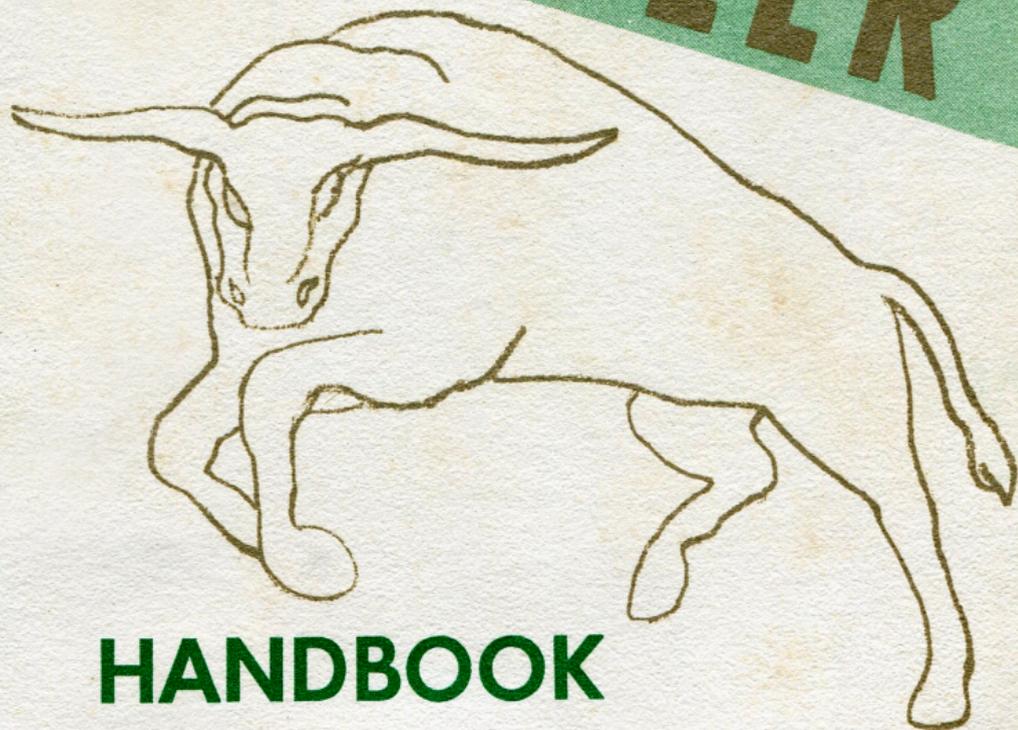


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HANDBOOK

*All hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
All hail to thee, dear Southwest High;
We pledge anew our heart's devotion,
On us thy spirit may rely.
Our mem'ries ever will enshrine thee.
The green and gold shall never die.
All hail to thee, our Alma Mater.
All hail to thee, dear Southwest High.*

*Southwest High School
3125 S. Kingshighway
Saint Louis, Missouri 63139*



To our new Southwest friends—

"Enter to learn; go forth to serve"

Your concerns about entering Southwest are natural for it is an experience which can never be duplicated. The high school years are only too short a time for making new friends and discoveries. However great your preoccupation, it is wise to remember that the years will end and the future will be the present.

"Go forth to serve" is a motto of a school, of each person who is a part of this academic community. It is the hope of all that each student of Southwest will go forth—to serve in a way unique to himself. And the job of Southwest is to educate each person to find his one manner of serving which only he can contribute. When one leaves, understanding himself better than when he entered, Southwest will have succeeded.

WELCOME

Welcome to Southwest High School. We feel that you are fortunate to be a part of a school which has all of the necessary elements of a truly great American public high school — a strong, dedicated faculty, a talented student body, a good physical plant, and traditions of excellence in scholarship and every phase of school life. We sincerely hope that you will make a real contribution to the reputation and achievements of Southwest, and that your years here will be both pleasant and profitable to you.

In order that you may feel at home here as quickly as possible, we have prepared for you certain information about the school. We hope that you will read these pages carefully and be guided by them. You will probably have questions which are not answered in the following pages. If so, your advisor, your counselor, or any of us in the office will be glad to help.

Good luck to you. But, after all, luck will play a very small part in your success in high school. In general, you will get out of high school exactly what you put into it.

Robert M. Young, Principal

*"'Tis education forms the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."
- Alexander Pope*

Southwest tries to shape the student's academic experiences to be of the greatest value to him. Careful thought and planning have determined the courses which are necessary to one's future success.

The subjects required for graduation from SW are:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of social studies
- 1 year of math
- 1 year of science
- 1 year of fine or practical arts
- 4 years of physical education

The additional credits needed for graduation are earned through the wide choice of electives.

The SW grading system consists of:

- H—honors—5 points
- A—excellent—4 points
- B—good—3 points
- C—average—2 points
- D—poor—1 point
- F—failing—0 points

The Honors grade may be earned in classes composed largely of Track I and Track I-A pupils. Its purpose is to recognize work and motivation beyond the "excellent" level.

Averages are calculated using the point values of the grades earned. Half-credit courses receive one-half of this point value. The sum of the grade points divided by the number of credits determines the average.

Though mid-semester and semester grades do not become a part of the student's permanent record, they are used to compile the **Pioneer** Honor Roll. The number of students achieving an average of 3.5 and the names of those earning above 4.0 are listed in the school paper.

In a school as large as Southwest, a great deal of the student's success is determined by his ability to help himself.

Each student is assigned to an advisory group which meets each day. Besides providing an opportunity to conduct school "business" such as selling bus passes and school papers, the advisory provides a teacher who will work closely with a small group of students throughout their years at SW.

The counseling staff in Room 300 also aids the students. Each spring the counselors help the pupils plan their program for the coming year. Counselors also assist students in making college plans and finding part-time jobs. A great deal of assistance is available to the student by his counselor.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

A period	8:00- 8:40
advisory	8:45- 9:00
1st. period	9:05- 9:48
2nd. period	9:53-10:36
3rd. period	10:41-11:24
4th. period	11:29-12:09
5th. period	12:14-12:54
6th. period	12:59- 1:39
7th. period	1:44- 2:27
8th. period	2:32- 3:15





HELPFUL PROCEDURES

Attendance: When a student must be absent from school, his parent should notify the school office. Otherwise, an attendance counselor will contact the parents to verify their knowledge of the absence.

If a student reports tardy to school, he is required to complete a "tardy slip." Teachers are notified to expect this student in class for the remainder of the day. A record of tardiness is maintained in the office, and more than three tardies in one semester will result in disciplinary action.

Cafeteria: Two main lines and the "snack bar" line on the west side of the cafeteria are maintained during each lunch period.

Lunch checks may be bought at the beginning of the lunch periods or before school at nine cents each. The main dish costs two lunch checks. White milk costs three cents per carton. All other food items cost one lunch check.

The conveyor belt in the center of the cafeteria is a convenience for the disposal of used trays, dishes, and trash. Trays are not to be stacked on the belt.

Cafeteria conduct is based on consideration for others. Cutting into either lunch check or food lines will result in penalties as will loud talking or shouting. No food may be taken from the cafeteria. All Southwest students are expected to eat in the cafeteria except that those living within two blocks of the school may obtain a special pass to eat at home.

Early Dismissals: Early dismissal during the eighth period is automatic for many students with an "A" period class. Other students assigned to an eighth period study hall may also obtain dismissal if their academic records are satisfactory. Special early dismissal for one day may be obtained in case of an emergency. A signed and dated note from a parent is presented to the advisor stating the reason for the dismissal. The administrative assistant must approve the note, and then the student completes forms notifying teachers whose classes he will miss after his dismissal.

Health: A school nurse is usually present in room 200. Should a student feel ill, he should see the nurse. If she is out of the building for some reason, he should see the administrative assistant. The nurse is responsible for granting all gym excuses. An excuse

for one day should be presented to the school nurse before school, and then it must be given to the gym teacher during the regular gym period. Term gym excuses require a doctor's authorization.

Identification Cards: All SW students are given I.D. cards at the beginning of each year. The student should always have his card with him and present it upon any teacher's request. The cards are necessary to borrow books from the school library, to return to the building from a dismissal, etc. If a student loses his card, he should inform his advisor immediately.

Library: The library is open to all students before school, during lunch periods and study halls, and after school. During a study period, a student must present a library slip which may be obtained from one of his teachers.

This verifies his presence in the library. During the lunch periods, no slip is necessary; however, students are expected to remain in the library until the end of the period. Freshmen are given a library briefing through their English classes.

Lockers: Freshmen receive their locker assignments early in the term during advisory. They keep the same locker throughout their four years at SW. No student should allow others to use his locker. Trouble opening a locker, etc., should be reported to the A.V. Technician in room 311A. The lockers are located as follows:

ground floor —one thousands
second floor —two thousands
third floor —three thousands
new building —four thousands

Lost and found: All “found articles” are turned in to the main office or the book room, which is directly across from the cafeteria.

Lunch period conduct: After eating lunch, the students are to leave the cafeteria. They may join friends in the auditorium, or, weather permitting, on the esplanade. They may also use parts of the first and second floor during this free time. However, the rest of the school is restricted to working classes. Students must not go past the yellow lines marking these areas. If they are found in these areas during lunch periods, they will be sent to the office.

Parking: The lots at the south end of the building are for the faculty only. However, students may park on the surrounding streets, except Boardman Street (located between the field and the school).

Room Assignment slips: Room assignment slips are issued to students working on special projects, etc. In these cases, the "stub" end should be presented to the study hall teacher and the other part of the slip returned to the assigning teacher. However, when going to the guidance office, the entire slip should be presented.

Telephone calls: Pay phones in the front lobby and outside the main office may be used for calls before and after school and during the lunch periods. The phones should be used for no longer than three-minute conversations.

Withdrawal procedure: When a student wishes to withdraw from

school, he must bring a note from his parents authorizing the withdrawal and present it to the assistant principal for approval. Then all books are to be turned in at the office counter. All accounts must be settled and a clear receipt issued.

CONDUCT REGULATIONS:

Ninety-five per cent of Southwest students get into no trouble that would cause them to be referred to the office. Those students, however, who will not comply with school rules are assigned suspension points. The number of points assigned depends on the seriousness of the offense. If, in any one term, a student accumulates over 13 points, a letter is mailed to the parent listing the violations and informing the parent of impending trouble unless the student's behavior improves. If 23 points are accumulated the parent will be required to come to school for a conference.

If violations of school rules continue and thirty points are accumulated, a Suspension Board Hearing will be held which may result in a permanent suspension from Southwest High School.

Suspension from school is a very serious matter and is never taken lightly by the administration. Southwest is an outstanding school because it has, through many years, maintained high standards. Every effort will be made to bring the individual student up to those standards, but the standards will not be lowered to accommodate a few students.

*"Education has for its object
the formation of character."
- Herbert Spenser*

The SW Student Council is the organization most responsible for school spirit. The council is composed of members from all advisory groups. Every year each advisory selects a representative and an alternate. Six Student Council officers are nominated by the junior class and elected to a specific office by the entire student body. The six offices are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and two executive offices.

Student Council is responsible for some of the most important activities of the year: Hello Day, Miss Southwest Dance, the Spring Dance, and the football and basketball homecomings.

However, the main importance of the Council is much more subtle. The attitudes promoted by this group of leaders are reflected in the student body they represent. Thus, Student Council is the "representative" government of SW. And to survive, the Council must receive enthusiastic student support.

Aud sessions

The school spirit of SW is well reflected by the many auds held each semester. In addition to Hello Day and the Christmas program, aud sessions are planned for various occasions.

Publications

Three SW publications "put into words" the spirit of the school.



The tri-weekly newspaper **Pioneer** is published by a student staff. Any capable student may elect **Pioneer** as a half-credit course after he completes a semester course in journalism. The "First Class-Honor" newspaper costs only \$1.00 each semester and is a must for every student.

Roundup is the SW yearbook. Published each spring, the annual contains advisory and club pictures in addition to the senior and school activity pages. The low price of \$2.75 makes it a bargain for students of every term. Nothing climaxes each year as well as the day when everyone "signs yearbooks."

The newest SW publication, **Reflections**, is a literary magazine containing student writing. This beautiful poetry and prose again reflects the "best" of SW in the field of creative writing.

Truly, it can be said of Southwest:

*"By mutual confidence and mutual aid
great deeds are done, and great
discoveries are made."*

- Homer

*"The man that hath no music in himself
Nor is mov'd with concord of sweet sound
Is fit for treasons, strategems, and spoils"
- Shakespeare*

The fall operetta and the spring musical, involving all students participating in music groups, climax the year.

Full credit music courses include Music Theory and Music Appreciation. Half-credit courses include: Chorus, Glee, Choir, Band, and Orchestra. Additional instrumental and vocal groups are organized.

Clef and Quaver is an organization composed of those who have lettered in music by being active in music activities for two years.

SPORTSMANSHIP

“Sportsmanship” best describes the SW approach toward athletics. The annual Sportsmanship trophies in football and basketball are as much an annual goal to the student body as the coveted All-Sports trophy which SW has won for two consecutive years. Sportsmanship means being proud of SW and also respecting others. Thus, the character of sportsmanship at SW again reflects the character of our student body.

Cheerleaders

The SW Cheeleaders' Club teaches the techniques of cheering to interested girls. Each spring fifteen “semifinalists” are chosen who then audition in front of the entire school.

Ten lucky girls are then selected by popular ballot.

Pom Pon Girls

Another group of girls who adds much to the school is the Pom Pon Girls. These girls perform various dance routines during the athletic events. They are chosen in the spring from auditioning members of the Pom Pon Club.

SNAFU

SNAFU, standing for "Situation Normal, All Fouled Up," is the SW mascot. The mobility is provided by teams of girls who have shown a great deal of interest in cheerleading.

Boys' seasonal sports may be categorized as follows:

Fall

Cross Country
Football

Winter

Basketball
Soccer
Wrestling

Spring

Baseball
Tennis
Track

Bowling leagues are organized on a weekly basis for both girls and boys. This popular sport attracts many members to the bowling clubs. Also meeting regularly throughout the year are the rifle club and the modern dance club for girls. Particularly significant is the fact that a girls' rifle team has been organized in addition to the excellent male team.

Of special interest to girls is GAA or the Girls' Athletic Association. This is the girls' intramural organization. The fall semester consists of weekly basketball games, and the spring semester consists of volleyball play. The many GAA sponsored activities such as car washes and the Coke 'n Cake sale are yearly highlights.

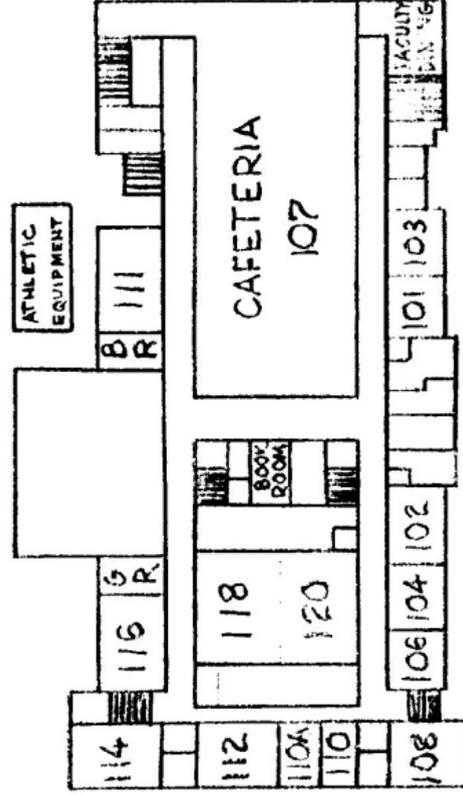
Especially athletic girls are invited to participate in the many interschool teams such as the hockey team, the basketball and volleyball teams, gymnastics, track, and swim team.

CLUBS

In addition to music groups, student council, and athletics, SW has many clubs which encourage student participation. The membership requirements of the clubs vary; however, all welcome interested students. The names of the clubs are listed below:

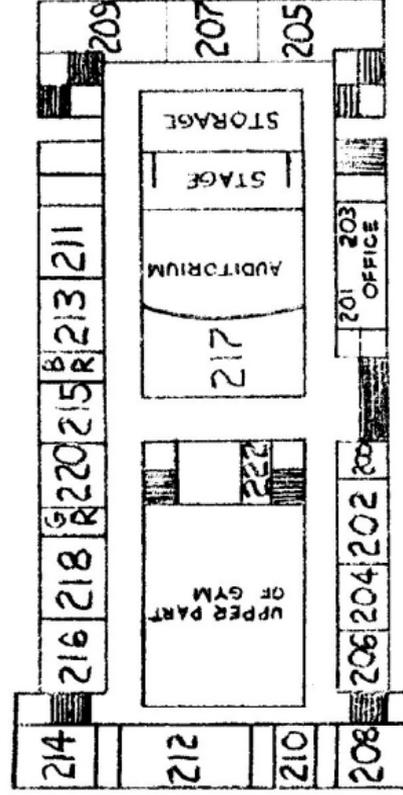
Audio Aids Club
Boys' Bowling Club
Cheerleaders' Club
Chess Club
Chinese Club
Courtesy Corps
Distributive Education Clubs of America
Dramatics Club
French Club
Future Nurses of America

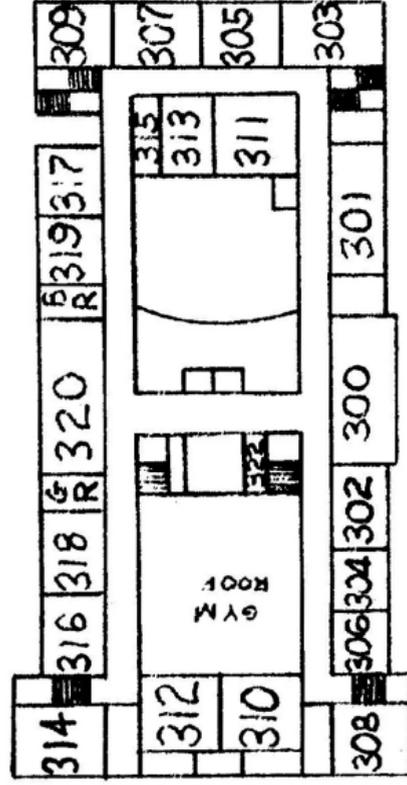
Future Teachers of America
German Club
Girls' Athletic Association
Girls' Bowling Club
Italian Club
Latin Club
Lettermen's Club
Math Club
Modern Dance Club
Officials Club
Pep Club
Pom Pon Club
Program Committee
Receptionist Club
Rifle Club
Science Club
Spanish Club
Tyro Club



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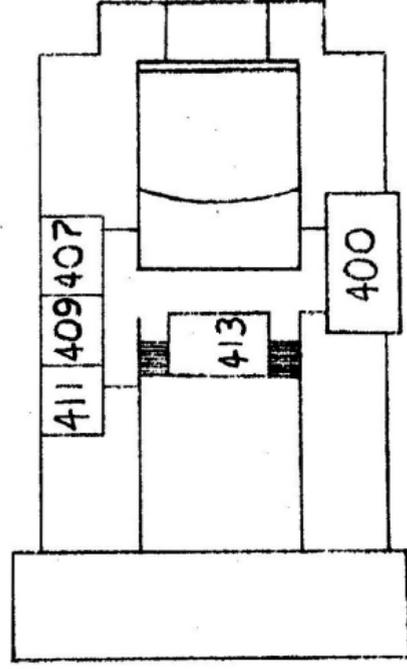
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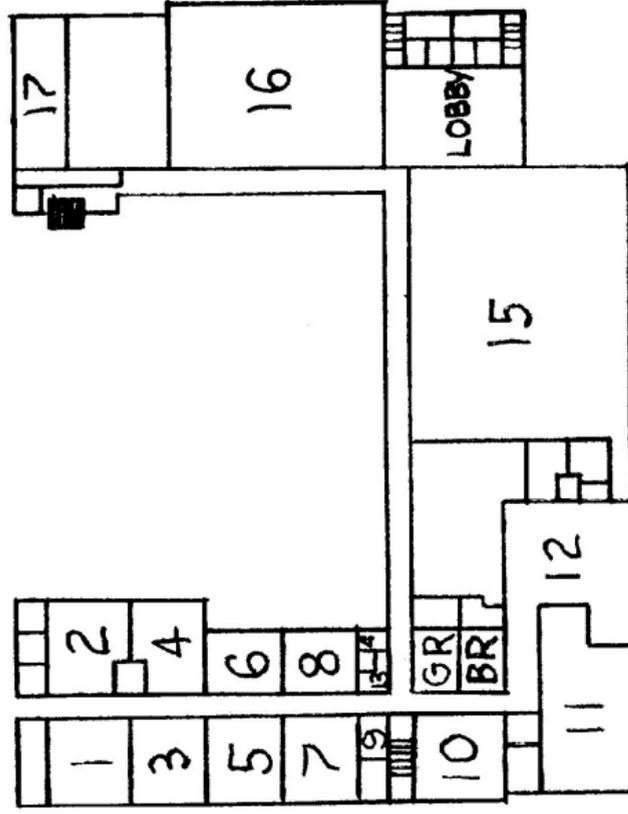




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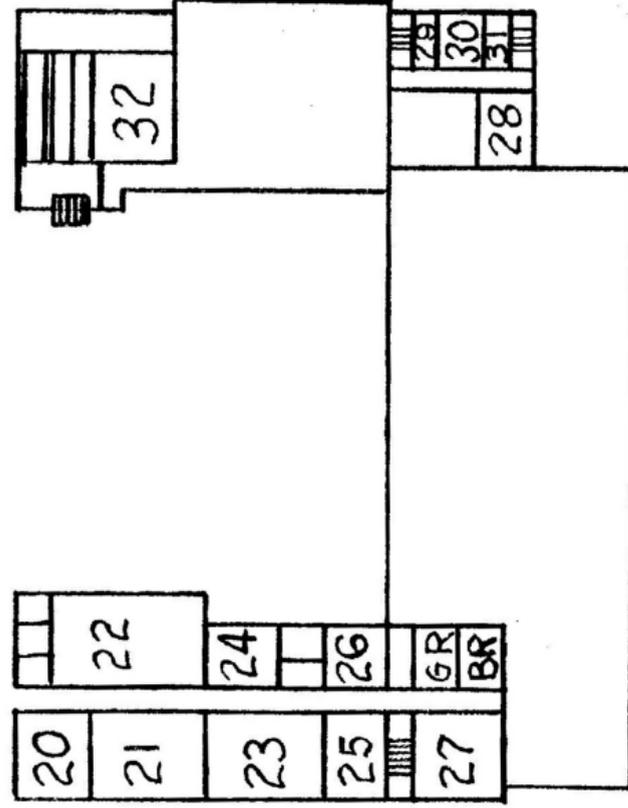
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SPECIAL ROOMS

2	MECHANICAL	DRAWING	ROOM
4	MECHANICAL	DRAWING	ROOM
9	OFFICE		
11	METAL SHOP		
12	GENERAL SHOP		
15	BOY'S GYM	(NEW)	
16	GIRL'S GYM	(NEW)	
17	RIFLE RANGE		
22	LIBRARY		



- 28 STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING ROOM
- 32 BAND ROOM
- 118 BOY'S GYM (OLD)
- 120 GIRL'S GYM (OLD)
- 201 + 203 MAIN OFFICE
- 222 PIONEER ROOM
- 300 GUIDANCE OFFICE
- 311 AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM
- 327 ROUND-UP ROOM