



Milford Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students,

As we come to the close of the school year, we also come to a close of your child's time here at Milford Middle School. Your child has grown physically, emotionally, and socially over the three years that they have attended the middle school. This class has completed the designed course of study and is now ready to make the transition to the high school. There are a number of activities planned, just for 8th grade students, which are meant to celebrate their time here. Their participation in these events will be determined by their behavior and actions in the upcoming weeks. It is important that students be reminded to continue their exemplary behavior until the end of the year.

There are a number of obligations that all students must attend to prior to making this transition that I would like to remind you and your child about. It is important to note that due to the lack of snow days this year, school is ending earlier than in the past. Classroom textbooks and borrowed library books need to be returned to the school. Missing or lost books are the responsibility of the student. Please be sure to search around your house for any missing or lost books. It is important that all accounts be up-to-date upon their exit from the middle school.

Grade 8 teachers will be holding various assessments to close out the year, please check with your child's teachers for specifics for their class. Additionally, students should be checking in with their teachers, coaches, etc. to see if they owe anything prior to the last week of school. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

The following dates should be written on your calendars:

June 19th: Grade 8 end of the year field trip to Canobie Lake Park. Information and a separate field trip permission slip will be sent home regarding the cost and further details of the trip. Raindate will be June 16th.

June 20th: Eighth Grade Awards Presentation Ceremony: (9:30AM to 11:00AM) Parents are invited to attend the Grade Eight Awards Presentation Assembly which will be held in the morning in the gymnasium. Holding the awards ceremony in the morning assists us in shortening the nighttime Completion Ceremony and makes the night ceremony a more enjoyable experience for families. Parents of students that will be receiving an award will receive a letter in the mail inviting them to attend the ceremony.

June 20th: PTO Sponsored Grade Eight Barbeque: (11:30PM to 12:30PM) The MMS PTO will be holding an outdoor barbeque for the 8th grade students and staff. You may be contacted by the PTO to volunteer for the event. Yearbooks are handed out prior to this time and students will usually use this time to have their yearbooks signed, etc. Following the barbeque, students are led into the gymnasium to begin rehearsing for the Completion Ceremony that night. The ceremony is choreographed and students must be present to participate in the rehearsal to be prepared for the night's ceremony.

June 20th: Eighth Grade Completion Ceremony: (6:30PM to 7:30PM) During the ceremony completion certificates will be given to the students and the Faculty Award and the Legion Award will be presented. The 7th & 8th Grade Bands will be performing. It will be held in the gymnasium this year. Due to space limitations we ask that each family limit the number of guests to four (4). Students are asked to dress in casual pants, shirts, skirts or dresses (no jeans or tee-shirts please). Our dress code / guidelines must be adhered to during the ceremony. Students are being asked to follow the same guidelines as they have followed since entering the middle school in 6th grade. The school's dress code / guidelines will be enforced throughout the night. If you have any questions as to what is considered appropriate and what is allowed please check the Student Handbook and/or call the middle school's main office and speak to either Ms. Hackett or myself regarding appropriate dress code and the guidelines.

June 20th: Eighth Grade Farewell Social: (Directly following the Completion Ceremony and a brief family gathering in the cafeteria) The 15th Annual Farewell Social that is sponsored by the MMS PTO. The social is a time for 8th grade students to say farewell to their friends and to celebrate their time here at Milford Middle School. I have already begun speaking to the 8th grade about the Social and the expectations of the school. **This is not a “prom” nor is it a “semi-formal” and should not be treated as such.**

ALL current MMS 8th students are invited to attend the Farewell Social. We ask that you speak to your children and reinforce with them that this is not a boyfriend/girlfriend dance and that they DO NOT need to be asked to the dance. It is important that when you discuss this with them that they understand what the intent and meaning of the social truly is. This is a chance for them to say farewell to their friends and to the middle school before entering the high school. **This is an event for Milford Middle School Eighth Grade Students only; outside guests may not attend the dance.** Parents are being asked to provide finger foods (i.e.cheese and crackers, soda, fruit drinks, chips and dip, etc.) for the students during this time. Tables will be set up for students to eat and relax.

We are asking that students sign-up prior to the Social so that we may have an accurate count. Parents are also encouraged to sign-up as chaperones / kitchen helpers for this event as the PTO needs help in the kitchen with serving food, set-up and clean-up. Please see the attached form and return it to the Milford Middle School Main Office by Friday, June 2nd.

Your cooperation in these events is crucial to the successful completion to the school year. We have had a wonderful three years and look forward to making the final weeks of your child’s Milford Middle School experience a memorable one.

Sincerely,

Tony DeMarco
Principal

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Student’s Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

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will be attending the **Eighth Grade Farewell Social.**

will **not** be attending the **Eighth Grade Farewell Social.**

Parent’s Signature: (REQUIRED) _____ Date: _____

I am willing to provide the following refreshments for the Eighth Grade Farewell Social on June 20th and/or the Grade 8 Barbeque Luncheon on June 20th. Please list items below that you are willing to provide for either event: (You will be contacted for confirmation)

Eighth Grade Social: _____

Grade 8 Bar-B-Q: _____

I (we) will be willing to Kitchen Help/Chaperone/Clean up at the Eighth Grade Farewell Social.

I (we) will be willing to help with the PTO Barbeque Luncheon on June 20th during the day.

I (we) can lend our pop-up canopy to the 8th grade BBQ

Parent’s Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

*** Please sign and return this sheet to the Main Office by Friday, June 2, 2017. We are trying to have an accurate count for refreshments. Thank you.**