

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

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

We are very excited to invite your child to attend the annual **SPMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Party**. 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 "Summer Getaway" dance will be held on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 pm** at the South Pasadena Masonic Lodge, 1126 Fair Oaks Ave, South Pasadena, CA 91030. There is a parking lot in the rear of the building where you may safely drop off your student.

**TICKETS:**

Dance tickets are \$20.00 and will be sold in the quad during lunch between Monday, May 20th to Friday, May 31st. We will have a Photo booth and Tacos menu available for all students who attend. Food and Photos are included in the price of the ticket. Tickets can be paid for with cash or by check (payable to **SPMS** with 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Promotion Party, a student may not have more than four (4) "F" marks in quarters 2 through 4. A student may not have more than four (4) Unsatisfactory (U) ratings for Citizenship in quarters 2 through 4. A student may not have more than one (1) suspension, either in-house or at home as assigned by an administrator, within quarters 2 through 4. 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 dresses, tights, leggings, rompers, 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 Promotion Party 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 Masonic Lodge 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 school 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 will be 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/30e044aa9a929a1fc1-promotion> .

You may also contact your PTA representative, Tina Gavlak, at [tgavlak@gmail.com](mailto:tgavlak@gmail.com). We are looking for parents to assist in the following ways:

- **REFRESHMENTS:**
  - Donate food items for students such as cookies and bottled water, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Committee  
Invites You to Attend:*

# **Summer Getaway**

## **Promotion Party**

**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 “Summer Getaway” Promotion Party on Saturday, June 1st, 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 South Pasadena Masonic Lodge 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](mailto: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: May 20th to May 31st. If you pay by check, make sure the check is payable to SPMS with 8th Grade Activities on the memo line.