



July 26, 2010

Dear Southwest High School Community,

We hope you are all having an enjoyable and restful summer. We just wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate you on being a part of one of the best communities in Miami-Dade County. It is because of your commitment and constant support to our schools that our children are able to make such amazing strides in academics, athletics and arts programs. During the 2009 – 2010 school year, our school earned several well-deserved accolades that we would like to share both as gratitude and to let you know what you can look forward to when the next generation of Baby Eagles join us.

In 2009 – 2010, the Southwest family was recognized in various areas. First, it is our pleasure to congratulate our principal, Mr. James Haj who was named Principal of the Year for Region IV. Our dance teacher, Ms. Ingrid Houvenaeghel, who is responsible for our award-winning Illusion Dance, was named Teacher of the Year. Additionally, our Banking and Finance Academy had six winners in the Career Education Clubs of Florida state competition and our Athletic Program produced five athletes who received Miami-Herald All-Dade recognitions.

It is with great Eagle pride that we invite you to be a part of the Southwest family as a student, parent or community supporter. Our New Student Orientation is on August 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the school's auditorium. You and your family are also invited to attend our first football game at Tropical Park on September 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. against our long-time rivals the Coral Park Rams. Stay connected throughout the year with the latest information by joining our nearly 6,000 fans on the Southwest Facebook page (Southwest Miami Senior High School) and visit us at <http://sweagles.dadeschools.net>. We would love to have you and your families join us for what we know will be another successful school year.

Wishing you all the best,

The Southwest Family