



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

South Woods Middle School Mid March Updates

Dear Parents/Guardians,

March kicked off with a flurry of activity! Last week's **Wellness Week** gave students and staff alike a chance to reflect and recharge through activities connected to daily themes such as "Mindfulness Monday," "Tech Free Tuesday," "Workout Wednesday," "Thankful Thursday," and "Fitness Friday." Students enjoyed yoga, ping pong, coloring, crocheting at lunch while learning mindfulness techniques and practicing gratitude.

Tournament of Champions

What an incredible turnout for the Corey's Promise Tournament of Champions held after school last Thursday! Sponsored by Peer Leaders and the Student Council, the event raised a total of \$1,265.33 for Corey's Promise. Thank you to all!





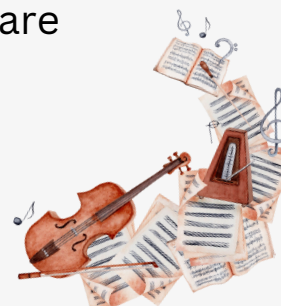
Spirit Days:

- **Tuesday, March 18th**, Wear Green for Global Recycling Day
- **Friday, April 4th**, Wear any shirt from a college, university, trade school, etc.



Select Ensembles Concert:

- On **Wednesday, March 19th, at 7:30 pm**, the South Woods Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra, Select Chorus and Wind Ensemble will showcase their hard work and talents at our annual Select Ensembles Concert. These talented groups are excited to perform a varied repertoire.



Moving Up!

Eighth grade families: Save the date! The 2025 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony will be held at the Tilles Center on the campus of LIU Post on **Monday, June 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM**. More details will be communicated shortly.





Dismissal/After School Safety:

- All student pickup must take place on campus.
- Neighborhood pickup is not permitted.
- Student athletes and club members who remain after school are not permitted to leave campus and then return. Walking to town and then returning for practice/meetings is not permitted under any circumstance and may result in suspension from team sports.



A Healthy Reminder About Digital Citizenship:

“Tech Free Tuesday” during Wellness Week gave us lots to talk about when it comes to evaluating time spent online. Here are some tips to consider at home:

- **Open Communication:** Have regular conversations with your child about their online activity. Create a space where they feel safe to share information without judgment.
- **Set Clear Boundaries:** Have set rules and guidelines for social media use. This can include time limits, device free zones (dinner table, bedroom) and acceptable online behavior.
- **Online Citizenship:** Emphasize online safety, etiquette, privacy, and evaluating sources for credibility.
- **Monitoring Activity:** Regularly review your child’s social media accounts with their knowledge. Periodically “Google” your child.
- **Seek Help:** If you have concerns about your child’s online presence, actions, or communications, please reach out to a therapist, school counselor or administrator, or law enforcement if necessary.

All Syosset student Chromebooks are filtered and monitored. Students are not permitted to bypass these security measures. Doing so is a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and the Code of Character, Conduct, and Support.



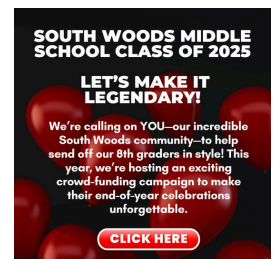
Business Club Apparel Sale

The Business Club is sponsoring a South Woods/Syosset apparel sale. Merchandise available includes tees, sweats, hats, athletic gear, and accessories. Please visit <https://1stplace.sale/69334>. Thank you for your support!



PTSA HAPPENINGS:

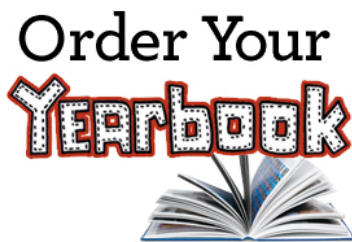
- The next PTA meeting is **March 11th** at 7:45 PM in the South Woods Library.
- The Spring Book Fair takes place **March 12th-13th** during ELA classes.
- 8th Grade LAWN SIGNS: Please order your [Lawn Signs here](#). Orders can be placed until the end of March. Pick-up details will follow shortly.
- Help send our 8th graders off in style! [Donate here](#) towards the South Woods Class of 2025 Crowd-Funding Campaign to provide an unforgettable end-of-year celebration.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

South Woods Musical “**ANNIE**”

Come see “Annie” **Friday, March 28th, 7:30 PM** and **Saturday, March 29th, 12:00 PM**. We look forward to an enchanting Drama Club production! Tickets are sold during lunch and can be purchased at the door. More details will be communicated shortly.



Commemorate Your Years at South Woods!

Commemorate your school year with a 2025 SW Yearbook! [Yearbook Ordering Information](#) is now available on the South Woods Home Page. Special Ads must be completed by **April 21, 2025**.



Calendar Reminder!

School will be closed:

- Eid al Fitr: **Monday, March 31st**
- Spring Recess: **April 14-18th**



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Principal

