

Newport News Public Schools

April 18, 2017

Dear Eighth Grade Families:

I would like to thank you for your support and dedication to making this a successful year for Passage Middle School. Please review the information below for details on upcoming events of interest for eighth-graders and their families.

8th Grade Dance

On Friday, June 9, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Passage will host a dance for our eighth grade students. The theme of this year's dance is "Disney" and students will be treated to food, music, and fun as the magical world of Disney comes to life. The cost of the dance is \$10.00 and we will collect money during lunch May 8 - May 26.

We will begin admitting students at 6:00 p.m. Students will not be allowed to exit the building during the dance. The dance ends promptly at 9:00 p.m. Thank you for making sure your child is picked up by 9:00 p.m. Only eighth grade Passage students who are in good standing* will be allowed to attend the dance. Additionally, all rules in the NNPS Rights and Responsibilities Handbook will be in effect and any student who behaves inappropriately will call a parent to be picked up.

Although we want students to dress up, students should not wear prom attire. Young men should wear a collared shirt and tie or suit. Young women should wear a nice dress, pantsuit, or skirt. (Minimum fingertip length dresses or skirts and shoulder straps are required. Spaghetti Straps and halters are permitted. The back of all dresses cannot be lower than the bottom of the shoulder blades. Neckline should be age-appropriate. No jeans will be allowed.)

Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017. We are asking 8th grade students to wear white shirts and bring sharpie pens to sign shirts. Students must be in good standing* to participate in this activity. Please be sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather and activities. We will be outside for most of the day so sneakers, comfortable clothing, and hats are appropriate. Student may want to bring water bottles, blankets, sunscreen, etc. Phones and cameras are permitted but we are not responsible for any lost or damaged items as written in the NNPS Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Parent volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your student's homeroom teacher.

8th Grade Awards Ceremony

The 8th Grade Awards Ceremony is a time to celebrate the success of our 8th grade students. The ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:45 a.m. All students who are receiving awards and their families will be notified in advance. Please note that this is not a graduation or promotion ceremony.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 12- SOL Testing begins
- May 1-5- Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 29 - Memorial Day
SCHOOLS CLOSED
- June 9 - 8th Grade Dance 6:00 PM
- June 12 - Locker clean out
- June 13 - Field Day
Early dismissal 12:30 PM
- June 14 - Awards Ceremony;
Early dismissal 12:30 PM
- June 15 - Last Day of School
Early dismissal 12:30 PM

END OF YEAR SOL TESTING

- Algebra I SOL - May 18th & 19th
- Geometry SOL - May 12th
- Reading SOL - May 24th & 25th
- Math 8 SOL - May 17th & 18th
- Civics SOL - May 31st
- Science 8 SOL - June 1st

*GOOD STANDING

- All fines must be paid by June 2nd.
- All library books and textbooks must be returned by June 2nd.
- Any student who receives in school suspension or out of school suspension from April 19th to the date of the event and/or has had multiple suspensions will be ineligible to attend.

End of the Year Testing

SOL testing begins May 11, 2016. Testing begins at 7:30a.m. so students need to arrive to school on time. Please review the testing schedule below.

- Algebra ISOL- May 18th & 19th
- Geometry SOL - May 12th
- Reading SOL - May 16th & 17th
- Math 8 SOL - May 17th & 18th
- Civics SOL- May 31st
- Science 8 SOL - June 1st

This year we will have expedited retakes for any students scoring between 375 and 399. A permission slip was sent home as parent permission is required to retake. All expedited retakes will be given during the week of June 5-9, 2017. Students will be remediated before retesting.

Early dismissal

Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13th through Thursday, June 15th. Final report cards will be mailed home. You can expect to receive your student's final report card in the mail around July 7th.

Summer School

Rising ninth grade students may enroll in high school courses for credit advancement or credit recovery. Summer school registration will be handled at Passage Middle School. Please contact Ms. Giunti, 757-886-7600, for more information. Early registration ends June 9, 2017.

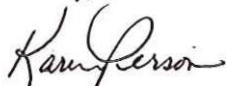
Additional information

- Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2016. Please encourage your student to let his/her teachers know how much they are appreciated! We have a week of activities planned to show our appreciation for teachers' hard work and dedication.
- Digital year books are on sale for \$15.00. Make checks or money orders payable to Passage Middle School.
- Contact your student's high school about summer try-outs. VHSL physicals are required.
- Schools and offices are closed Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day
- Locker clean out will be Monday, June 12th - Students may not bring bags or any other items after that date.

It has been a pleasure to work with the 8th grade class this school year. Most of our students have heard this message for the last 3 years: Remember to follow the right PATH-Prepare daily, Act appropriately, Take responsibility, and Have respect for yourselves and others! To the "Class of 2021," I wish you all the best in the future!

Please call me at 757-886-7600 or email karen.bazemore@nn.k12.va.us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Karen Person

Assistant Principal