

8th Grade Parents,

Wow, this year has gone by so fast!! Graduation is right around the corner and we have a very busy few months ahead. Get your calendar out for a few reminders and important dates coming up.

Glory Days

This week! Good luck 8th grade parents.

Pictures for Graduation

We will have a slide show playing at the graduation, and need the best pictures of your graduates! Matt has created a Google Drive folder for photos (preferably in a JPG or PNG format).

Here's the steps:

- Go to this link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1v2UMqtPMrfXaN_4ZAlfOz7HC2toe11rG?usp=sharing
- Create a folder with your graduate's name (He created one for Claire as an example)
- Upload 3-5 pictures (baby, grade school, current) to the folder you created
- Encourage your graduate to choose a picture or two themselves!
- Please upload all photos by April 15th.

If you have any questions or issues with uploading photos, please reach out to Matt VanBoening at mattvanboening@gmail.com.

Spirit Week Information

8th grade spirit week is the first week of May.

Memory books- The students are currently working on memory cards for each other, please encourage your student to complete their cards by Friday, April 29th.

Locker Pennants- Please text Jami Pizzichino (816) 868-9601 with your students name and High School so he/she can have a pennant placed on their locker.

Kona Ice

STM is hosting Kona Ice on Wednesday, May 4th for an 8th grade fundraiser.

8th Grade Retreat

The retreat will be Thursday, May 5th at Prairie Star Ranch. The students will need to be at STM at 7:30 as the bus will be leaving at 7:50 sharp and returning to STM at 3:15. **Please plan on dropping your student off at the Peak parking lot to avoid traffic congestion.** Every student will need to bring a drawstring backpack with additional clothes/shoes to change into if needed, before getting back on the bus. Students are allowed to wear hats if they want and remember sunscreen. No student phones are allowed this day so please leave them at home. **We are needing parent volunteers for this!** Please notify me at afrenchsweeny@gmail.com if you are able to chaperone.

Graduation Week Information

Class photo- A class photo will be taken on Monday, May 9th. Students are asked to wear their 8th grade spirit wear.

Passing of the Light Ceremony/Closing Mass

The graduation Mass will be Tuesday, May 10th. **Parade** - An 8th grade parade through the school is scheduled immediately following the 8th grade closing Mass.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon/Recognition

Needing volunteers

Class Gift

Needing volunteers

8th Grade Graduation Day

The ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th at St. Thomas More. Graduation pictures will be scheduled prior to the ceremony in More Hall.

Dinner/Dance

The dinner and dance will immediately follow the graduation ceremony at The Martin in Martin City.

Sand Volleyball Gathering

This event is a parent and student gathering scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd at the Sand Volleyball facility in Martin City.

Look for event details via social media and emails as the time gets closer. Please contact Angela Sweeny at afrenchsweeny@gmail.com or Jami Pizzichino at Jpizzichino@gmail.com with any questions. If you have any interest in volunteering with the end of the year events we would love your help!

Cheers to the class of 2022