

Good Evening Southwest Family,

This is your proud principal, Dr. Richmond, calling with your updates for the week. It is my sincere hope that you and your family have had an amazing break, and I am sure you are ready for our kids to return to the ranch. Here are your announcements for the week of January 4.

### **At the Ranch**

-We are almost to the end of the first semester. We will be raising our expectations for everyone. This includes raising them to get to school on time, attending regularly, focusing on class and not on others, and showing that learning on assessments. Perfect is not the answer, but progress must happen. Please remember that instruction will begin daily at 8:25am.

-Guilford County Schools is committed to providing quality education to its students. In an effort to achieve this goal, teachers at your child's school will be using SAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) this school year as part of FastBridge's universal screening platform. The SAEBRS screener is completed by the teacher and does not require your child to do anything. SAEBRS is a norm-referenced tool that helps identify students that may be at-risk for social-emotional or wellness challenges. You may OPT-OUT of your child being screened by returning a completed OPT-OUT form to your child's homeroom teacher. Forms will come home on Tuesday. Please return the form if you wish to opt-out by Monday, January 12. For more information on SAEBRS, visit

[www.renaissance.com/fastbridge/fastbridge-seb/](http://www.renaissance.com/fastbridge/fastbridge-seb/) .

### **Athletics**

-Wrestling, basketball, and cheer will have one competition this week. Wrestling will have an AWAY match on Thursday against Northern MS. Basketball and cheer will have a HOME game on Thursday against Northern MS. Competitions start at 5:00pm. Please remember that for any SWMS student to attend a competition, they must have an adult in attendance with them.

Those are all of your announcements for this week. I look forward to seeing your child's smiling face tomorrow at Southwest, where we will do the right thing.

Dr. Richmond