



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



South Woods Middle School December Updates

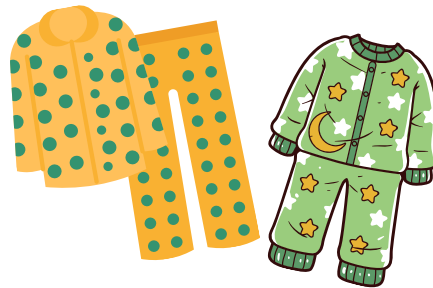
Dear South Woods Students, Families, and Faculty/Staff,

The South Woods Spirit Squad is busy preparing for a fun-filled week of activities starting on **Wednesday, December 17th**. We hope everyone enjoys all of the fun events planned for this month!

Ms. Burget

Spirit Week 2025 theme days will include:

RED
TEAM
BLACK



TEAM COLOR WEDNESDAY

Wednesday,
December 17th:
Team Color Day -
Students are
encouraged to wear
their team color, red or
black, for Opening
Ceremonies!

PAJAMA THURSDAY

Thursday,
December 18th:
Pajama Thursday -
Wear your favorite
pajamas to school.
So cozy!

SYOSSET SPIRIT FRIDAY

Friday,
December 19th:
Syosset Spirit Friday -
Wear Syosset gear or
school colors!



CRAZY SOCK MONDAY

Monday,

December 22nd:

Wacky Monday - Dive into your wardrobes and pull out the most outrageous and imaginative socks you can find!



“UGLY” SWEATER TUESDAY

Tuesday,

December 23rd:

"Ugly" Sweater Day - Proudly wear your "ugliest" holiday/winter sweater! Whether you find a hidden gem to wear or make your own - we cannot wait to see it!



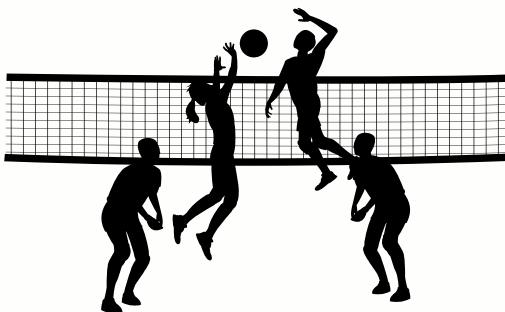
LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Earn points for your team:

Thursday, 12/ 18: *Table Tennis, Chess Tournament*

Friday, 12/19: *Musical Chairs, Chess Tournament*

Monday, 12/22: *Spike Ball, Chess Tournament*



Staff Volleyball Game

Tuesday, December 23rd: Students will join us for a staff volleyball game during the closing ceremonies to round out a week of fun activities.



Winter Concerts

Our **Winter Concert** series begins **December 10th at 7:30 pm** featuring our 7th & 8th grade Orchestra. Performers will receive detailed information from their music teachers.

Toy Drive

Thank you in advance for donating to the **Student Council & Peer Leaders Holiday Toy Drive**. Please consider bringing in new and unwrapped toy donations. Donations can be dropped off in the main lobby until Monday, December 15, 2025.

All items will bring happiness and hope to children and families staying at the **Ronald McDonald House at Cohen's Childrens Hospital**.



Holiday Spirit Wear Sale

The Business Club is sponsoring the South Woods holiday spirit wear sale. Choose from hundreds of designs and garments. You can find the perfect gifts for family and friends. Please visit our [online store](#). Thank you for your support!

Grateful for Our Troops



The South Woods Patriot Club collected stocking stuffers for the U.S. military stationed both here and overseas. Club members decorated the stockings and filled them with donated items and thank you cards for their service. Thank you to all who participated and donated!



State Senator Jack Martins Visit

We were so happy to have State Senator Jack Martins visit South Woods to speak with the Patriot Club about civic engagement and career paths. Thank you for your exemplary public service and being a great role model!

THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Lost & Found



- **North Cafeteria:** Hoodies, jackets, water bottles.
- **Main Office:** Jewelry, airpods, glasses, and other valuables.

Items will be on display in the SW Lobby during the December Winter Concert on December 10th.

Parents can claim items after school hours by checking in with security. Any unclaimed items will be donated after **December 23rd**.

Arrival/Dismissal Expectations

- School opens at 7:00 AM. Students arriving for extra help or club may not enter the building earlier than 7:00 AM. Drop off at front crosswalk.
- During regular arrival times, students may be dropped off at the front crosswalk or on the side of the building by the bleachers. Note: Side drop off ends at 8:00 AM and doors will be locked at that time.
- Students may only ride their assigned bus.
- Walkers must have a note on file with the Attendance Office including a destination address.
- Students may only be picked up on campus, not in the surrounding neighborhood.



Multicultural Week

Celebrate our shared diversity during Multicultural Week **February 9th-13th**, with our amazing **Expo** scheduled for **Thursday, February 12th**.



9th Grade Programming

During December and January, Ms. Carleo will be meeting with each 8th grade student to plan their High School program. Scheduling information is in the SWMS 9th Grade Programming Classroom.

Ms. Michelle L. Burget
Principal

