8th Grade Parents –

As we take stock of the remaining middle school days, we wanted to share a look ahead at the many events that make 8th grade such a special year:

- **Fall Social / Dance** – Friday, November 7
- **Yearbook Ads** – due 12/31
- **DC Trip** – February 2–3, 2026
- **Rising 9th grade Parents Meeting** – TBD, February 2026
- **High School Open House** – TBD, February 2026
- **High School Athletics Open House** – TBD, Spring 2026
- **High School Band Open House** – TBD, Spring 2026
- **Yard Signs for Sale** – Spring 2026
- **Spring Social / Dance** – Friday, May 8
- **End-of-Year Picnics** – Track 1 = May 28; Tracks 2-4 = June 5
- **Awards Celebration** – Track 1 - June 1; Tracks 2-4 = June 25

Event Highlights

- The **Fall Social / Dance** will be held after school on Friday, November 7 in the Lufkin gym/cafeteria.
- **Yearbooks** are on sale now! Families also have the option to purchase an ad in the back of the book to send a personalized message to their 8th grader. Details here.
- Our **Washington, DC Trip** is scheduled for February 2–3, 2026. Details here.
- **High School Open Houses** (academic, athletics, and band) will be announced later this year and held at the schools your students will attend for 9th grade.
- **Yard Signs** will be available this spring, proudly congratulating our Lufkin 8th Graders.
- The **End-of-Year Picnics**, **Awards Celebration**, and **Spring Social / Dance** are milestone events to honor our students' accomplishments and celebrate together.

How You Can Help

We need parent support to make these traditions possible. Whether you can give your time, share your talents, or offer financial support, every contribution matters—especially for the end-of-year events.

- Love decorating? Bring your creativity.
- Skilled project planner? Lend us your guidance.
- Want to connect and brainstorm with other parents? We'd love to have you.

The **8th Grade Planning Group** is kicking off now! Join 8th grade parents for our first virtual meeting on **Thursday, October 16 at 5:30pm**. We will briefly talk about all the upcoming fun and ways to help out! Join us using this Google Meet link.

Together, let's make this a year to remember for our 8th graders.

The best way to stay up to date about Lufkin events is through the 8th grade teacher Weekly Team Newsletter, Ms Hanna's weekly BOLTS messages and the bi-weekly PTA Pulse email