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Dear 8th Grade Parents,

As our school year finally starts to wind down I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your support and enthusiasm and for contributing to our shared success this school year. As we look ahead we have a dance and commencement celebration planned.

Our 8th grade commencement ceremony will be held on the last day of school, Thursday, June 25th at 8:45 am. The parent planned celebration dance will be held on Friday evening June 19, from 8-10 pm at Nickerson Hall. 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 8th grade students. A group of hard working parents have put a lot of time, effort and energy into planning a fun, safe evening that we all hope will provide your child with a wonderful middle school memory. Based on many years of experience, the following guidelines will be 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 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 for pick up. Invitations with more information will be sent to every 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. The class of 2015 is a large class and after the renovation we lost about 200 seats in the gym with the new bleachers. Because of that please limit your guests to four per family. The last couple of years have been extremely warm in the gym so please plan accordingly, especially if you have elderly guests with you.

We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. We are all looking forward to celebrating this group of young adults with you.

Sincerely yours,

Beth Raucci