

Recognizing Positive Behavior at SVMS

Recognizing positive behaviors in middle school students is important as it not only cultivates a supportive and encouraging learning environment but also lays the foundation for their personal and social development. By acknowledging and celebrating positive actions such as kindness, empathy, leadership, and academic achievements, educators and parents reinforce these behaviors as desirable and integral to one's character. Positive recognition boosts students' self-esteem, fostering a sense of accomplishment and motivation to consistently exhibit constructive conduct. Furthermore, acknowledging their efforts and accomplishments helps in building a strong sense of belonging and connection within the school community, thereby reducing instances of negative behavior and fostering a positive school culture. Ultimately, recognizing positive behaviors empowers middle school students to become responsible, confident, and socially adept individuals, contributing positively to both their immediate surroundings and their future endeavors.

Classy Tickets

At SVMS we encourage staff to catch students being Classy. This means helping other students, helping teachers or just being polite. Teachers recognize classy behaviors by giving students classy tickets. These identify the student, the teacher who caught them being classy and what they were doing. Students can then turn those tickets into the office where we do a daily drawing for both 7th and 8th grade students. Those students are recognized during morning announcements and are also allowed to choose a treat. This is a great way to reinforce positive daily behaviors in all our students.

Monthly celebrations

Each month SVMS will hold some type of celebration. This could include a donut party, a dance, or a Warrior Clan* activity. Students earn these rewards each month in the following way:

1. Students qualify by not having more than one D and no Fs in their classes.
2. No behavior referrals for the month. If a student gets one behavior referral, they will have the opportunity to erase that through service. Students cannot erase more than one behavior referral for the month.
3. Each month may have an additional requirement to qualify for that month's celebration.

Positive Behavior Drawings

1. Each week every student who has not had a behavior referral (which would include 3rd offense for Tardies or third offense for dress code) is eligible for our positive behavior drawing. This resets each week so any student who had a discipline issue week one can still be in the drawing for week two as long as they do not have a discipline issue in week two.
2. At the end of each quarter all students who have not had a discipline referral for the entire quarter are eligible for our quarterly positive behavior drawing. This also resets at the start of each new quarter. So a student who was not eligible in quarter one could still qualify for quarter two as long as they do not have a discipline referral in quarter two.
3. At the end of the school year all students who have not had a discipline referral for the entire year are eligible for our end of the year positive behavior drawing. This is only for students who have not had a single discipline referral all year.

Each of the drawings will be a prize for one 7th grade student and one 8th grade student.

***Warrior Clan**

The Warrior Clan is a group of students who demonstrate exemplary behavior, academics & citizenship throughout the quarter. Students who qualify each quarter will be able to participate in the Warrior Clan Activity. These activities include swimming, skiing, movies and other fun rewards. Those students who make all 7 Warrior Clans while at SVMS earn an additional Warrior Clan Activity.

Warrior Clan Requirements can be found in student planners and in the online version of the student planner on the SVMS website.