are eligible to try out for sport teams. Those who are not active in sports are encouraged to attend games; showing school spirit is a great way to get involved and have fun!!!!!! (Students are required to go home via bus and return to the school to attend sporting events.)



CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

- ▶ **Yearbook (7th & 8th Grade)**
 - ▶ Mrs. Bethanie Colwell, Advisor
- ▶ **Art Club (6th, 7th & 8th Grades)**
 - ▶ Mr. John Sanders, Advisor
- ▶ **News Crew (6th, 7th & 8th Grades)**
 - ▶ Mrs. Bethanie Colwell, Advisor
- ▶ **Sports (7th & 8th Grade Only)**
 - ▶ Softball Mr. Douglas Keelan
 - ▶ Volleyball, Mr. Fish Gupton
 - ▶ Athletic Director & Football, Mr. Fred Searcey
 - ▶ Boys Basketball, TBD
 - ▶ Girls Basketball, Vickie Johnson & Latavia Brown
 - ▶ Baseball, Mr. Barry Paradise
 - ▶ Girls Track, TBD
 - ▶ Boys Track, TBD
- ▶ **Student Council (6th, 7th & 8th)**
 - ▶ Miss Kathy Robey, Advisor
- ▶ **Youth Commission International (YCI)**
 - ▶ Mrs. Marilyn Bollinger, Advisor
- ▶ **Pep Band**
 - ▶ Mr. Richard Holmes, Advisor
- ▶ **Musical Theatre**
 - ▶ Ms. Susan Smith, Drama
 - ▶ Ms. Corrinne Chiusano, Dance
- ▶ **Odyssey of the Mind**
 - ▶ Advisor, TBA
- ▶ **Math Counts**
 - ▶ Mrs. Marilyn Bollinger
- ▶ **National Junior Honor Society (7th & 8th Grade)**
 - ▶ Ms. Vickie Johnson, Advisor
 - ▶ Ms. Tania Sanders, Co-Advisor
- ▶ **Step Team,**
 - ▶ Mrs. Diyanna Toussaint, Advisor
 - ▶ Mr. Anthony Beckett, Co-Advisor
- ▶ **Dance Club, Ms. Corrinne Chiusano**



Absences/Tardiness

- ▶ Parents of absent students should call the main office on the day of absence to speak with Ms. Pamela Reynolds, Attendance Secretary. Notes for the student's absence will be accepted by the school up to 2 weeks after the absence. The phone call is a courtesy. We will need a written note signed by the parent.

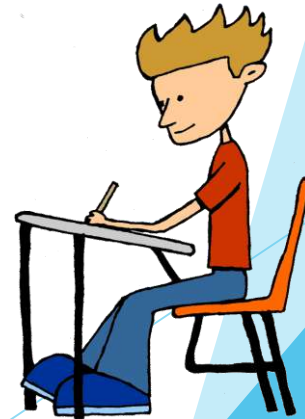
SWMS: 980-343-5006

- ▶ All notes should be given to advisory teachers and should include the student's ID number, and date(s) of absence.
- ▶ All tardy students should be escorted into the building by a parent/guardian to check the student in.



Truancy

- N.C.G.S. § 115C-378 – North Carolina Compulsory Attendance law requires every parent, guardian or other person having charge or control cause that child to attend school.
- Parents will be notified by letter from the school when the student misses 3, 6, & 10 days of school.
- School Counselor will contact parent after 8 days to set up home visit.
- Truancy packet will be filed with legal department after the occurrence of absence no. 11.



Power School is OUR FRIEND!!!

- ▶ Log on to www.cms.k12.nc.us
- ▶ Click on the **Parent** tab on the top left side of the webpage.
- ▶ Click on **Parent Portal** to get more information about setting up your Power School account.
- ▶ The hyperlink is on the bottom of the page.
- ▶ You may also contact your grade level counselor to obtain a copy of your Power School access letter.

<https://cms.powerschool.com/public/>



Parent/Teacher Communication



- ▶ Contact your child's school counselor to schedule a parent/teacher conference:
 - ▶ 8th Grade.....Mrs. T. Dunton-Forbes
 - ▶ Conference schedule – Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for Parent Conferences

NOTE: Parents please do not “drop by” for a conference. You will be asked to make an appt. for a later date.

- ▶ You may also communicate with your child's teachers via e-mail.

See school's web-site

- ▶ **Consult PowerSchool OFTEN.**
- ▶ If you have any questions about your child's academic/social development, you may also contact your child's Grade Level Administrator.

Need to Knows...

- ▶ School Supplies
 - ▶ Please make sure your child at least has the general supplies from the list mailed out this summer. Additional specific items might be requested by their teachers for specific assignments and/or projects.
- ▶ Tutoring
 - ▶ Times & Pick-Up
- ▶ Detention
 - ▶ Assigned by the teachers or administrator. Parents are given TWO date options.
- ▶ Student cell phone use
 - ▶ Should not be used or seen during school hours.
 - ▶ Will NOT be allowed to charge them at school.
- ▶ Fever Week Snap Shot (Cannot Participate if...)
 - ▶ OSS/2 or More Days of ISS starting 8/28/2017.
 - ▶ A monetary balance with the school.

Save the Date



- ▶ **August 28th First Day of School**
- ▶ September 5th - Labor Day Holiday (no School)
- ▶ Aug. 31st & Sept 7th - 8th Grade Lockers sold
- ▶ **September 7th - Curriculum Night**
- ▶ **October 3rd - No School for students**
- ▶ **October 18th - Early Release Day**
- ▶ **October 30th - Parent/Teacher Conference**

Volunteers Needed!!!

- ▶ National Career Day Speakers: Nov. 15th
- ▶ North Star Reading Initiative (Training Provided)
- ▶ Testing (i.e. Proctors for State Testing; Read Aloud, Separate Setting for classroom tests)
- ▶ PTSA or SLT
- ▶ Job Shadowing Host
- ▶ Quarterly Honor Roll Incentive
- ▶ Grade Level Field Trips
- ▶ Classroom Assistant

Please Stop By C-1 (Ms. Bazluki)


to Sign-Up or visit

Swmscounselingdepatment.weebly.com

and click on “Parent Resource”

“Greetings from our
Student Council
President & Vice
President

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You are welcomed to
visit the 8th grade
teachers down their
hallway.

Please also stop by and visit the elective
teachers and the community supports
along D-Hall.