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Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents,

This letter contains several "end of year" informational items. Please call me as soon as possible if you have any questions or concerns about any of this information.

1. It is very important that eighth graders continue to perform academically and behave themselves for the remainder of the school year. Noncompliance with school expectations and school rules may result in students not being invited to attend such "end of year" activities as the class trip, awards ceremony, and graduation ceremony. **ALL** outstanding balances (book fees, lunch balances, Fannie May, damaged/lost books, etc.) must be paid prior to graduation or the student will be excluded from the graduation ceremony. **Please see the attached form, 8th Grade Reward Trip Criteria, which must be signed and returned by Tuesday, February 21 to your student's homeroom teacher.** If a student is excluded from the class trip, he/she still must attend school in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.
2. The class trip to Six Flags will take place on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.
3. The class video is being developed by Mrs. Wilmarth. It will be shown at the graduation ceremony and available for purchase by students.
4. Thursday, May 18th will be a busy day.
 - a. We will have a breakfast for 8th graders starting at 8:00 AM.
 - b. After breakfast, we will practice for the graduation ceremony (no gowns, no special shoes.)
 - c. At approximately 9:00 AM, we will have an awards ceremony and distribute report cards.
 - d. Students will be free to leave school after the awards ceremony. **No school transportation will be provided.**
 - e. Graduation ceremonies begin at 7:00 PM. Students should report to the multipurpose room no later than 6:40 PM. There will be a special area set aside for photos (you provide the photographer) in the multipurpose room. Please be sure that students bring Jostens gowns. Gowns will be worn zipped up. With the gowns, students should wear appropriate clothing and shoes that will not draw undue attention. For example, inappropriate attire **MIGHT** include: gym shoes, flip-flops, blue jeans, shorts, capri pants or pajamas. Inappropriate materials (for example, balloons, poppers, etc.) are also prohibited. Students without gowns or students who are not appropriately dressed will not be allowed to participate. Please let me know if you have questions about what's appropriate and what's not. I will be the final judge of appropriate clothing.

Thanks for your time and effort and support. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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8th Grade Reward Trip Criteria

The following criteria have been set to establish a standard for students to be eligible to attend the 8th grade reward trip to Six Flags:

GRADES: Every student must have a D- or better average for the last grading period in all subjects.

DISCIPLINE: Beginning on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, the following disciplinary actions will automatically remove students from attending the trip:

1. Any school suspensions--in school and/or out-of-school suspensions.
2. Detentions or disciplinary actions--At the discretion of building administrators and staff, students may be removed from the reward trip for receiving 3 or more detentions OR a combination of disciplinary actions during the last grading period.

ATTENDANCE: Any student with 6 or more absences for the remainder of the school year (about 60 days) will be prohibited from attending the trip.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 8th grade reward trip criteria, please contact Mr. Dave Raffel at 309-383-2121 option 4.

Please sign and return by Friday, February 17, 2017.

I have read and understand the criteria for attending the 8th grade reward trip to Six Flags.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date