



Middle School South

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Dear Parents of Eighth Grade Students:

It is hard to believe that your sons' and daughters' middle school years are coming to a close. It has been rewarding for the staff and me to watch your children grow socially, emotionally, and academically during the past three years. The eighth graders have actively participated in all school aspects, such as athletics, the performing arts, and academic competitions. In all these activities, they have done a great job of representing South Campus and District 95.

The next few months will be filled with many activities that will celebrate the completion of middle school and the passage to high school. Students will soon be measured for graduation gowns, diplomas have been ordered and 8th grade pictures have been taken. We are including information in this letter in order to help you and your child plan for the end of the year. Please mark the events listed below on your calendar.

8th Grade Bash

A theme has been chosen for the 8th Grade Bash, and plans have been initiated to ensure that the night will be a memorable one for all who participate. The bash will be held on **Friday, May 31st**. The school will enforce the school dress code for the bash. We highly recommend that you work with your child to dress appropriately in casual attire. Please keep in mind that this is not a "date dance." It is a celebration concluding their middle school years.

Promotion Gowns

Gowns will be distributed during the school day on **Friday, May 31st**.

Great America Trip

The 8th grade staff is planning a trip to Six Flags Great America scheduled for **Monday, June 3rd**. Eligibility for this trip will be determined by the student's academic performance and ability to consistently cooperate and display appropriate behavior.

Promotion Day

Promotion Day, **Tuesday, June 4th**, will begin with a breakfast provided by the PTO. Students should arrive at school at 7:20 a.m. as usual. Graduation Gowns will be distributed at this time. (Students do not wear caps.) Following the breakfast, the students will be bused to the high school for the Promotion Ceremony practice. They will be dismissed at 10:15 a.m. from the high school to prepare for the ceremony. Students will be bused home from the high

school. Students who normally walk home will be bused back to Middle School South and walk home. (If you are picking up your student from the high school, please send a note in to the office by Monday, June 3rd. If a note is not received by June 3rd, your child must get on the bus. Please be prompt when picking up your student.) 8th graders should report to Tonelli Gym at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4th. Promotion exercises will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Lake Zurich High School Field House and conclude at approximately 7:00 p.m. *No tickets are required for the ceremony.*

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the students will exit to the front of the building to wait for their parents. Parents and guests will be asked to remain in their seats until all students have exited the Field House. The building will remain open for those wishing to return to take pictures of the student or family.

We hope that the three years at South have been as enjoyable for you and your child as they have been for us, and will bring back fond memories in the future.

Sincerely,

John L. Walsh
Principal