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Grade 8 End-of-the-Year Activities

As the school year ends during this unprecedented year, we want to thank students and families for overcoming challenges and persevering during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although this year looks different in education, it is important that we recognize our grade 8 students for their hard work this year and throughout their middle school career.

To celebrate students' academic accomplishments, grade 8 students will be able to view an **End-of-the-Year Farewell video on June 17, 2021**. Families will receive the video link on June 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with access directions. The link will also be posted to the school website. Additionally, we are also pleased to provide a **Grade 8 Farewell/Promotion Drive-Through Celebration on Monday, June 21, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the SWA bus loop**.

END-OF-THE-YEAR FAREWELL VIDEO

Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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- Please encourage family members to view the video to celebrate your child's accomplishments.

FAREWELL/PROMOTION DRIVE-THROUGH CELEBRATION for *Eligible Students

(See Eligibility section for details.)

Monday, June 21, 2021 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. SWA Bus Loop

- Families will drive their student in their vehicles through the SWA bus loop Monday, June 21, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Students will receive their Certificate of Middle School Completion and a complimentary SWA yearbook.
- Identified students will be awarded certificates for Straight A's for quarters 1-4; Honor Roll for quarters 1-4; Principal's Perseverance Award; POUNCE; extra-curricular and athletic activities.
- Students and families must remain in their vehicles and follow COVID-19 and social mitigation guidelines. Face coverings must be worn on school property. Please do not participate if feeling ill. Arrangements may be made to pick-up certificates and yearbooks later.

***Eligibility:** As communicated, families **MUST** complete Residency Verification in order for students to receive the Certificate of Middle School Completion, the complimentary SWA yearbook, and awards. See the Residency Verification Requirements on page 2.

Residency Verification Requirements

Baltimore County Public Schools' policy requires that all students transitioning from Grade 5 to Grade 6 and Grade 8 to Grade 9 verify residency prior to the start of the school year. Provisions for student enrollment and attendance are outlined in Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 5150, *STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance*. A copy of Policy and Rule 5150 can be obtained by accessing the link http://www.bcps.org/system/policies_rules/5000toc.htm or by requesting a copy from the school.

Students enrolled as homeless, shared domicile, or students in state-supervised care verify residency annually and are exempt from this process.

- Copy of current lease or mortgage statement or DEED, If private owner proof homeownership (tax bill, water bill)
- Three (3) different pieces of mail within the past sixty (60) days, verifying your residency in Baltimore County at current address.
- A photo identification of parent /guardian. If address appears on the photo ID, it must match the address on the other documents.

It is **PREFERRED** that the above-listed documents be submitted via email to Ms. Diane George, School Counseling Secretary, at dgeorge3@bcps.org. For families who do not have access to email, below are the designated dates and times for families to come to the school to submit your documents. Documents are to be brought in person by the parent/guardian **only**. Appointments are not necessary.

- **Monday, May 17th, May 24th, June 7th, and June 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, May 18th, May 25th, June 1st, June 8th, and June 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, May 19th, May 26th, June 2nd, June 9th, and June 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Diane George, 443-809-0949, dgeorge3@bcps.org. It is our hope to see everyone at the Farewell/Promotion Drive-Through Celebration on **Monday, June 21, 2021 from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.**

We are extremely proud of your student's accomplishments and extend best wishes as they transition to high school in the fall.

Please contact Ms. Dixon, Grade 8 School Counselor, (tdixon@bcps.org) or Mr. Smith, Grade 8 Assistant Principal, (dsmith8@bcps.org) with any questions or concerns.