



## Smithfield Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony

Parents,

I am sure that all of you are excited that your student will be moving on to Birdville High School next year. This group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders has been a great group of kids and while our staff is excited to see them start their next adventure, we are also a little sad to watch them walk out of our doors.

I would like to take this time to formally invite you to our end of the year 8<sup>th</sup> awards ceremony starting at 6:30 on Friday, May 27 in the auditorium at Birdville High School. While this event is not a graduation, we do try to recognize as many students as we can. Some students will be recognized in groups, while others will be recognized for their individual achievements. As you and your child prepare for this evening, please keep the following things in mind:

- We will try to start the event promptly at 6:30.
- This event is intended to celebrate your student's time here at SMS and is not a graduation ceremony. We want to keep the term "graduation" as the main event for high school and college.
- Students will be instructed on the proper dress code and all students will be expected to follow that dress code.
- I love having this event at BHS as I feel it is an important symbol of the transition from the school they are leaving to that of the school which they will be attending. That being said, the auditorium at BHS does have limited seating. We are asking all families involved to keep this fact in mind as they decide who should attend. While I realize we all want to share our children's accomplishments with friends and family, please consider keeping invites to this event to close family only. While every effort will be made to accommodate as many people as possible, you can expect a standing room only crowd. We appreciate any help each of you could provide in assisting us in this area.

I look forward to a fun evening,

Kyle Pekurney  
Principal  
Smithfield Middle School