Hello 8th Grade Students and Families,

As we near the end of the school year we wanted to update you on some important dates and information pertaining to the end of the year items for 8th grade. Please see the list below of some of those items.

- Wednesday, 4/9 & Thursday, 4/10 ELA MCAP Testing
- Monday, 4/14 Monday, 4/21 Spring Break
- Thursday, 5/1 & Friday, 5/2 Math MCAP Testing
- Wednesday, 5/14 & Thursday, 5/15 US8 History Testing
- Tuesday, 5/20 through Thursday, 5/22 MAPR Testing
- Tuesday, 5/27 through Thursday, 5/29 MAPM Testing
- Saturday, 5/31 8th Grade Dance at Sherwood HS (7:00 9:30 pm)
 - The theme for the dance is "Hollywood"
 - → Ticket prices are \$15/ticket
 - Tickets will be sold through "School Cash Online"
 - Dress for the dance is formal TAP slides here
- Tuesday, 6/3 & Wednesday, 6/4 IED Testing (TAP period 2)
- Thursday, 6/5 8th Grade Yearbook distribution during period 7
- Thursday, 6/5 Promotion Ceremony Practice during period 4. Please be present for practice to help the promotion ceremony run smoothly. Students will report to their assigned homerooms following period 3. Please leave binders, Chromebooks, etc in your homeroom classroom.
- Monday, 6/9 Promotion Ticket distribution through TAP(at the end of the day);
 Students will sign for receipt of the tickets & should retain them at home until the promotion. Additional or replacement tickets WILL NOT be issued after the initial distribution.
- Monday, 6/9 Chromebook Collection & 8th Grade Locker clean out during TAP at the end of the day. Students will report to TAP after period 6.
- Monday, 6/9 Last Day of Instruction for 8th Graders <u>all assignments</u>
 <u>due by 3pm</u>
 - 8th Grade Panoramic Picture at 8:30 AM
 - Ordering for the picture can be done <u>here</u>
 - Picture orders will be delivered directly to the address provided upon ordering

- Tuesday, 6/10 Hersheypark Trip
 - Students arrive to RPMS and board busses at 8:15am (Don't enter the building)
 - o Busses depart promptly at 8:30am
 - o Arrival back at RPMS at 8:30pm
 - Additional information will be shared with students during TAP beginning 6/3.
 - Hersheypark is cashless
 - Hersheypark Details
- Wednesday, 6/11 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony @ Good Counsel (9:00-11:00am)
 - Students need to arrive at 8:30am
 - This is a ticketed event. Each student will receive 2 tickets. All guests must have a ticket to attend. Unfortunately, there is no option to receive additional tickets. Tickets will be distributed on 6/9 during an afternoon TAP
 - The promotion ceremony will be live streamed. Please use **this link** to view the ceremony. The link will go live 30 minutes before the ceremony.
 - There will be a live stream of the ceremony. The link will be posted on the RPMS website on the day of the event.
 - Submit up to two pictures to be featured in a slideshow during the promotion ceremony. We want all of our dolphins represented. (photo submissions due by 5/30) - CLICK HERE to submit your photos
 - Every student will be individually acknowledged and awards will be presented
 - Please let Ms. Watts & Ms. Ewers know if you have a preferred name for your student other than their legal name to be read at the ceremony. Her email is sara_e_watts@mcpsmd.org or michelle_a_ewers@mcpsmd.org
- Enjoy your summer! Be safe and make good choices!
 - Absences after June 11 will be excused as there are no assignments assigned or collected after June 9.

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