

PROMOTION 2020 - DRAUDEN POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Students:

This letter has been sent to assure that every parent receives the information needed for your student's successful completion of eighth grade. Please keep this letter for reference in the coming months.

*****All fees must be paid in full and obligations met in order to participate in the promotion ceremony.***

Schedule of events:

March 6	Gown Measurement (during lunch)
April 16	PSHS Step Up Day (during school day)
May 15	Awards Ceremony 1:30 pm - by invitation
May 18	Wilco Career Day Field Trip - AM
May 18, 20, 21	Promotion practice (during school day)
May 19	8 th Grade Class Trip to Bowlero (during school day)
May 21	Promotion Ceremony 5:00 pm at Plainfield South High School

In order to participate in these activities, we will require the usual responsibilities of school attendance (MUST BE PRESENT UNTIL AT LEAST THE HALF-DAY MARK AT 11:30 AM), successful completion of any final academic requirements, and behavior consistent with a positive learning environment. District #202 rules apply through the last day of school. Should a student decide to violate any of these expectations, the consequence may include removal from any special activities or even the promotion ceremony.

On behalf of the Drauden Point faculty and staff, I am extending to you an invitation to attend and participate in our Promotion exercises on Thursday evening, May 21. The ceremony begins promptly at 5:00 pm at the Plainfield South High School Gymnasium and lasts approximately 1 hour. The ceremony will be held inside. Due to limited seating capacity in the gym, each student will be issued 4 tickets at promotion practice to be used at your family's discretion. No extra tickets are available, however, there will be first come-first serve overflow seating in the PSHS Auditorium (for guests attending without a ticket), which will have a live video feed of the ceremony. Students should arrive at 4:30 pm to line up in the Field House located in the athletic wing.

We have arranged for a professional photographer to take a photo of each student as they receive their promotion certificate. Students should take their certificate, shake hands, and smile for the camera!! You will receive your proofs directly from Grad Images, at which time you will have the option to purchase pictures. Register at gradimages.com prior to the ceremony to receive a discount on your order.

Promotion gowns (no caps are worn at middle school level) will be distributed on the first day of practice. Students should try on the gown and hang on a hanger to let wrinkles fall out over the next couple of days. Appropriate attire includes dress clothes/shoes worn under the gown: no jeans, shorts or sportswear, hats or headgear are allowed.

Please read and share the following expectations for our promotion ceremony with your son or daughter so that we end the middle school experience in a dignified and positive manner:

- ❖ All school rules and policies are in effect during the practices and the promotion ceremony.
- ❖ Students exhibiting improper behavior may be removed from the ceremony.
- ❖ Spectators are asked to refrain from inappropriate outbursts, such as loud shouting, use of air horns, and wild applause for your student. Remember, every family should be able to hear their son's/daughter's name when they are announced.
- ❖ Spectators need to remain in their seats during the ceremony. A professional photographer will be taking photos as each student receives his/her certificate.
- ❖ Do not give your student anything, flowers, cameras etc. to carry during the ceremony, as they will need to walk across a stage area, shake hands, and receive their certificate. Balloons will not be allowed in the gym.

Following the rules will help keep the ceremony moving and meaningful for everyone, whether your last name begins with an A or Z. We appreciate your efforts as parents to act as role models for your children. We look forward to seeing you on May 21. Congratulations to the class of 2020!

Sincerely,

Kai Freeman

Kai Freeman, Principal