



# RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that the 2014-2015 school year is at its halfway point. As we progress through the rest of this year, you will see your child's second semester is filled with many exciting milestones and memorable events. Your 8th grader will continue making the transition to becoming a high school student, and we want to take a moment to provide key information and an outline of the activities for second semester.

## Eligibility

8<sup>th</sup> graders wishing to participate in end of the year activities must be On-Track. In order to be considered On-Track, students must have a "D" or higher in all core academic classes on their 1<sup>st</sup> semester report card, or have their grade percentages high enough at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter so that combined with their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grade students will be promotable. If a student is required to recover courses through Edgenuity the student must have those courses recovered, or be on track to have courses recovered for the end of the year, by 3/27/2015. **All final decisions on academic eligibility for end of the year activities will be determined by administration and will be based on students meeting promotion guidelines.** Also, 8<sup>th</sup> graders must not have any level two or level three-discipline referrals during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

The On-Track periods are as follows: The On-Track opportunity for the 8th grade "Gradventure" field trip, scheduled for 5/8/15 at Universal Studios, **eligibility period is 1/6/15 – 5/8/15.** For all other 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities eligibility range is **1/6/15 - 5/29/14.**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities

### **Field Trip**

The 8th grade teachers continue to work hard to place the finishing touches on the much-anticipated eighth grade "Gradventure" field trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure on May 8, 2015. The cost of this trip is approximately \$120, and covers entrance to park, transportation, meal voucher and a "Gradventure" shirt. Students can bring money for additional food, beverages and souvenirs. Please see "Gradventure" letter posted on our website and provided to all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for more details on the "Gradventure" and payment options. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE FIELD TRIP after 3/27/2015.**

### **Dance**

More information about the date, location, and time of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance will be sent home once details are known. Dress code is as follows. Boys are expected to wear long pants (no jeans) and a shirt with a collar. Girls are asked to wear a modest dress with straps or shoulder covering.

### **Breakfast, Celebration Ceremony, and Parade**

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 8<sup>th</sup> graders will celebrate their promotion to High School with a breakfast, celebration ceremony, and "Last Walk" parade through the RRMS Campus. Families of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be invited to join us with balloons and signs at the front sidewalk closest to the parking lot, in order to cheer them on to the next phase of their lives. The parade will begin at 11:05 and conclude by 11:35, with the last leg of the parade making its way through the cheering parent section of the front sidewalk. Parents should be lined on the front sidewalk at 11:05 to ensure their participation in the parade. Thank you for the opportunity you have given River Ridge Middle School staff to work with and teach your children. We look forward to the exciting and memorable events coming in the months ahead.

In order for your student to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, please sign *the second page of this letter, and return to your Language Arts Teacher.*

Sincerely,  
Joshua Borders  
Assistant Principal  
River Ridge Middle School

I agree to the terms and conditions of the above stated eligibility requirements regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebrations and promotion activities.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_