



Kingsview Middle School

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Dear 8th Grade Parents/Guardians and Students:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the procedures for our 8th grade end-of-year celebrations. As we near promotion exercises, we would like to provide important information for both you and your student. The information included below will answer many questions and help you plan for the next several weeks. This is an exciting time for our Kingsview families and we want to celebrate with you. Based on parent and staff feedback, some awards will be given during an established Awards Day. Students will receive some awards during their regular class periods. Other awards will be given at the **8th grade promotion ceremony, which will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Kingsview Middle School.** In an effort to provide seating for all parents, we find it necessary to issue tickets for the promotion ceremony. Due to the capacity of our gymnasium and the adjacent Germantown Community Center gymnasium, **only two (2) tickets will be assigned to each student.**

Behavior Expectations: We have planned the end-of-year activities to celebrate our 8th grade students as they complete their last year of middle school. In accordance with the 8th Grade Behavior Contract (sent home with students late February), we will continue to hold students accountable for their actions, as we promote social-emotional growth and support academic success. We would like to ensure that all students are putting forth their best effort and conducting themselves in a manner that is commensurate with school rules and expectations. The criteria outlined below must be met for students to be eligible to participate in the 8th Grade End-of-Year Activities (Hershey Park field trip and 8th grade promotion ceremony):

- The behavior contract signed and returned by the deadline (March 10)
- No suspensions during semester 2 (Marking periods 3 and 4)
- No more than two (2) referrals during semester 2 (Marking periods 3 and 4)

If a student does not meet the criteria in one or more areas, the student may still be eligible to participate by going through an appeal process later in the school year. To do so, the student must submit a written request for appeal to Ms. Sohee Cho, eighth grade administrator. Administration will determine if the appeal is granted. **These are joyous occasions for all, but please note that no one is required to participate in these events in order to get promoted to high school. Failure to adhere to behavioral expectations may result in removal from participation in these events.**

8th Grade Parent Information Meeting: Parents are invited to attend one of the two information meetings: **Wednesday, May 3 or Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the gym at Kingsview Middle School.** Only parents and registered legal guardians on the student emergency card may claim tickets. A photo ID and a signature are required to receive tickets.

- **Attendance to one of the meetings is required to obtain tickets to the 8th grade promotion ceremony.**
- Parents who are unable to pick up tickets at one of the meetings will receive information about an alternative plan **after May 12. Any unclaimed tickets will be placed in the ticket lottery if not picked up by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19.**
- **Financial obligations must be cleared prior to Tuesday, May 2.** Parents can view and pay student obligations via [SchoolCashOnline](#). When creating an account, parents will be asked for a PIN number. If you need a PIN number, please contact Mrs. Elisabeth Gross, financial agent, at 240-740-7149 or via e-mail at Elisabeth_Gross@mcpsmd.org. **Please be aware that negative cafeteria balances will be entered in early May and again in early June.**
- Request forms for additional tickets will be available at the parent meetings. **The deadline to submit the additional tickets request form is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19.** Requests will be honored based on availability of any extra tickets or any unclaimed tickets. Parents will be notified if their request can be honored by Monday, June 5.

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8th Grade Panoramic Picture – Friday, May 5, 2023: The 8th graders will take their group panoramic picture at 2:15 p.m. in the gym. Parents can purchase the panoramic picture from Victor O’Neil Studios. More information will be forthcoming.

Awards Day - Monday, June 12, 2023: Students will receive some awards during their regular class periods on this day. Other awards will be given at the 8th grade promotion ceremony on Wednesday, June 14.

Locker Clean-out – Tuesday, June 13, 2023: Students must empty their lockers and take everything home at the end of the day. **Chromebooks, chargers, and cases will be collected the week of June 12. This includes all loaners, damaged devices and chargers.** Failure to turn in items may result in a financial obligation that will follow students through their high school career. **Any remaining financial obligations must be cleared by Friday, June 9.** Parents can view and pay any remaining financial obligations via [SchoolCashOnline](#). If you need a PIN number or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Elisabeth Gross, financial agent, at 240-740-7149 or via e-mail at Elisabeth_Gross@mcpsmd.org.

8th Grade Promotion – Wednesday, June 14, 2023: The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held in the gymnasium at Kingsview Middle School. It will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m.

- Yearbook signing party at 8:15 a.m. (Pd. 1)
- Mandatory promotion rehearsal at 1:20 p.m. (Pds. 7-8) **(Students not in attendance will not be allowed to participate in promotion)**
- Main entrance doors will open at 4:15p.m. All guests must have a ticket to enter.
- All 8th grade students must report to their assigned locations (by last names) **no later than 4:30 p.m.**
- We ask that all members of the audience remain in their seats in order to facilitate ease of movement in the aisles.
- Students will not be allowed to chew gum or to take cell phones, purses, cosmetics, hairbrushes, sunglasses, or any other items into the ceremony.
- Parents will not be allowed to bring signs and balloons.

8th Grade Promotion Attire: The students’ attire should follow the student dress code listed in the student handbook and our school website. All students are required to dress as follows:

Option 1: neatly pressed long dress pants or khakis (NO shorts); dress shirt with a tie or polo; and non-athletic shoes (NO slides/flip flops or sneakers).

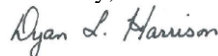
Option 2: neatly pressed dress or skirt and blouse; dress shoes with heels no higher than 2 ½ inches for safety reasons. Flats are highly recommended. (NO slides/flip flops or sneakers).

8th Grade Hershey Park Trip – Thursday, June 15, 2023: We are happy to announce that our fabulous 8th graders will be going to Hershey Park located in Hershey, Pennsylvania as the end-of-year celebration. Students should arrive at 8:00 a.m. **Busses will leave our school promptly at 8:30 a.m.** Students will return to Kingsview Middle School between 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. depending on traffic. **Parents must arrive to school by 7:00 p.m. to pick up their student.** Students will **NOT** be allowed to walk home by themselves. Field trip packets were sent home in late February. The cost of the trip is \$131 and it covers transportation, entrance to park, and a meal ticket. Parents can pay the trip fee via [SchoolCashOnline](#).

Last Day of School for All Students – Friday, June 16, 2023: Kingsview MS students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

With your cooperation, we will produce memorable and first-class 8th grade end-of-year celebrations. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Karen Pate, 8th grade team leader, via e-mail at Karen_M_Pate@mcpsmd.org or Ms. Sohee Cho, eighth grade administrator, at Sohee_Cho@mcpsmd.org. Mrs. Pate and Ms. Cho can also be reached at 240-740-7130.

Sincerely,



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