

Dear Caregivers of CMS Eighth Grade Students:

Our 8th graders finally benefited from what we would otherwise consider a “normal” school year after a 6th grade year with many students working virtually, and last year amid COVID-19 protocols and interruptions.

Through challenges and successes, it has been a pleasure to work with your children as they complete their middle school journey. As a grade level, our Panthers have shown school spirit while learning, growing, and achieving! To celebrate and recognize the good work by the CMS Class of 2023, we are pleased to offer the following end-of-year celebrations:

DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM TRIP – Thursday June 15, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Students should arrive at school on this day as they typically would. The water park will be open during our visit. We ask that **ALL students bring:** a change of clothes, a towel, and bathing suit the day of our trip. Students are strongly encouraged to wear and bring sunscreen with them as well as comfortable footwear. Students may bring spending money for souvenirs and other snacks. Students will be responsible for their own items throughout the day, and the park offers lockers for secure storage.

Please plan for prompt pickup at 7:30 p.m. from CMS. Please park within lined spaces in the large parking lot on the side of CMS only. Do not park on the curb or in the bus loop, which will need to remain clear so that buses can enter and exit.

EIGHTH GRADE DANCE/END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION – Friday, June 16, 2023, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: **Community Middle School**

Cost: **Admission is \$15** – The CMS PTSA will sell tickets during 8th grade lunch the week of June 12. The ticket price covers all costs for the dance and supports t-shirts to be provided after Salute. Wish to donate further to the celebration? See the PTSA Memberhub Link [HERE](#).

Dress: All clothing choices are to be school appropriate. Students should wear what they are most comfortable in for the evening. Formal attire is not required. This event is a celebration for CMS students ONLY. Guests are not permitted. We do not encourage students to bring “dates” to the celebration dance, and we do not support “promposals” for an event of this nature. We want all students to feel welcome to celebrate their year.

Please plan for prompt pickup at 8:30 p.m. from CMS.

EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS ASSEMBLY – Friday, June 16, 2023

The student assembly for eighth grade awards will be in the CMS theater, and all students will attend this program during the school day. Parents of the award recipients will be invited to attend the assembly and will receive specific details at that time.

CMS GRADUATION/SALUTE 2023 – Monday, June 19, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: **HSN Gymnasium**

Salute is the middle school version of a graduation ceremony. Our eighth graders will be “saluted” for their accomplishments as CMS students and will be promoted to high school. Due to fire code considerations and space limitations of actual seating, eighth grade students will receive **THREE (3) TICKETS** for the Salute during school on that day. **These tickets are needed for admission. Eighth grade students do not need a ticket.**

Please have your child dress appropriately for this special occasion. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate dresses, skirts, slacks, and collared shirts. Formal attire is not required. If possible, avoid shorts, tee shirts, jeans or sneakers, please.

EIGHTH GRADE PICNIC – Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Location: **Community Middle School**

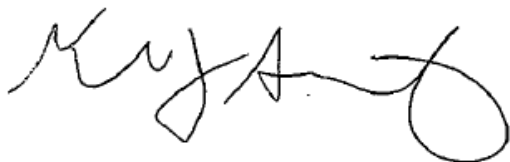
Students will have an opportunity to bid their summer farewells, collect autographs in their yearbooks, and enjoy a class-wide picnic at CMS.

Dismissal will be at 12:20 p.m. for all students.

These activities are intended to provide significant and meaningful opportunities for our students to complete their middle school years. Throughout, we do expect all students to abide by our school’s [student handbook](#). As our children move on to high school, we trust that they will cherish and truly enjoy these final experiences as CMS Panthers, and take with them all they have learned to continue to grow and succeed.

If you have any questions about the above end of the year activities, please reach out to CMS (cms@wwprsd.org; 609-716-5300).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle J. Schimpf', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Kyle J. Schimpf, Ed.D.