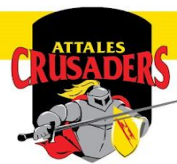




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Dear 8th Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

As we discussed at our first 8th grade parent meeting, our goal was to eliminate the fees historically associated with the 8th grade promotion ceremony and end of year activities. Due to our collective efforts and your support, I am happy to report that our recent Attales School Dance and Attales Fun Night have made this possible. As such, there will be no cost to the parent/guardian for the 8th grade promotion ceremony and end of year activities.

The following are important 8th grade dates and information:

- The class trip to Beachcomber Campground is June 12th (rain date June 13th). This trip is open to all 8th grade students who have met the academic requirements of promotion and who are behaviorally eligible.
- Field Day takes place on June 11th. This event is open to all students who are behaviorally eligible. Students not passing their classes will remain indoors to complete work.
- ECA Awards Assembly on June 18th at 9am in the ECA Gym.
- 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is **Thursday, June 20th @ 6:30pm** in the ECA Gym. Students must meet behavioral and academic requirements to participate in this ceremony.
 - Each student is given four (4) tickets for graduation. If you will need more tickets than your allotted four (4) tickets, please contact Mrs. Clarke or Mrs. Chubb in the Main Office. We will grant requests on a first come, first serve basis, so long as there are extra tickets.
 - Students must report to their designated area in the Marsh Gym by 5:45pm – if they do not arrive by 5:45pm, they will not be in the graduation picture. This picture is available at an additional cost. More information about purchasing pictures will be distributed prior to the graduation date.
 - Students are provided a cap & gown that they may keep after the ceremony
 - Students are required to dress appropriately and within the guidelines of our dress code policy (shirt/tie, dress pants, dresses, dress shoes, etc.) **No sneakers or jeans please!**
- All library and classroom books must be returned to the Main Office and all fees/fines must be paid (damaged books, cafeteria, etc.) before caps, gowns, report cards or promotion certificates will be issued.
- The 8th grade breakfast will take place on June 20th at 8:30 am in the ECA gym. We will need volunteers and donations of food/drinks. Contact Mrs. Clarke (x1017) for details.
- June 14th - 20th are early dismissal days with a 12:40pm dismissal.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact the main office. Thank you for all of your support this year!

Sincerely,

Kevin Burns
Proud Principal
Emma C. Attales Middle School