

January 25, 2024

Dear 8th Grade Parent/Guardian:

This letter contains pertinent information for you and your 8th grade student! We are honored to be able to recognize our students as they transition from their grade school years into high school. Please read the following information carefully as it contains several important pieces that will require your attention.

Ms. Kokona Chrisos Mr. Gregory Schneider Ms. Nicole Bollam Principal Assistant Principal, 8th Grade
8th Grade Counselor **Rising Freshman Scheduling Info:**

- CMHS Open House @ Crete-Monee High School on **Wednesday, February 21st**

Open House Flyer 2024.pdf **IMPORTANT: 8th Grade parents, please plan on attending this event with your 8th grader. High School Counselors will be explaining the scheduling process for this year.**

8th Grade T-Shirt Orders:

- ❖ 8th Graders will receive their 8th Grade T-Shirt at the end of May. Please complete our order form **by Monday, March 18th** so that we can order a T-Shirt for your 8th grader. The shirt will be 8th Grade specific and will have all of our 8th grade students' names listed on the back. Fill out the form here: **[CMMS T-Shirt Form.](#)**

Cap & Gown Photos:

- ❖ Lifetouch will be here to photograph 8th graders on **Wednesday, March 6th**. This will take place during the school day.
- ❖ Picture packages should be ordered electronically. Details & ordering information will be shared via email.
- ❖ Cap/Gown Picture ***retakes*** are scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17th**.

Cap & Gown Measurements:

- ❖ Cap/Gown Measurements will be taken in school on **Thursday, February 8th**.

8th Grade Boat Trip:

- ❖ Takes place on Thursday, May 23rd. Details and permission form: **8th Grade Boat Trip.docx** ❖
Cost of the trip: \$65
- ❖ Permission slips and money are due by **Friday, April 21st**.

8th Grade Awards:

- ★ A list of all 8th Grade Student Awards, and criteria for selection, will be posted to our school webpage later this year.
- ★ Students will receive their respective awards during team based celebrations during the week of **May 20th-May 24th**.

★ A video slideshow/presentation will be posted to our website and social media by **May 24th**.

Last Day of Classes for 8th Graders:

- ❖ **The final day of scheduled classes for all 8th graders is Thursday, May 30th** This is a mandatory attendance day for students and they should plan on staying until the end of the regular school day, **2:40 p.m.**
- ❖ Ceremony Practice/Mandatory Attendance **Wednesday, May 29th & Thursday, May 30th** ❖ Student T-Shirt Distribution & Signing will take place during their last few days of 8th grade. Students should plan on bringing a sharpie marker for signing one another's t-shirts.

Cap & Gown Distribution:

- ❖ Students will bring home their cap and gown on **Wednesday, May 29th**.
- ❖ Cap & Gowns will be purchased by the district. There is no additional cost for this.

8th Grade Dinner Dance: "Wonderland Ball":

- ❖ **Friday, May 17th** **DINNER DANCE PERMISSION FORM This Way to The Disco Flier** ❖ Time: 6-9 p.m. Dress Code: Fancy
- ❖ Cost: \$30 This covers the cost of food, drinks, desserts and entertainment.
- ❖ Students must turn in a permission slip and payment by **Friday, April 26th**.

MANDATORY 8th Grade Parent Meeting & Ticket Distribution:

- ❖ **Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. in the CMMS Gym**

8th Grade Ceremony:

- ❖ This event will take place at Crete-Monee High School on **Thursday, May 30, 2024** 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- ❖ Details will be announced at our **Mandatory 8th Grade Parent Meeting on Tuesday, May 14th**.

Outstanding Fees and/or Fines:

- ❖ Please make sure that you have taken care of any/all outstanding fees or fines by no later than **Friday, May 3rd**. Fees can be paid online or in the main office. Please call Mrs. Bond at 367-2410 if you have any questions about owed fees.

Student Participation for all 8th Grade Events:

- ❖ Students who are on Social Probation, Academic Probation/Watch/Warning or Suspension at the time of any of our scheduled events will not be eligible to participate. Students who are up for retention and/or have excessive absences from school will also be excluded from participating in any of these events. Parents will be notified in advance of such instances. Administration reserves the right to remove any student from a school event/field trip if any of the above circumstances apply.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 708-367-2400. We look forward to a positive end of the year experience for our 8th grade students.