

## May 8, 2021

Hello Bulldog Dear Parents and 8th Grade Students,

The school year is quickly coming to an end and for our 8th grade students, that means participating in our school's Promotion Ceremony. We have had to adjust our activities for the end of this school year due to the pandemic. Therefore, we will only be having face-to-face Promotion Ceremonies for students. All parents and families will be able to watch their student's ceremony at home through a link we will provide before the ceremony date and time. No one will be permitted on campus to attend the ceremony, except for the 8th grade students who are being promoted.

The Promotion Ceremony for students will be held at Raymond B. Stewart Middle School in the gymnasium on May 25th at 9:30 am. Due to the tight timeline with testing, we will not be practicing for the promotion ceremony ahead of time. On the day of our Promotion ceremony, students will receive a card with their name on one side and their seat number on the other side.

Students will line up 15-20 minutes before their ceremony. All on-track My School Online students are also invited to participate in these activities. Parents may drop their student off thirty minutes before promotion ceremony (drop off 9:00 am pickup 11:00 am).

We recognize students in many different ways during the ceremony. Some notes are made on the program and others are recognized during the event. The ceremony is a special occasion and students should dress as if they were going to church, a wedding, or other dressy event. Dress code does apply.

The ceremony is a dignified and reverent event in recognition of your student's completion of middle school and their promotion to high school. It is very different from a pep rally atmosphere. All students are expected to remain quiet and respectful during the reading of student names. Finally Bulldogs... this ceremony is a great way to end your time here at Raymond B. Stewart Middle School. We want it to be the very best day possible for you and your parents.

Sincerely,

Shae L. Davis

Principal

