

April, 2017

Dear parents/guardians of 8th grade students,

The end of the school year is coming soon, bringing with it the end of middle school for our 8th graders. There are a variety of events, activities and opportunities for students in the last couple of months of school. A few of those events can have some cost associated with them, and there are certain events where we need parent volunteers to help out.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

- Chabot Space & Science Center Field Trip, Oakland – Friday, April 28th
- SBAC State Testing in English and Math – Monday, May 8th through May 26th
- Spring Day – Friday, June 2nd – all day at Willard
- Spring Band Concert – Wednesday, June 7th – 7:00 to 8:30pm at 1st Unitarian Church
- Spring Sports Banquet – Thursday, June 8th 6:00 to 8:00pm at Willard
- Six Flags 8th grade field trip – Tuesday, June 13th – 8:30am to 6:30pm
- 8th grade Dinner Dance – Wednesday, June 14th – 6:30 to 9:00pm at Willard
- 8th grade End of Year BBQ at Willard – Thursday, June 15th (afternoon)
- 8th grade promotion ceremony – Thursday, June 15th (6:30-8:00pm) at Berkeley HS Community Theater
- Last day of school – Friday, June 16th (minimum day 8:45am – 11:45am)

COSTS:

- Chabot Space & Science Center Field Trip, Oakland \$20 – scholarships available
- Spring Day T-shirts \$5 (optional)
- 8th grade T-shirts \$10-\$15 T-shirts and \$20 Sweatshirts/Hoodies (optional)
- Yearbook \$24+ (optional – order at www.treering.com/validate and use the school passcode 1014441586444209)
- Six Flags field trip \$40 (bus plus entrance fee) or \$15 (bus only for students with their own park pass) – scholarships available
- Dinner dance \$10 (optional activity)

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: (Please contact the person in charge if you can help out at this event – we need and love parent help at these events!)

- Spring Day – contact Mr. Rose (georgerose@berkeley.net) or go to the sign-up genius (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4fa8a922aa8-willard1>)
- Dinner Dance – contact Corey Cohen (coreycohen@berkeley.net)
- 8th Grade End-of-Year BBQ – contact Ms. Prichett (andraprichett@berkeley.net)

The end of the year is a very exciting time for the 8th graders as middle school finishes and the long days/nice weather arrives. We would like to ensure that everyone has a safe and productive end to the school year. There are a variety of “fun” events happening

during the last week of school that are being planned for the 8th graders (dinner dance, Six Flags field trip, promotion). It is a privilege to participate in these non-academic events, and participation in them is contingent on students following our school rules. (May 1st, 2017 through the last day of school)

To participate in both the **Dinner Dance** and the **Six Flags field trip**, students:

1. may not receive more than 3 unexcused tardies in a single class or 6 total for all classes; exceeding this limit results in losing the privilege of attending **one** event
2. may not receive more than 6 unexcused tardies in a single class or 10 total for all classes; exceeding this limit results in losing the privilege of attending **both** events
3. may not earn more than 2 lunch detentions with Mr. Albeck or fail to serve any lunch detention
4. may not have more than 2 non-dresses for PE (exceeding this limit loses the privilege of attending **one** event) or more than 5 non-dresses (exceeding this limit loses the privilege of attending **both** events)
5. must be at school the day of the dinner dance until at least lunch time and have parent permission to leave early (handled through the main office)
6. must return/clear all library books, class textbooks, and sports uniforms & equipment (these can either be paid for or returned)
7. may not engage in any misconduct as determined by an administrator or risk losing the privilege of attending one or both events
8. must return the signed student/guardian form attached to this letter

To participate in the **promotion ceremony**, students:

1. must have earned at least 20 credits for their classes during 7th and 8th grades (check with the guidance counselor if you are concerned about this)
2. must have successfully passed all semesters of English and Math in 7th and 8th grades (through the regular class, credit recovery or summer school)
3. must be at school the day of the promotion until at least lunch time and have parent permission to leave early (handled through the main office)
4. must return/clear all library books, class textbooks, and sports uniforms & equipment (these can either be paid for or returned – students can participate in the ceremony if this is the case, but their diploma will be withheld until fines are paid or items are returned)
5. may not engage in any misconduct as determined by an administrator

We are looking forward to a great end to the school year. Please get in touch with your child's advisory teacher if you have any questions about the contents of this letter, and please **have your child return the signed portion of the letter to their ADVISORY teacher.**

Thank you,
8th grade Teachers

8th Grade End-of-Year Letter

You must return this portion of the letter to your **ADVISORY** teacher to be eligible to participate in the end of the year activities with the 8th grade class. Please keep the information portion of the letter so you can keep track of dates, times, and places for all upcoming activities.

Advisory Teacher _____

"I have read the information in this letter and am aware of the rules I need to follow in order to participate in the end of the year events."

Student Name (Print): _____ (Sign): _____

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____ (Sign): _____

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