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<b>Class Night</b>	<b>Rain Date:</b>	<b>Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	<b>Rain Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Last Day of School</b>		<b>Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup></b>

Dear MMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

We would like to share the dates for the end-of-year eighth grade activities with you so that you can plan ahead.

The first event will be **Class Night, Under the Stars**, to be held on **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, with a *rain date of Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>*. Students will begin arriving at the Middle School at 6:30 p.m. and need to be picked up at 8:30 p.m. Students should plan to eat dinner before they arrive to the event. Class night attendees will enjoy a talent show presented by their peers. Additionally, music, dessert and signing of yearbooks will occur in the center courtyard. Covid protocol will be followed.

The second event will be the Eighth Grade **Closing Ceremony**, held this year on **Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, with a *rain date of Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>*. Closing Ceremony will be scheduled as several smaller ceremonies that allow us to accommodate smaller groups. Immediate family are invited to attend the event. Families should plan to bring their own chairs and plan to sit physically distanced. More details will follow regarding this event. Please note, we continue to follow CDC guidance regarding all mitigation strategies and protocols for public events.

Although Class Night gives students a chance to dress up, Class Night is **not** a prom. Formal dress (i.e. long evening dresses, cocktail dresses, tuxedos) is not appropriate for this evening. The emphasis on expensive, adult-type evening wear makes some students reluctant to participate and puts unnecessary pressure on thirteen-year olds to appear and behave beyond their years. Many students wear the same outfit for both Class Night and Closing Ceremony. Since both events will be held outside, students are encouraged to wear footwear appropriate for being on uneven grass surfaces.

The eighth-grade team will provide further information as these events get closer. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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