



## *Rupert A. Nock Middle School*

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Dear Parents,

As our school year winds down I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your support and enthusiasm and for contributing to the success of the 2015-2016 school year. I personally have enjoyed your children and all that we have accomplished together this school year.

We are looking forward to the end of year celebrations with you. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class Day commencement ceremony will be held on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 am and the celebratory dance will be held on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8pm – 10pm at the Senior Community Center. The following information will help you plan and prepare for both events so that you and your family can enjoy the end of the year experience.

The dance is semi-formal for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. I have been meeting with a hard working group of parents to plan a safe evening that will provide our students with a fun middle school memory. Based on my many years of experience the following guidelines are in place on the day of the dance.

- Guests from other schools will not be permitted into the dance; this event is planned for Nock students only.
- Your child must be in school that day, on time, and remain in school until 2:00 pm; early dismissals to get ready for the dance will not be permitted.
- The dance begins at 8:00 pm with students being checked in at the door and it will end at 10:00 pm when students can be picked up. Invitations with more information will be sent to each student after the DC trip.

The end of middle school is a stepping stone into high school. With high school graduation to look forward to we plan our ceremony to be an age appropriate celebration of middle school. Therefore caps and gowns will not be worn but students are asked to dress appropriately for the occasion. We have limited seating in the gym and we ask that you limit guests to 4 per family. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> the gym will most likely be very warm and stuffy. Please plan accordingly if you have elderly guests with you.

We have much to celebrate and be thankful for. We are all looking forward to celebrating the Nock Class of 2016.

Sincerely yours,

Beth Raucci