



January 2019
8th Grade Informational Letter

Dear Sycamore Canyon 8th Graders and Parents:

Plans for the promotional activities are underway, and these events should provide an exciting culmination for our 8th grade class. We hope all students will meet eligibility requirements, which are outlined below, in order to participate in these activities. The 8th grade activities include the Magic Mountain trip, 8th grade Dance, 8th grade Breakfast and Promotion Ceremony. Eligible students must meet the following criteria:

1. **Student must pass 5 classes, including both Math and English in all trimesters.** The parents of students who do not meet this criterion will be notified individually.
2. Students must be in good standing in both **Citizenship and Work Habits**. Students must have at least five acceptable Citizenship grades (E, S or N) all trimesters in order to participate in any of the promotion activities.
3. All **detentions must be served**. Any major discipline (i.e., suspension) may also cause ineligibility.

Important Dates to Remember:

A Parent Volunteer flyer is attached for sign-ups and fundraising opportunities for the 8th grade Promotion Dance and Breakfast. The flyers are also available in the office. These events are funded solely through the generous donations of parents and the community

- **NPHS Freshman Future Night** for parents and students will be held on **Wednesday, January 16th** from **4:45- 8:30 pm** at Newbury Park High School.
- **8th Grade Portraits and Panoramic**, both individual and class will be taken on **Friday, March 1st** in **the Gym**. Individual portraits can begin at 7:30 am. All students will be photographed. **The portraits will be part of the Promotion Ceremony, and students must dress to the same dress guidelines given for the ceremony. Students should bring a change of clothes for the rest of the school day.** Students who wish to purchase additional portraits and/or the 8th grade group photo will be provided with an order form prior to picture day.
- The Newbury Park High School group registration presentation will be held on **Monday, March 18th** during a morning assembly at Sycamore Canyon School. This presentation is ***for students only***. Students will be receiving registration packets for selecting high school classes. Students will be bringing this information home for parental approval.
- The Newbury Park High School individual registration day will be held on **Wednesday, March 27th** at Sycamore Canyon School. At this time, the students will return their signed high school registration course requests and meet individually with their assigned high school counselor. Although this meeting is for students only, parents are encouraged to make notes on the request forms.
- The **MS Awards Night** will be held on **Thursday, May 30th** from **6:30-7:30 PM in the GYM**. There will be more information to follow.

- The **Promotion Dance**, for Sycamore Canyon 8th graders only, will be held on **Friday, May 31st** from **6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room** at Sycamore Canyon School. The dress code for this activity should be the same as for the Promotion Ceremony (see dress code below).
- Your student is responsible for all textbooks and non-consumable class material issued to him/her. **Textbook materials must be returned or paid for by Wednesday, June 5th at 8:00 AM** in order for a student to attend any year-end activities. Failure to do so will also delay your student's enrollment in high school.
- **Rehearsal for the Promotion Ceremony** will take place on **Wednesday, June 5th** from **8:50-11:00 AM**. There will be A Period as it is a normal start day. Students who do not attend rehearsal **will not** participate in the Promotion Ceremony. Eighth grade students will be released from school after the rehearsal. **Dismissal is at 11:30 AM**.
- The **8th Grade Promotion** will be held on **Wednesday, June 5th** from **4:00 - 5:00 PM** in the courtyard behind the Elementary Library. More details to follow.

As formal wear is not considered appropriate for the Promotion Dance and the Promotion Ceremony, and in order to minimize parent expense, dress for the students is as follows:

BOYS' DRESS: Boys should wear a nice shirt and pants or slacks, dress shoes or dark sneakers. A tie is optional. A jacket or sport coat is not recommended. ***NO jeans***, shorts, tuxedos, hats or gloves.

GIRLS' DRESS: Girls should wear appropriate attire for a daytime event. Dress length can vary from two inches above the knee to ankle length. Flats or low-heeled shoes are recommended. The following will not be allowed: 1) strapless or off the shoulder straps; 2) spaghetti straps - unless covered by a jacket or sweater; 3) bare midriffs; 4) clothing that exposes undergarments; or 5) hats and gloves.

As this is a promotion rather than a graduation ceremony, our intent is to celebrate each student's success while maintaining an appropriate atmosphere.

- On **Thursday, June 6th**, all of the C.V.U.S.D. middle schools will join in an **8th Grade Magic Mountain Field Trip**, leaving school at approximately **9:00 AM and returning to school at 6:30 PM**. All eligible students may attend on a voluntary basis. NOTE: There will be a separate information/parent permission sheet sent home with students prior to the activity regarding fees for this optional activity.
- The **8th Grade Breakfast** will take place on **Friday, June 7th** at **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the MPR**. This breakfast is for *students only*. Arrive at school at normal time.

Reminder: Last day of middle school is on Friday, June 7th at 12:22 PM.

Sincerely,

Doug Hedin
Principal