



# STILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Eighth Graders:

Can you believe we are coming down to the home stretch? We are hoping it is safe to say that we will not be using anymore "Emergency Days" due to snow or other inclement weather this school year. If for some reason we do need to change the last day of school, we would need to adjust our dates. This letter contains many important dates so please read it carefully and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

### **Moving On Ceremony**

Each academic team will have a recognition ceremony at Still Middle School on Friday, June 2, 2017. Administrators, teachers and students will have an opportunity to speak at this ceremony with an emphasis on recognizing all of the students for their accomplishments. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the Moving On Ceremony that will be held in the school gymnasium. Due to the limited capacity in the gym, we ask that siblings remain in class to participate in scheduled end of the year activities. Students will receive certificates of achievement at this ceremony indicating that they have successfully completed middle school. Please refer to the schedule below for your child's Moving On Ceremony:

**Team 8 – 1 9:00 – 9:45 (Doors will open for parent arrival at 8:45)**

**Team 8 – 0 10:45 – 11:30 (Doors will open for parent arrival at 10:30)**

**\*\*Students may leave with their parents at the conclusion of each assembly. Students must be signed out by a parent and will not be permitted to leave with anyone else's parents.\*\* Students must have all Chromebooks, textbooks and other school district property returned by this date. In addition, all fines for missing or damaged items must be paid.**

### **Promotion Requirements**

In order to be promoted to high school, a student must obtain at least a 1.5 cumulative grade point average for all courses taken during his/her eighth grade year. Academically at-risk students will be notified no later than Monday, May 30, 2017 if they fail to meet GPA criteria. Those students who do not meet the GPA criteria will not be permitted to participate in the Moving On Ceremony.

### **Other 8th Grade Events (Held During the School Day)**

Main Event Field Trip.....Wednesday, May 31, 2017  
Yearbook Signing..... Thursday, June 1, 2017  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day.....Thursday, June 1, 2017

During the 4th Quarter, it is our expectation that the 8th grade students maintain positive behavior and academic progress even though the end of the school year is almost here. The 8th grade teachers, in conjunction with administration, have developed the 8th grade events listed above as incentive and appreciation for those students who consistently make the right choices each day both in their behavior and academics. Unlike the GPA requirement for the Moving On Ceremony, the incentives are just for behavior and academics during the 4th quarter and are not cumulative. The 8th grade teachers have spoken with the students and are sending home information regarding the requirements for these activities. We have also included those guidelines for your information. As always, feel free to contact a member of the Still Administrative team by calling 630-375-3900 with any questions. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable end of the school year.

Sincerely,

Kimmer Cornish  
Principal

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Participation Agreement

**Effective on April 3, 2017**

The end of the year is fast approaching and there will be many fun activities and events coming up that we all hope you will be a part of and enjoy. These activities are a celebration of your accomplishments during middle school. However, there is some important information you need to be aware of in order to be eligible to participate. Please read this over carefully and keep it in a safe spot so you can refer to it often.

Behaving appropriately is more important now than it ever has been. If you start finding yourself in ISS or receiving an OSS, then you may not be attending **some** or **all**, of the end of the year events. Detentions or referrals in both **core** and **encore** classes will apply to the following consequences:

### BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCE(S)-FILED OR SERVED

<b>4 Detentions and/or Referrals</b> <b>Failing any class (must be passing all classes)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will not attend Field Day</li></ul>
<b>6 Detentions and/or Referrals</b> <b>Failing any class (must be passing all classes)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will not attend Field Day</li><li>• Will not attend Main Event</li></ul>

**Please note:**

- *Each day of ISS will be the equivalent of two detentions*
- *Each day of OSS will be the equivalent of three detentions*
- *Grades will be assessed by the end of the school day prior to the event*

Discipline data will be monitored beginning on **Monday, April 3, 2017**. Students are required to maintain a strong academic performance throughout fourth quarter. Students who fail to meet these requirements will not take part in the end of the year activities.