



*Together...cultivating character and academic growth in each student. Everyday.*

---

*Brett Davisson, Principal*

May 8, 2018

Dear Parents of Eighth Grade Students:

The year has flown by and the time is here to put final preparations together for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion and related activities. The following is a list of reminders and requirements to help students and parents become prepared for the end of the year.

**Promotion Requirements:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony at Silverton Middle School is a privilege, not a legal requirement. Students earn a promotion certificate by meeting the following criteria:

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA for their seventh and eighth grade school years based on a four point system.

Students may be denied participation in the promotion program based on their disciplinary history. In such cases, promotion certificates will be mailed to students. Students who do not earn a promotion certificate will not be allowed to participate in the promotion ceremony or celebration.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements, please contact your child's AG teacher or Mr. Davisson.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Oaks Park trip, Thursday June 7th:**

Special Note: If students do not meet Promotion criteria, they are not eligible for the Oaks Park Field Trip or the Promotion Party activities. June 6<sup>th</sup> will be their last day.

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is the Oaks Amusement Park trip to Portland. Students will report to their 1<sup>st</sup> period class for roll at 7:55am. They will board buses for Oaks Park by 8:30am. Students will return to SMS by 2:45pm and will go home at that time. Students should plan on bringing a lunch or money to purchase one. Students may sign up for a sack lunch from school, as well. There is a \$15.00 charge for this trip and it will be collected the week prior. If this creates a hardship for any child, please contact the office. Permission slips and an information flyer will be sent home two weeks prior to June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Students must be level 2 or below on the schools discipline pyramid to participate in the Oaks Park trip. Students can work with the Student Support Center to work through the process.

There is a need for parent chaperones. Please call the office if you have a valid background check and can volunteer.

**Ceremony Practice, Friday June 8th:**

Students need to be at SMS at 7:55am on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> and check in with their 1st period teachers. Practice will be completed between 10:30-11:00am. Students will be excused to go home from SMS. Please be sure to arrange transportation for your child.

**Ceremony, Friday June 8th:**

The ceremony is Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the SMS Gym. Early arrival by family and friends is recommended. The gym doors will open at 5:30pm. Eighth grade students must be at Silverton Middle School no later than 5:30pm for line-up. There is no limit as to how many guests may attend as there is plenty of room in the gym.

**Dress Code:**

This is a respectable occasion and we need students to dress accordingly and within the dress code. Students must wear appropriate and modest clothing. Students are reminded that they are not to wear blue jeans, T-shirts, distracting or suggestive clothing.

**Party Details:**

The ceremony will finish around 7:15pm and at that time everyone will be dismissed to the SMS Cafeteria for refreshments. The party will begin at 7:45pm and conclude at 10pm.

The SMS PTC will be sending out a "Sign-Up Genius" for food item donations and event station coordinators. A group of parents have been coordinating set up, decorations, activities, food, drink, etc. for the party. There will be bouncy houses, dodge ball, music and other fun activities.

Students should pack an extra bag of play clothes, so they have something to change into for these events after the ceremony. There will be a supervised room so items will be secure.

In addition, please see the attached Dunk Tank and Dodgeball permission slip and waiver. Students will not be allowed to participate without a parent/guardian signature. We suggest signing both, as sometimes our students decide "last minute" that they would like to play.

**Promotion Cost:**

The cost for promotion is \$10 and needs to be paid no later than June 6<sup>th</sup>. This fee is to help offset the cost of food, entertainment, and decorations.

**School Fees:**

Students need to pay school fees as soon as possible. This includes fees for book replacement/repair, lunch mealtime money due, library fees, etc. Student fees due will posted on the office wall on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Students with unpaid bills will receive a certificate only after all fees are paid. If unpaid, this fee will follow students to the high school.

This is a busy time for you, your child, and Silverton Middle School, but will culminate in a great send-off to Silverton High School. If you have any questions about these or any other end of the year activities, please contact me as soon as possible.

***Eighth graders will not be permitted in the building to visit after being promoted. Sixth and seventh grade students are still in session and this causes disruption.***

Sincerely,

  
Brett Davisson  
Principal



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Party Dunk Tank Waiver

### Dunk Tank Rules & Safety Guidelines

1. You must lean forward with your bottom as close to the edge of the seat as you can get it at all times when you are in the dunk tank.
2. Do not try to grab onto the seat, side or any other part of the dunk tank on the way down.
3. Come straight back up after being dunked.
4. Hold seat up until the dunk tank operator hit's the side of the tank and says "set".
5. Use the steps to climb back up and onto the seat.
6. The dunk tank operator reserves the right to tell anyone to exit the dunk tank.
7. You must be at least 10 years old to sit in the dunk tank.

I have read the above rules and safety guidelines with my child and agree that he/she may participate in the dunk tank. I accept all risks associated with participating in the dunk tank. I give my child permission to go in the dunk tank. I have read the rules and safety precautions to my child before signing the permission form. I understand that with any activity there is a risk of injury. By signing the permission form I agree that in the event of an injury that I will not sue Silverton Middle School or Silver Falls School District.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Party Dodgeball Waiver

My son/daughter has permission to participate in the Slip-n-Slide and Dodgeball Games. I release Silverton Middle School, Silver Falls School District, and Silverton Fire Department from any and all liability in the event my child gets hurt.

### EMERGENCY TREATMENT

In the event of an apparent or real emergency, after every effort to contact me at the telephone number below, as the undersigned, I hereby authorize and appoint Silverton Middle School, through its agents, to obtain any medical care or hospitalization of the above named child, as they believe necessary and proper for the welfare of said child. I do further authorize and direct any medical doctor or hospital to render any and all treatment believed necessary and proper to the immediate care and welfare of the above named child. I agree to pay for such medical treatment and expenses on behalf of such child and shall hold Silverton Middle School and Silver Falls School District harmless from any and all liability, claims, judgments and costs incurred in, or as a result of any such medical treatment or hospitalization.

Parents' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Students' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number \_\_\_\_\_