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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The eighth grade ceremony is a celebration for students, families and staff to honor students on their continuing educational journey as they transition from middle school to high school. This letter will provide information on the celebration activities and ways we will be honoring the 8th grade class as they transition to High School.

We are very excited about the student-centered celebration we have planned for all of our eighth graders. Gordon Russell's 8th Grade Celebration will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 starting at 7:00 pm at Sam Barlow High School in the main Gym.

At the celebration, students will be recognized for earning a variety of awards. The earned awards that will include the following: ELA, Social Studies, Math, Science, AVID, Art, Band, PE, and Choir student's of the year, and Grade Point Average 3.5 and 4.0. In addition to the awards all students will be honored with their name being called. We will also hear student speeches from students representing the 8th grade class.

Please note that in order for your student to be part of the celebration, they **MUST ATTEND** the last day of school. We will have numerous happenings throughout the day including locker clean outs, celebration practice, etc.

In addition to the celebration ceremony, we will be having an 8th grade field trip to Oaks Park on Friday, June 10 2022. Students will need to be passing all of their classes in the last trimester, good standing behaviorally and have no excessive absences. Details on the field trip can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

Monday, June 13, is the last official day for eighth grade students. So please plan accordingly. If you have any questions regarding these modifications, please contact me at 503-667-6900. I look forward to celebrating all of our eighth grade students and their accomplishments and successes as they transition from middle to high school.

Sincerely,

Rolland Hayden
Principal

End of the year activities for Gordon Russell 8th graders will include:

8th Grade Celebration June 13, 2022

All students will have the opportunity to participate in this activity, which will include:

- Award presentations
- Student speeches
- Musical performances
- Photos with classmates
- Student names called

Oaks Park Trip

Eligible 8th grade students may participate in the field trip to Oaks Park on Friday, June 10, 2022. Participation requirements for this field trip will be based on the following criteria:

Behavior: No suspension in the third trimester or a pattern of multiple referrals in the year.

Grades: Students must pass all classes (D's or better) in the third quarter of their eighth grade year.

Library Books: Students must have all library books checked out or taken care of before attending.