



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that the 2014-2015 school year is coming to an end. As we enter the final days, we would like to celebrate this exciting milestone. Please take a moment to read key information that outlines the final activities that your child may participate in prior to transitioning to high school.

Eligibility for Breakfast, Celebration Ceremony, and Parade

In order to be eligible for the June 2nd school day activities (breakfast, celebration ceremony, and parade) students must be on track to pass all core subjects. If a student is currently recovering courses through Edgenuity then he or she must have those courses recovered, or be on track to have courses recovered for the end of the year. All final decisions on eligibility will be determined by administration, and will be based on students meeting promotion guidelines.

Breakfast, Celebration Ceremony, and Parade

On Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 8th graders will celebrate their promotion to high school with a special breakfast, celebration ceremony, and “Last Walk” parade through the RRMS Campus.

The celebration ceremony is for students only, and includes presentations from high school students and staff about life in high school. The ceremony will conclude with an 8th grade video.

Families of our 8th grade students are invited to join the parade part of the celebration with balloons and signs at the front sidewalk closest to the parking lot in front of the middle school. The parade will begin at 11:05 and conclude by 11:35, with the last leg of the parade making its way through the cheering parent section of the front sidewalk. Parents should be lined on the front sidewalk at 11:05 to ensure their participation in the parade. **Your child will bring home an early release form in the upcoming week. If you plan to check your child out early please fill out the form and return it to you child’s Language Arts teacher prior to June 2nd. On the day of the parade the students who turn in the signed form will receive a wristband in their 1st period class, and will be allowed to leave at the conclusion of the parade.**

Eligibility for the Dance

In addition to being on track to pass all core subjects as stated above, students also must not have any level 2 or level 3 referrals in the 2nd semester to be eligible to attend the 8th Grade Dance.

Dance

The 8th grade dance will be held in the gym from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on June 2nd.

This year’s theme is “Knights Under the Stars.” Students are required to wear semi-formal attire. Dress code is as follows: Boys are expected to wear long pants (no jeans) and a shirt with a collar. Girls are asked to wear a modest dress with straps or shoulder covering. There will be “Picture Zones” in which students will have the

opportunity to take pictures. The dance committee is planning a “Memory Wall.” Students are to bring in pictures from their “middle school years” to put on the wall. Ms. Saddler is collecting the pictures prior to the dance.

Additional Information:

Students who do not meet eligibility will be in the Computer Lab working to recover coursework.

Cost of Activities

Listed below is the cost for the end of the year activities. Students who are attending the Gradventure trip will not need to purchase another shirt as it was included in the cost of the fieldtrip. Students should turn in money to the designated teacher on their team **by Friday, May 15.**

Option 1 - \$15.00 covers T-Shirt and Dance

Option 2 - \$5.00 covers Dance

Option 3 - \$10.00 covers T-Shirt

Thank you for the opportunity you have given River Ridge Middle School staff to work with and teach your children. We look forward to celebrating these milestones with your student.

If you have any questions please contact Joshua Borders, 727-774-7000.

Sincerely,

Joshua Borders
Assistant Principal