



Southwood Middle School
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Dear Southwood Parents and Community Members,

As Principal of Southwood Middle School, it is my pleasure to welcome new and returning students and families to the 2023-2024 school year. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our Southwood family. Additionally, we strive to challenge every student to grow in his or her academic abilities and to be high school-ready by the end of three years.

At Southwood, we have great teachers who spend hours planning and creating meaningful classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to set goals for student growth and improvement. We recognize that to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success. We believe that all students should graduate from Southwood prepared for the demands of high school leading to postsecondary education, meaningful careers, and active citizenship.

School starts on **Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:30 am**. Please have your scholar report on the first day and every day after. Attendance is critical for the success of our students and our entire learning community.

Please save the date for **Open House** on **Tuesday, September 12th from 5-7 pm** in the Southwood gym.

As we continue to grow and improve we hope that you will find our website helpful and informative. All of the information we send out via email will also be available on this site. Be sure to check out the CCH160 website for pertinent district-wide information at www.cch160.org.

I am honored to serve as the Principal of Southwood Middle School. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community with such a rich history and where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please feel free to contact me at 708.957.6230 or at gamila.williams@cch160.org. Once again, welcome back! Let's make it a great year at Southwood together!

Sincerely,
Ms. Gamila Williams
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Southwood Middle School