



Grade 8 Families,

GMS is looking forward to celebrating your student's success in the coming months. The following information will be helpful as you navigate the second semester of 8th grade. Enjoy the journey!

8th Grade Panoramic Picture

Lifetouch Photography will be here on March 6th to take our traditional 8th grade class photo. Order forms will be distributed in homerooms. The cost is \$20.

Yearbook

The GMS 2019-2020 Yearbook is a wonderful keepsake for your student. Order forms will be sent home in the weeks to come. The cost is \$17. Payment deadline will be included in the Wednesday folder.

ExPO Community Night- April 8th, 6 pm

Please join us in the GMS gymnasium to view the projects proudly displayed by our 8th grade students. Please note: All 8th grade students are expected to attend Community Night. Thank you for your support.

8th Grade Field Trip-June 3rd

Holiday Hill Resort, Prospect, CT. Students will spend a fun filled day with their 8th grade class. The cost per student is approximately \$50.

Promotion Dance- Tentative date- June 5th

The traditional dance celebrates the GMS Class of 2020. Dressy attire: Boys; dress pants and collared shirt. Girls; dress, skirt or slacks. Please keep in mind that this is a middle school dance and not a high school prom. Thank you, in advance, for assisting us with keeping this night age appropriate.

Awards Evening- TBD

Students nominated for an award will receive an invitation to attend with their parents. Invitations will be mailed home during the third week of May. Space is limited so we can only accommodate 2 guests per student. Thank you for understanding.

8th Grade Cookout- During the school day

We will announce the date once the BOE sets the last day of school. For planning purposes, the cookout is typically held on the day of Promotion.

Promotion Ceremony- TBD

The Promotion Ceremony will be held in the Griswold High School gymnasium. The green gown rental fee is \$5. Please note: Tickets are limited but additional family members may be seated in the GHS auditorium to watch the ceremony LIVE on the big screen. Tickets for Promotion will be distributed a few days prior to the ceremony.

We are looking for Grade 8 Parent Volunteers!

Currently, we have a small group of dedicated parents working to create memorable events for all eighth graders. If you are willing to volunteer, every effort helps, please contact Melissa Wooten at griswoldclassof2024@gmail.com to inquire how you can help. Thank you, in advance, for your time and support.