

SOUTH WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL

2023-2024



COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

KEY SUPPORTERS:

- **PRINCIPALS:**
 - Ms. BURGET, Ms. BURKE, Ms. BERKE, Ms. TAM
- **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:**
 - Ms. GOODMAN - 8TH GRADE
 - Mr. SINGH - 7TH GRADE
 - Ms. CARLEO - 6TH GRADE
 - Ms. CONNOLLY- SOCIAL WORKER
 - Ms. FOSTER - SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
- **DASA COORDINATORS:**
 - Ms. RUSSELL AND Ms. CHUNG



AT SW... WE CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER:

- WE ARE A "NO PLACE FOR HATE" SCHOOL.
- WE EMBRACE DIFFERENCE AND DIVERSITY, AND WE ARE INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE. IF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAKE DECISIONS THAT HARM OTHERS, WE TAKE A STAND AND HELP THEM LEARN TO DO BETTER.



AT SW, WE LEARN TO UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT EACH OTHER

- THE **DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT** (THE "DIGNITY ACT") WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2012 TO PROTECT ALL STUDENTS FROM HARASSMENT, BULLYING AND DISCRIMINATION.
- BY LAW, ALL PEOPLE IN A SCHOOL MUST DEMONSTRATE RESPECT IN ALL LANGUAGE AND ACTIONS.
- SEE THE [DASA](#) INFORMATION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.



AT SW, WE DON'T TOLERATE BULLYING

- **BULLYING**: AN UNWANTED, AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR THAT INVOLVES A REAL OR PERCEIVED POWER IMBALANCE. CAN BE ONE INCIDENT OR REPEATED.
- **BULLYING** CAN OCCUR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS, IN A SCHOOL BUILDING, ON A PLAYGROUND, ON A SCHOOL BUS WHILE A STUDENT IS TRAVELING TO OR FROM SCHOOL, OR ON THE INTERNET.
- **CYBERBULLYING** OCCURS WHEN HARASSMENT OR BULLYING HAPPENS THROUGH **ANY** FORM OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION.

AT SW, WE SUPPORT DIGNITY FOR ALL

RACE

COLOR

WEIGHT

NATIONAL ORIGIN

ETHNIC GROUP

RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ABILITIES

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

GENDER/SEX/IDENTITY

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

FAMILY STATUS



IN SYOSSET,

WE LIVE BY A CODE OF CHARACTER, CONDUCT, AND SUPPORT

ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAINING A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE AND ORDERLY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING.
- SHOW RESPECT TO OTHER PERSONS (PEERS, FACULTY, STAFF, ETC.), THE PERSONAL SPACE OF OTHER PERSONS, AND THE PROPERTY OF OTHER PERSONS.
- ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN MAKING THE SCHOOL A COMMUNITY FREE OF VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION.

(THIS INCLUDES ON THE BUS AND BUS WAITING AREAS!)



THE CODE OF CONDUCT, CHARACTER, AND SUPPORT



KNOW THE EXPECTATION
TREAT OTHERS AND YOUR
SURROUNDINGS WITH RESPECT.

MAKE GOOD CHOICES
LISTEN TO YOUR
TEACHERS AND FOLLOW THE
RULES.

**ANTICIPATE
CONSEQUENCES &
EXPECT TO MAKE
THINGS RIGHT.**

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES HELP MAKE THINGS RIGHT

- STUDENTS LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES AND UNDERSTAND WHY THEIR BEHAVIOR WAS UNACCEPTABLE.
- STUDENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARM CAUSED OR NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THEIR ACTIONS.
- STUDENTS UNDERSTAND WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY.
- STUDENTS TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS.
- STUDENTS LEARN STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE POSITIVE INTERACTIONS.



OUR CODE STRESSES THESE DETAILS:

- BE POLITE, LISTEN WHEN OTHERS ARE SPEAKING, AND MAINTAIN MUTUAL RESPECT.
- BE FAMILIAR WITH ALL OF THE RULES.
- WORK YOUR HARDEST.
- MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS AND REACTIONS AND RESOLVE CONFLICT WITH OTHERS.
- SEEK HELP FROM PEERS, TEACHERS, FACULTY, AND ADMINISTRATORS IN SOLVING PROBLEMS.
- DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FUNCTIONS.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO . . .

- PARTICIPATE IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES ON AN EQUAL BASIS REGARDLESS OF THEIR ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RACE, WEIGHT, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ETHNIC GROUP, RELIGION, RELIGIOUS PRACTICE, GENDER, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR DISABILITY.
- SEEK HELP WHEN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN OBSTRUCTED.
- EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS AS LONG AS IT IS DONE IN A RESPECTFUL WAY, AND DOES NOT CONTAIN HATEFUL OR HURTFUL SPEECH.
- RIGHT TO PRESENT THEIR TRUTH, AND RECEIVE CONSEQUENCES BASED ON THE SITUATION.
- HAVE ACCESS TO SCHOOL POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND RULES, AND THEIR MEANINGS.



AT SW, WE HAVE HIGH COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS!

- DRESS CODE
- PROFANITY
- TRESPASSING
- WEAPONS
- COMPUTER MISUSE/INTERNET CRIME
- THEFT
- ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT (CHEATING)
- DANGEROUS AND DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR
- **INSUBORDINATION**



WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO SCHOOL?

- SAFE AND APPROPRIATE.
- NO VISIBLE UNDERWEAR!
- NOT DISRUPTIVE TO INSTRUCTION.
- NO BACKPACKS
- NO HATS EXCEPT FOR A MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS PURPOSE.
- DRESS CODE!

BE RESPONSIBLE AND KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE!

- + TELL AN ADULT IF SOMEONE IS NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES, OR YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE.
- + **STAND UP** FOR SOMEONE IF YOU THINK THEY ARE A VICTIM.
- + DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY "NO" OR "STOP" IF SOMEONE IS MAKING YOU UNCOMFORTABLE AND TELL AN ADULT.
- + REMEMBER THAT EVERYONE DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE IN SCHOOL.

- OUR STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY REMAINS “OFF AND AWAY DURING THE DAY” IN CLASSROOMS, COMMON AREAS, AND DURING INSTRUCTION.
- NO CELL PHONE USE PERMITTED DURING ADVISORY.
- CAFETERIA USAGE IS PERMITTED BY LUNCH SUPERVISORS.
- NO PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO OF OTHERS OR UPLOADING TO SOCIAL MEDIA

REMINDER:

BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION, INCLUDING BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION ARE PROHIBITED.



LUNCH/RECESS

- MEALS COST \$2.90
- CASH ACCEPTED/NO CHANGE GIVEN
- NORTH AND SOUTH CAFETERIAS HAVE THE SAME OFFERINGS
- NO FOOD DELIVERY BY COMPANIES LIKE DOORDASH.
- CLEAN UP YOUR TABLE.
- ONCE YOU LEAVE THE CAFETERIA FOR RECESS/LIBRARY YOU MUST REMAIN THERE UNTIL THE END OF THE PERIOD.
- STUDENTS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED PASS TO GO TO WORKSHOPS.
- MENUS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE.



WE ARE

SO HAPPY

YOU'RE HERE!!

