April 6th, 2017

Eighth Grade Families,

With the second semester underway, it is time to talk about promotion!  The end of the year is a busy time for eighth grade students as they complete class requirements, prepare for promotion, and enjoy the multitude of celebrations their teachers have in store for them.  Here’s what you need to know:

There are FIVE major events:

1. **King’s Dominion Trip – Friday, June 9th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm – Cost: $85**
	* *Eighth grade enjoys a day at the park!  Cost includes admission and round-trip coach (bus) fare, but does not include food.*
2. **Promotion Ceremony PRACTICE – Monday, June 12th at 8:45 am – Cost: FREE**
	* *Student must wear the shoes they will wear during the promotion ceremony on June 13th.*
3. **Deal Day – Monday, June 12th from 1 PM to 3:15 PM – Cost: FREE**
	* *Students enjoy a variety of fun activities and sports; food and drink are available for purchase.*
4. **Eighth Grade Promotional Dance – Monday, June 12th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm – Cost: $35**
	* *This exclusive event for Deal eighth grade students includes light snacks, a DJ, and decorations.  This is one of the highlights of the year for staff and students!*
5. **Promotion Ceremony – Tuesday, June 13th at 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Cost: FREE**
	* *Due to venue constraints, each student will receive only 2 guest tickets to the promotion ceremony. We recognize this is less than previous years, but we are unable to provide additional tickets. Families in need of additional tickets are encouraged to speak with friend about unused tickets and the event will be live-streamed online.*

Students are NOT required to attend the dance or trip to King’s Dominion, but we sincerely hope they do.  All events are open to students in good academic, behavioral, and attendance standing.  Students with behavioral incidents or failing grades in any class may be excluded from events at the discretion of administration.  Students who are not being promoted will not take part in the promotion or its celebration activities.

If the cost of any event will keep your student form participating, please contact Assistant Principal Rottman at patrick.rottman@dc.gov or (202) 577-1677 as soon as possible, as scholarships are available.

**Payment collection will begin April 13th and will take place until May 18th.  Students may bring cash, money order, or checks to their team’s designated collector on Thursdays from 3:15 - 3:30 pm. Checks will not be accepted after May 4th.**

Most sincerely,

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