

June 1, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students:

The Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 PM** in the Performing Arts Center. This ceremony of the completion of the middle school years is a special recognition for students as they experience a new stage in young adulthood. This ceremony is a time to share successes and look to the future. **Students are asked to report to the PAC no later than 6:30 PM.**

Due to the number of students being promoted and the seating capacity regulations, we must limit the number of tickets given per student. Each 8th grade student will only be permitted to reserve two (2) tickets for family members to attend the ceremony. Only those guests with a ticket (including children under 10) will be allowed to attend.

Please keep in mind that this ceremony honors the promotion of our eighth graders to the next level of education. It is not intended to be a formal affair. All guidelines of our school dress code apply to this event. With this in mind, we expect all of our students to be dressed appropriately and in good taste for the ceremony. Students who wear inappropriate attire (i.e. halter dresses, midriff tops, strapless tops, sleeveless sport jerseys etc.) will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony and will be sent home with their parents to change into proper attire before returning. **Jeans, shorts and t-shirts are not permitted.**

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our 8th grade students and want our ceremony to be one that students and parents will remember and cherish for a long time. With this in mind, we are asking for your cooperation with the following:

- All guests are expected to act appropriately during the ceremony. There is to be no yelling, cheering or whistling.
- All guests must be seated throughout the ceremony. Fire regulations prohibit anyone to be standing in the aisles. Parents are asked not to leave their seats to come up to the stage for video/ picture taking.
- All cell phones are to be turned off.
- Please hold your applause until all of our students have received their certificates. This will allow us to proceed with our ceremony expeditiously.
- Please make every effort to be seated in the auditorium by 6:45 PM to avoid any unnecessary interruptions during the ceremony.
- At the end of the promotion ceremony, the audience is to remain seated until all promotion students have exited the auditorium. Students and parents may choose locations outside the auditorium for picture taking sessions with family and friends.

Ceremony Promotion tickets will be sent home with your child on **June 19th**.

I look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with you on June 24th.

Steven M. Silverman, Principal