March 8th, 2019

Dear 8th Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

This is a follow up to the letters we sent out in August of this school year. For those students eligible for student activities: May 24, 2019 8th grade promotion dance, May 28, 2019 8th grade trip to Santa Cruz, and/or the 8th grade promotion ceremony May 30, 2019, here is some information to help you and your student prepare for these events.

**Fees and Eligibility:**

Student activity fees will be collected from April 8, 2019 to April 12, 2019. Students should pay the $50 to their Homeroom Teachers by April 12, 2019 unless you have a special contract. Place the cash payment in an envelope with your name on it and submit to your student’s Homeroom Teacher. NO CHECKS WILL BE TAKEN...CASH ONLY. Students with unpaid bills or fines will not be permitted to attend these activities. Students who paid activity fees, but have recently become ineligible due to failing grades, suspensions, bills, etc. will receive a voucher for future use at Santa Cruz. There will be no refunds for these activities. Students at-risk of ineligibility have been identified and offered support to earn participation with improved grades.

**Dance Information- Friday, May 24, 2019:**

Dance hours are from 6:00-10:00. Doors close at 6:30. Students may not leave the premises until 10:00 PM. This is not a couples’ dance. Students are not expected to have a date to attend. Only Westborough 8th graders who have met eligibility requirements will be permitted to attend. No limousines will be allowed on the Westborough campus on dance night.

Dinner for the dance will be provided as is part of the activity fee. We are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones, purses, cameras, or personal items. We are discouraging students from bringing them into the dance. There will be a photographer taking pictures at the event.

**Dress code for the 8th grade dance- clean and casual/semi-dressy:**

- Clothing must follow our school dress code. See policy for details.
- Please remember that bare backs or midriffs, low-cut tops, jeans, shorts, sagging pants, tuxedos, or lavish outfits are not appropriate and can lead to consequences.
  - Warning: Students who are dressed inappropriately, as determined by our chaperones, may not be allowed to enter the dance.
Santa Cruz Trip - Tuesday, May 28, 2019:

- Transportation will be by Charter Bus. Students are expected to be on campus at 8:25 am and may return as late as 7 pm. All participating students must travel by school provided vehicles.
- When at Santa Cruz, students must stay on the Boardwalk and enjoy the attractions there. Admittance to Boardwalk rides is provided and paid for through the activity fee.
- Students must obey all school rules, follow the directions of school personnel, and return to the school buses in time to be transported back to Westborough. Students late to return to the buses/vans will be responsible for any late charges incurred by the bus company.
- Permission slips are due to the student’s homeroom teacher no later than Friday, May 17th.

Promotion Information - Thursday, May 30, 2019:

- Students eligible to attend the promotion ceremony will receive two tickets. Tickets are required for admittance from those over three years of age. Students may sign up in the counseling office to request extra tickets between May 20th and May 24th.
- If you have more tickets then you need, please turn them into Ms. Fernando in the office. There will be a lottery for those who requested extra tickets (1-2 more) the week before promotion. We will notify you directly.
- Promotion practice is held during school hours on Thursday, May 23rd and Wednesday, May 29th.
- The 8th grade breakfast for students participating in the promotion ceremony begins in the morning at school in the MUR at 9:00 AM.
- Doors open for guests at 12:00 PM on Thursday, May 30, 2019. Promotion starts promptly at 12:30 PM and usually takes about 1 hour.
- The dress code is the same as that for the 8th grade dance (see above).

Promotion Day Schedule

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For the sake of decorum and for respect due our students and other guests during the ceremony, **air horns and noisemakers are prohibited in the MUR.** Balloons are to remain on the side and cannot obstruct the view of others. Students will proceed to the patio following the ceremony to meet with family and friends and for photo opportunities. **Balloons, flowers, and leis may be given to students after the ceremony.**

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 877-8848.

Sincerely,

Your Westborough Administration and 8th Grade Team