



8th Grade Promotion and Celebration Information

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to celebrating your child's academic success and promotion to high school! Our promotion ceremony will be held in our Gymnasium on Wednesday, May 19th. We will begin the procession at 9:20 and the ceremony will begin at 9:30. Following the ceremony, students will participate in a school sponsored celebration with food and activities. Dismissal will be at 11:30. Students are expected to participate in promotion rehearsal on Tuesday, May 18th at 1:00.

Due to COVID restrictions, parents will not be allowed to attend the ceremony. We will be live streaming and a recording will be posted on the school website.

Please keep in mind this is an activity that honors the promotion of our eighth graders to their next level of education and is not intended to be a formal affair. Please do not go to undue expense. Students must meet the grade requirements in all classes and maintain positive behavior in order to participate in the promotion ceremony. Students who may be academically ineligible to participate in the ceremony are being monitored through the Counseling Office and letters have been mailed home. If a student has excessive referrals, he/she may be unable to participate in the promotion ceremony. This will be decided on a case by case basis by school administration. Non-participating students will be notified prior to the ceremony.

Students who do not follow the dress code will not be allowed to participate in the promotion ceremony. The guidelines for the promotion attire are as follows.

<p><u>Girls:</u> Dresses, skirts and blouses, or pants outfit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirt Length to be respectable, no mini, no floor length formal • No backless, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses or blouses • Undergarments may not be exposed • Please try to avoid high heels for safety reasons • No shorts, casual t-shirts or hats 	<p><u>Boys:</u> Dress slacks or dress jeans, dress shirts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suits/sport jackets are optional. No tuxedos. • No shorts, casual t-shirts, hats. • Undergarments may not be exposed
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Please contact our office if you have any other questions

Sincerely,

Scott Backus
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