



Letter to Parents Regarding MES 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Dear Parents and MES 8th grade students,

Please read the following letter from Principal Buice sharing information on our upcoming drive-thru alternative 8th grade promotion celebration on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. More details and information will be forthcoming. 8th grade students, please check your school email regularly.

June 2, 2020

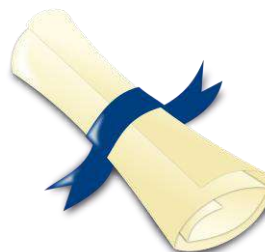
Dear MES 8th Grade Class of 2020 students, parents and guardians,

We thank you for your understanding in these unprecedented times. As the Covid 19 pandemic and guidelines have been shifting, so has our plans for your 8th grade promotion ceremony. Honoring the COVID-19 suggested guidelines regarding social distancing and other health regulations, MES will hold a parade-style, drive-thru promotion ceremony for 8th grade students on **June 24, 2020.**

Promotion Ceremony Day June 24, 2020

We are busy planning a way to honor our 8th grade students who will be transitioning to CHS this Fall of 2020. MES will provide a drive-thru, parade-style alternative promotion celebration on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Each 8th grader who meets the promotional criteria by May 29, 2020 will have the opportunity to participate in the most unique promotion ceremony that MES has ever had. The 8th grade participant will be driven by a parent or guardian around the MES campus drive, behind the school, and around to the center circle to be greeted by the faculty and Principal Buice to pick up their promotion certificate, medals, and awards. In addition, students will have a photo opportunity in the MES circle, as tradition dictates. We are also working on capturing memorable moments virtually to share with all 8th grade students, families and our Menlo community.

Parents or guardians will drive
campus at their allotted time:



students around the MES

6:00 p.m. Valedictorian, salutatorian, honors students and students receiving special awards of the MES 8th Grade Class of 2020 (Teachers will notify these students)

6:30 p.m. 8th grade students whose last name begins with one of the letters from A-H

7:00 p.m. 8th grade students whose last name begins with one of the letters from I-P

7:30 p.m. 8th grade students whose last name begins with one of the letters from Q-Z

Additional Guidelines for the Drive-thru Ceremony:

- Officer Dodd, School Resource Officer, will help direct traffic around the school.
- Students and parents are highly encouraged to decorate their car with memorabilia that celebrates the student's life memories at MES!
- Students and parents are asked to remain in their cars, maintaining social distance guidelines, with the exception of the student exiting the vehicle at the center circle to receive their certificate and have their photograph taken receiving their certificate of promotion
- Students are strongly encouraged to wear a facial mask, but may remove it for the photograph opportunity
- Only the student should exit the car, one student at a time, to walk to the center of the circle to receive their certificate of promotion
- Pictures will be made by Mr. Conley and provided to the students digitally free of charge

The MES faculty and staff want to honor our students and celebrate the memories of the years they have spent at MES. While wanting to celebrate this milestone of transitioning from MES to high school, keeping our students and community safe is our top priority. We will do all we can to recognize our students' accomplishments, knowing there are limitations that are currently out of our control. Thank you for your understanding and support. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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