

Some early information about the 8th Grade Promotion & Banquet
Full information packets will be sent home
during the last week of April

General Information

- Both events will take place on Thursday, May 30, at the Blaisdell Center facilities.
- Students may start bringing in permission forms and money on Wednesday, May 15, to their Advisory teachers.
- Only 8th graders earning a promotion may attend the promotion ceremony and banquet. Only students who attend the promotion ceremony may attend the banquet.
- Each participating student will receive **TWO (2)** tickets to the promotion ceremony for his/her parents or other significant adults. Only students and school chaperones will attend the banquet.
- Students must clear all outstanding obligations for required fees, library books, textbooks, athletic uniforms, school detention, etc. **by May 22**. Please refer to the school website (General Info & School Policies - Outstanding Obligations) for the notice of this responsibility.
- Students who receive disciplinary action for violating school, DOE, or state laws or rules may be excluded from school events for the remainder of the school year. Students who receive suspensions during the 4th quarter may not be allowed to participate in the promotion or banquet events, and no refund can be given after May 17.
- **No refunds can be made after May 17** since confirmed counts must be given on this date.

If parents or students have any questions about the promotion ceremony or banquet, please call the student's Advisory teacher or Mrs. Renae Villa at 305-1311.

Schedule for May 30, 2019

8:30	Students report to Advisory; Attire check
9 – 9:20	Advisory classes start boarding buses; Buses depart
9:15	Doors open at Blaisdell Arena for guests with tickets
9:45 - 9:50	Processional; Student seating
9:50 – 11:30	Promotion Ceremony
11:30 – 11:50	Meet & greet with parents; Students not attending banquet sign-out with teachers;
11:50	Parents/guests depart Students & staff walk over to banquet room / Banquet seating
12:00	Opening program & instructions
12:15 – 1	Lunch
12:50 – 3:00	Dance & other activities
3 – 3:30	Closing program, Clean up
3:45 – 4	Board buses, return to campus
4:30	Parent pick up at campus

Parents/guardians will need to provide/arrange for transportation home from MMS at 4:30 PM as regular school buses will have already left the campus.

Attire for Promotion and Banquet

For this event, students have the option of wearing their school uniforms **OR** the following approved attire:

Solid color **LONG PANTS (no leggings, no shorts)**; shirt or blouse with sleeves. Shirts and blouses may be any color or print. Full length denim jeans are fine, as long as they are clean, presentable (no rips, not faded, etc.), and **PROPERLY FITTED** (not baggy). Girls may also wear solid color capris-length pants.

Necklines for girls must adhere to the “fist to collarbone” rule, which will be shown to the students. Shirts/blouses must cover the entire shoulder, back, midriff, and chest. No tight or clinging tops. Fabrics should be knit, cotton or other casual fabrics. Sheer (see-through) fabrics or unlined lace are allowed only for sleeves, not the torso area.

Footwear: Clean, comfortable shoes or sandals. Clean athletic shoes are fine. No rubber slippers. No soles or heels over 2” high. For safety reasons, students are required to wear their shoes or sandals the entire day, so shoes should be comfortable and manageable.

Accessories: Students are discouraged from wearing expensive jewelry to these events. Rings, necklaces, and bracelets are frequently lost or broken. Each student is responsible for his/her own belongings. There will **NOT** be a holding area at the banquet.

Outfits must meet the attire rules **WITHOUT** the addition of a jacket, sweater, or cover-up. Students are expected to wear their complete outfits - including shoes - for both the promotion ceremony and banquet. *No changing is allowed.* Therefore, dress comfortably and sensibly for this event. Jackets and long sleeved shirts are usually too warm for students, especially when they start dancing. Attire should be modest and informal. This is **NOT** a dressy affair, so parents need not purchase new or expensive clothing for this event. We are trying to keep costs down for everyone.