

### *my memory at southwestern middle school*

when i first stepped foot on sms campus i was amazed on how great the teachers was and how i felt at home away from home. Ms. oatis running around the campus making sure all of her students were safe as we walked in each moring before school. and each teacher greeting you as they walk to the office.

southwestern middle is full of great memories from Mr. strother famous quote "if you think its going to get you in trouble dont do it." that quote put me on a mind set of not getting in trouble and visiting him espacilly on his bad days. however all the students at southwestern become a family from your 6th grade year all the way to your 8th grade graduation its tiger pride as the teachers would call it. middle school is tough when you fresh out of elemarty school. even though the campus is bigger and you have 7 diffrent teachers being apart of the southwestern family all of that changes you make friends easily and you get use of seeing Mr. bradley making funny jokes to diffrent students and walking into the media center where Mr. Tutt would greet you with a new novel each moring

my favorite memory at southwestern would be my 8th grade year. from being youth volunter of the year and also being a office aide one of the quickest i should say. but as each 8th grader know southwestern has a tradation of having a 8th grade gradutaion and a social afterwards. as many of my classmates were ready to dance many of us drew tears as the retiring teachers said there speech to our class and vewing everybody parents in the gym as we march down to our seats. it makes me remember when i first came to middle school i didnt no one and i wasnt finna find friends on the first week of school. but as my years progressed making very good friends some whom i still know today and making an good connection with the great teachers and staff at southwestern if i could bring back time i would rewind time back to my middle school days.

As some may remember when the huge change almost struck southwestern when Ms. oatis made the announcement that southwestern was changing our mascot from the tiger to some rat looking animal it drew alot of rageing parents and students i remember when every student came together and particaped in revoking ms. oatis right to change the mascot being that it was a hige joke she dicided to pull on us smart tigers. that day was a day to remember

many say 6th grade is the best year of middle school because your new and the teachers are not as hard on you. and because of the great trips you attend from animal kingdom to midevel times and to some new theme parks teachers may have added. was it the best year for me? Yes it was because that was my first year riding a charter bus and may i say that was scary.

so it dosent matter if you attend southwestern high,7th grade center or southwestern middle because you wore the title of a tiger and as all will say ***ONCE A TIGER ALWAYS A TIGER.***

**happy 50th southwestern**

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