

January 23, 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of 8th Graders,

We are very excited to invite your child to attend the annual **SPMS 8th grade Winter Formal**. This is a long-standing tradition for our 8th graders to celebrate in style their final year here at the middle school! We are very proud of all their hard work and the tremendous growth that has happened over the past three years. Below is some important information to help answer any questions you may have:

WHEN AND WHERE:

This year's "*Moonlight Evening*" dance will be held on **Saturday, February 9th, 2019, 6:00-9:00 pm** at the Oneonta Congregational Church located at: 1515 Garfield Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030 (in Gray Hall). There is a parking lot in the front of the church where you may drop off your student.

TICKETS:

Dance tickets are \$20.00 and will be sold in the quad during lunch between Monday, January 28th to Friday, February 8th. Food and photos from a Photo booth are included in the price of the ticket. Tickets can be paid for with cash or by check (payable to **SPMS** with 8th grade activities in the memo). **A signed permission slip must be provided before the student purchases their ticket.** Permission slips will be distributed in homeroom classes and extra copies will be available in the main office. **No tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event.**

WHO CAN ATTEND:

In order to participate in the 8th grade Winter Formal, a student may not have more than four (4) "F" marks in the 2nd quarter. A student may not have more than four (4) Unsatisfactory (U) ratings for Citizenship in the 2nd quarter. A student may not have more than one (1) suspension, either in-house or at home as assigned by an administrator, within the 2nd quarter. Any student who has been placed on a SART (Student Attendance Review Team) contract, who then breaks that contract (Reaches step 5 of attendance policy), may not attend.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Dress for the evening is semi-formal. Boys typically wear a dress shirt, polo shirt, slacks and tie, and girls typically wear formal dresses, tights, leggings, romper, or dress slacks and blouse as appropriate for a school event. If you are in doubt about apparel, please feel free to ask Mrs. Vredenburg, Mr. Kubela, Mr. Kassam-Clay, or your child's counselor. No T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, or jeans, please.

DO THEY NEED A DATE?

No date? No problem! In fact, the vast majority of students attend the Winter Formal alone or with friends. However, students may attend with a date provided the date is an SPMS 8th grader.

TRANSPORTATION:

Please plan to pick your children up at **8:50 pm**. Students are required to stay in Gray Hall until pick up time, and **supervision concludes at 9:00 pm**. Due to past instances, **the use of limousines is strictly prohibited**. Students who arrive in limousines will have their dance tickets refunded and will not be allowed to attend.

WHO IS CHAPERONING?

For some parents, a formal dance may naturally feel a bit intimidating. Please know we are committed to ensuring that your child is safe and having some good, clean fun. There are ten school staff volunteering as chaperones, and we will have an administrator present all evening. Students are required to remain in the facility at all times until the dance is over. No one without a permission slip will be allowed to attend.

CAN I HELP?

So glad you asked! We are grateful for your help! Your contributions help make the dance possible! If you are able to volunteer your time or effort, please sign up on our SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FACA722A3FA7-8thgrade>. You may also contact your PTA representative, Tina Gavlak, at tgavlak@gmail.com. We are looking for parents to assist in the following ways:

- **REFRESHMENTS:**
 - Donate food items for students to snack on such as cookies, chips, and/or drinks that are individually packaged, such as bottle water, lemonade, or soda. We are also collecting donations of money for snacks and paper products, which can be dropped off in the main office, attention Mrs. Castillo-Kennedy, re: Winter Formal. Checks should be made out to SPMS.

- **SET UP & CLEAN UP:**
 - Help set up the dance between 4 pm to 6 pm on the day of the event or help clean up afterwards between 9 pm and 10 pm.

We look forward to a fun and memorable evening! We hope your child will join us at the dance!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cassandra Vredenburg, 8th Grade Activities Students, and PTA Representatives

*The 8th Grade Activities Committee
Invites You to Attend:
Moonlight Evening*

Winter Formal

Tickets are \$20

Food and photos are included

Student Name: _____

6 Digit ID #: _____

Homeroom Teacher Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: _____ -

I give my child permission to attend the South Pasadena Middle School “*Moonlight Evening*” Winter Formal on Saturday, February 9th, from 6pm – 9pm. I understand that my child **cannot leave the dance early unless signed out by a parent**, and must be picked up from Oneonta Congregational Church promptly at 8:50 pm. I understand that the edited versions of contemporary music will be played by a professional DJ. I understand that your child is responsible for their behavior during the dance including following the school dress code. I understand that students will be immediately removed from the party and will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian if they have inappropriate writing/drawings on their body, inappropriate clothing, or inappropriate behavior. Please contact Mrs. Vredenburg with any questions: cvredenburg@spusd.net

*Note to Student: Please bring your student ID card or provide your 6-digit ID number, this signed permission slip, and your money when you buy a ticket during lunch on the quad: January 22nd to February 8th. If you pay by check, make sure the check is payable to SPMS with 8th Grade Activities on the memo line.