Granger Middle School
Home of the Grizzlies

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Dear Families of Eighth Graders:

We are coming down to the home stretch of a very eventful year! This letter contains many important dates and pieces of information, so please read it carefully and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

2021 Recognition Opportunities:

We think it is important to celebrate our 8th grade students as they transition from Middle School to High School and we are committed to find ways to do that this year as well. We have had to adjust how we are doing some of our celebrations this year due to Covid restriction, but we do want you to know how proud we are of these 8th graders. To accommodate family needs and Covid restrictions, we will be having two different options for our Promotion Celebrations.

Option 1: Face to Face Promotion: June 3rd

Each team will have a designated time slot. Students will be able to bring two guests to accompany them in receiving their Promotion Certificate, class composite picture, parting gifts and some optional picture opportunities. Social distancing and masks will be required during this event. Please see additional pages for the F2F Promotion procedures.

Option 2: Drive Through Promotion: June 4th

We understand that some families are not comfortable coming into the school building. As a result, we will offer the option of a drive through promotion. Students will drive through and receive their Promotion Certificate, parting gifts and optional picture opportunity. Participants will still be required to wear masks in the vehicle as they will be interacting with staff.

Special Awards Ceremony – June 2, 2021

2:00pm – 3:00pm – INVITE ONLY

We will be having a small In-Person Ceremony to present our Community Sponsored Awards. This ceremony will be limited to those receiving the awards and 2 guests in order to meet the Covid capacity restrictions. Families of award winners will receive an invitation the week of May 17th. A slide show of all nominees and winners will be shared with the 8th grade students through their classes.

Promotion Requirements

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 who

have been provided multiple levels of support and interventions will be notified no later than Tuesday, June 1, 2021 if they fail to meet GPA criteria. Those students who do not meet the GPA criteria will not be permitted to participate in the Promotion Celebration.

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 opportunities listed in this letter are for those students who consistently make the right choices each day both in their behavior and academics. As always, feel free to contact a member of the Granger Administrative Team by calling 630-375-1010 with any questions. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable end of the school year.

Sincerely,
Allan D. Davenport
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Principal

“Please Scroll Down”

Face to Face Promotion
June 3rd

Team Promotion Times: ***Students must come during their designated team time.***

2:00-3:30 Team 8-1

4:00-5:30 Team 8-3

6:00-7:30 Team 8-2

Process:

- Reminder that each student is limited to bring 2 guests. **Due to our Covid restrictions there can be no exceptions to this.**
- While on school grounds, all attendees must wear masks.
- When you arrive to the school, a line will start forming at the main entrance. Teachers will be present to help form the line. There will be social distancing markers for families to stand on.
- As the line begins to move, and as you enter the building, there will be a slide show playing developed by the team of teachers. There will also be a location for students to turn in their Chromebook, charger, and other school owned materials.
- Social distancing requirements will still be in place once you enter the building.
- As you enter the building you will sanitize your hands.
- Follow the teacher directions as the line begins to move.
- While students are in line to enter the gym, they will be given their certificate and an index card. The certificate will also have a post it note with the student's name on it. It is important to keep track of these items as your student moves through the line.
- Once you arrive at the gym entrance the teacher will let you know when it is your student's time to walk to the stage.
- Once your student is given the green light to walk to the stage, the guests will make their way to taped marker in front of the stage for pictures.
- When the student arrives at the podium, they will give the post it note to the speaker.
- The speaker will call the students name and the student will be directed to exit the stage.
- Once exiting the stage your student will stop at the HR Imaging table where your student will have a photograph taken or our class composite picture. When arriving to the HR Imaging table, your student will hand the photographer the index card they were given in line. Parents will have the opportunity to order this picture.
- After taking the photograph, your student will stop at the PTA table to receive some parting gifts.
- You will then exit the gym and exit the building for some optional picture opportunities.

We have 30 minutes between promotions, and we will have to honor social distancing, so please understand that we will not be able to provide a lot of additional time for photos and we will not permit groups to gather out front due to Covid restrictions.

Your 8th grade student will not attend school on June 4th.

<u>Drive Through Promotion</u>
June 4th
8:30am-10:30am

- Please remember that even though you will be in your vehicle, we will ask all parties to wear masks.
- As you enter the parking lot you will check in at Stop 1. Please have a piece of paper with your student's first and last name clearly written that you will give to the teachers at Stop 1.
- You will then pull forward until you come to Stop 2. At this stop you will hand in your Chromebook, charger and any other Granger owned materials.
- You will then proceed to the back of the building where you will come to Stop 3. At this location you will be given your certificate and other parting gifts.
- You will then pull around the bus lot and exit the parking lot.

*Please note that during the face to face promotion we will be taking a picture to help develop the class composite. We will not be able to do this during our drive through option. We will be using the picture we have on file with HR Imaging.