



## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is that exciting time of year when we celebrate and recognize our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the hard work they have displayed over the course of their middle school career. During this time, it is important that your child continues to follow school and classroom expectations. Each day, SMS students are expected to follow the Panther Pact by being Polite, Prepared, Productive, and Safe. Beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>, if your child receives a discipline referral resulting in an Out-Of-School suspension, your child may also lose his/her participation privileges in end-of-the-year activities, including but not limited to: The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sky Full of Stars Dance, field trip(s), yearbook signing, and/or guest speaker presentations. We appreciate your support during these celebratory last few weeks and look forward to recognizing the success of our SMS students!

### **Friday, May 10, 2019**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Signing and Breakfast**

9:35 to 10:30 a.m. in the Café

Welcome and Announcements from Principal Breslin followed by yearbook distribution. All students will need to find their seats upon arrival. Students may mingle and sign each other's yearbooks while they enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by our amazing PTSO. A big thank you to Tropicana who will be supplying the orange juice.

#### **PTSO Sponsored**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sky Full of Stars Dance**

The Devyn, 7113 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231

7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE DANCE POLICY**

According to district policy students must be in attendance at least 200 minutes (9:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m.) to be recorded as present for a complete day. Any students absent or dismissed prior to 12:50 p.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup> may not be permitted to attend.

Any student involved in disciplinary incident(s) prior to the dance may not be permitted to attend the dance.

All overdue media materials must be turned in prior to Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Any student with overdue materials may not be allowed to attend.

Students must arrive to and depart from the dance in appropriate transportation. Limousines are not permitted. Parents should arrive by 9:45 PM-Enter the Devyn-Pick up child-Depart.

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### **DANCE PASSPORT INFORMATION**

If desiring to pick up your 8<sup>th</sup> grader from school early, a parent letter must be received by the SMS office requesting a passport **by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. If someone other than the parent or guardian will be picking up, they **MUST** be on the parental consent card **PRIOR** to May 10<sup>th</sup>. **This will be strictly enforced for the safety of our students.**



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Greetings! It is a very special time of year and I cordially invite you to join SMS in your child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade team celebrations and promotion activities. At the conclusion of the team celebration, parents/guardians who requested a passport using the form at the bottom of this letter may sign out their child. In order for your child to be eligible to be released, we require the following:

- Student must have the pass permission form signed and returned to their team contact. (See below)
- Parents/legal guardians may request a passport and sign out ONLY their student.
- Parents/legal guardians may be asked to show identification at the time of sign out.
- Bikers and/or walkers will be required to be signed out by a parent/legal guardian.

Students who are not being signed out will be provided supervision in normally scheduled classes for the remainder of the day. Please remember that the SMS dress code is in effect the last days of school, including during promotion activities.

**PROMOTION CEREMONIES**

DATE	TEAM	TIME	LOCATION	TEAM CONTACT
Thursday, May 23	ATA Plato East	9:45-10:45	Café	Whitney Davis
Thursday, May 23	ATA Plato West	11:30-12:30	Gym	Lauren Fauvel and Marta Boyle
Friday, May 24	PGA Galileo West	9:45-10:45	Gym	Jason Sharrock
Friday, May 24	PGA Galileo East	11:30-12:30	Gym	Nicole Machenheimer

\*For additional questions or information, please contact our front office at 361-6464.  
Doors for each ceremony will be opened 30 minutes prior to event.

Please detach the form below, sign and return to your student's team contact teacher (listed above).

After the program, my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, who is on the \_\_\_\_\_ team will be: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed out by a parent/guardian (Passport) or \_\_\_\_\_ Remain in school for the remainder of the day.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date