



Dear Incoming Sabercat Parents and Students:

We are thrilled to announce the [WEB program](#) at South Valley Junior High!

WEB, which stands for “Where Everybody Belongs,” is a year-long orientation and [transition program](#) designed to welcome 7th graders and make them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their junior high experience. Because we believe that students can help other students succeed, the program trains mentors from the 8th grade class to be WEB leaders who will serve as positive role models to help facilitate 7th grade success and teach 7th graders what it means to be a Sabercat.

The primary goal of WEB is to provide a structure that will facilitate more authentic, positive connections among students. From day one, WEB provides a trusted source of safety for 7th graders on campus through their 8th grade WEB leaders. Two natural by-products of WEB are a strong sense of character development in the leaders and an anti-bullying environment for the whole school. Because students are more connected to each other, involved in their school, and empowered to make a difference, they develop empathy and respect as well as the courage to stand up for and take care of other students.

To give you an idea about what this will look like, each WEB Leader will be given a small group of 7th graders to work with on orientation day and will be asked to befriend and help that group during the first week of school with any challenges they may face. Additionally, throughout the school year, WEB Leaders will meet with their student groups periodically to touch base, problem-solve, provide academic support, and plan social activities. Several times during the year, WEB Leaders and 7th graders also attend organized events that may include playing games together, eating lunch together, or attending a fun after school event. As research has shown, we know that the more contact a 7th grader has with her/his WEB Leader the more successful the 7th grader will be.

What this means for you is that you can now rest easy, knowing that we’ve got your back! WEB will connect every incoming 7th grader with a caring 8th grader from their first day of school through the end of the year--an extra level of support that sets South Valley apart, and another reason you can be confident South Valley is the best choice for you.

We are committed to continuous improvement and excellence in all areas, and our top priorities remain 1) student well-being and 2) higher levels of learning for all students. Thank you in advance for your support of WEB in an effort to more effectively carry out South Valley’s mission: “to provide a safe and nurturing environment, rich with rigorous educational experiences that engage, empower, and inspire students to higher levels of personal and academic excellence.”

Orientation is on July 20th on the South Valley Campus. For student safety reasons, this is a student ONLY event. Please make sure that your student brings water, and wears comfortable shoes on this day. Please be sure to check your email & our school website for more information.

Sincerely,

SVJHS Administration