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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:

As we near the month of June, we are in the process of planning a number of events for our eighth graders. These events include the eighth grade dance, Awards Assembly, Advancement Ceremony, yearbook signing, and an SCA-sponsored bagel breakfast.

Thursday, June 6, 2019 – Eighth Grade Dance

All students have received a letter which must be signed and returned in order to attend the dance. All school rules will apply at the dance. The dance will be from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room. Snacks and drinks will be made available for all attendees in Cafeteria A. All students must be signed out by 9:00 p.m.

- Students absent from school the day of the dance will **not** be allowed to attend the dance. If you are making appointments for your child the day of the eighth grade dance, please schedule all appointments after 12:30 p.m.
- Dance attire includes dresses, slacks, dress pants, collared shirts; please ensure that safe footwear is worn and that all attire is within our dress code.
- Please be advised that students are strongly encouraged to attend without a “date” and that the use of limousines is strongly discouraged. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Wednesday, June 12, Thursday, June 13, Friday, June 14, Monday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 18, 2019 (Early Dismissal) - students will follow an early dismissal schedule. Breakfast will be available and lunch will be served using the early dismissal lunch schedule.

Eighth Grade Awards Assembly – Monday, June 17, 2019 – Glen Meadow All-Purpose Room

In order to keep it a surprise for the students, you will be notified by letter via the U.S Postal Service if your child is receiving an award. Parents/Guardians and guests of those receiving an award should arrive at 8:30 a.m. for the assembly. The Awards Assembly will commence at approximately 8:40 a.m. and will be held in the all-purpose room. (We thought that it would be best for all of our guests to have the Awards Assembly on the same day as Advancement, in order to accommodate your out-of-town guests.)

There will also be a MANDATORY rehearsal for the Advancement Ceremony for every eighth grade student on Monday, June 17th, therefore, **no** students will be dismissed until the early dismissal time of 12:30 p.m.; any students picked up prior to the regularly scheduled early dismissal time will **not** be permitted to participate in the Advancement Ceremony that evening. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Advancement Ceremony – Monday, June 17, 2019 at Vernon Township H.S. – 5:00 p.m.

The ceremony begins at 5:00 p.m. Shuttle buses will run continuously from Lounsberry Hollow School beginning at 3:30 p.m. Students should arrive at Vernon Township High School at 4:00 p.m. The ceremony may be held indoors or outdoors, depending upon the weather. An alert via the *School Messenger* will be sent out if the ceremony is being held on a “questionable” weather day.

1. ***Tickets and Parking Passes– 9 tickets will be distributed on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in afternoon homeroom.**

If ceremony is held indoors:

7 yellow tickets may be used for the gym to view the live ceremony

2 salmon (light pink) tickets can be used for the auditorium to view the ceremony on a closed circuit TV

1 light green parking pass per family (all others must take the shuttle bus from LHS)

If you require handicapped parking, you must turn in your light green parking pass to receive a handicapped parking pass (bright pink). Please contact our school nurse, Ms. Stephanie Ash at 973-764-4661. For handicapped seating, 2 salmon tickets (auditorium) must be turned in to exchange for 2 dark pink tickets at the same time the handicapped parking pass is issued. A maximum of two individuals will have seating in the handicapped area. Handicapped parking will be released last.

Students will sign for advancement tickets in afternoon homeroom on **Tuesday, June 11, 2019** and are responsible for bringing tickets home. Children over 2 years of age will need a ticket. If you need additional tickets, please have your son/daughter check with their classmates who may not be using all of their tickets.

Also distributed with your packet of tickets you will find information regarding the "*Parents Who Host Lose the Most! Don't be a Party to Teenage Drinking---It's Against the Law!*" campaign message. We would like to encourage all parents/guardians to read the enclosed fact card with their teens and discuss why this information is so very important.

The Vernon Coalition has provided these cards for you to sign, thereby pledging to yourselves, your teens and the community that you will only host parties that are alcohol- and drug-free celebrations for teens. After signing the pledge, prominently display the card on your refrigerator or bulletin board at home so it can serve as a reminder about celebrating safely.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to visit the Vernon Coalition Facebook page with their children so they can "LIKE" the pledge, publicly supporting this message and reinforcing a commitment to positive community norms about social hosting.

2. **SECTV Channel 10**

Service Electric TV will be videotaping the Advancement Ceremony. Broadcast times TBD. Please check the SECTV website for a complete listing. DVD's may be purchased by sending a \$20 check to Lawrence Video (973-570-2618), 115 Scudders Road, Sparta, NJ 07871. A flyer detailing this information will be provided for you in your Advancement ticket envelope.

3. **Student Photographs**

SchoolCraft Studios will be taking photographs of every eighth grade student at the Advancement Ceremony as they receive their certificates. On Tuesday, June 18, 2019, students will receive login information to the *SchoolCraft* website and will be able to purchase pictures.

The schedule of activities for the last few days of school is as follows:

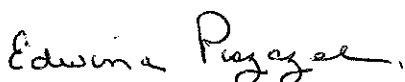
Tuesday, June 4, 2019	Field Trip
Wednesday, June 5, 2019	Field Day
Friday, June 7, 2019	SCA bagel breakfast
Thursday, June 13, 2019	Locker clean out
Friday, June 14, 2019	Yearbook signing
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	Login information for Advancement pictures distributed and last day of school for students

Please remind your son/daughter that during all of these school-based activities, they are to be dressed appropriately as per the school dress code.

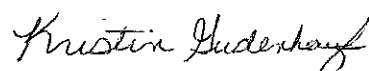
In addition, as per Policy 5850, "*A pupil who demonstrates disregard for school rules may summarily be denied participation in social events...*" Please remind your child about behaving appropriately at all school activities.

It has been a pleasure working with your child this year. Thank you for all of your assistance and support throughout the year. Have a great summer and please do not hesitate to contact us at Glen Meadow Middle School if you have questions about the aforementioned information.

Sincerely,



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