

West Cottonwood School
8th Grade Parent Bulletin
December 15, 2018

8th Grade Field Trip – Once again, West Cottonwood 8th grade students will have an opportunity to attend a graduation field trip. On **May 9th 2019**, students will travel to Ashland to the Shakespearian Film Festival where they'll attend a performance of Hairspray. Then on **May 28th 2019** students will travel to Six Flag's in Vallejo. Funding for this trip will come from two sources: Student body fund and student contribution. We are asking every student to contribute **\$160.00** to help off-set the cost of this trip. Payments can be made monthly or at one time. If you can't afford this payment, we will work with you to make it possible for your child to attend. (partial payment and sponsors). In order to obtain an accurate headcount, please complete the attached student response form.

Payment is due by March 15th, 2019. This is a major financial commitment on the school's part, so in order to continue providing this trip, there will be a "no-refund" policy this year, especially if the parent or student decides not to attend. We will be sending home notification cards monthly that will list what each student has contributed to their trip and any balance due to date.

In order to be eligible to attend the 8th grade field trip, students must meet the requirements for graduation and:

- Have no more than two (2) suspensions during the school year
- Have no more than six (6) referrals for the year with no more than two (2) during the fourth quarter.
- Textbooks, library books, and all school related fees must be paid (1) week prior to trip

To enable us to provide a safe learning environment, strict behavior standards will be maintained. West Cottonwood students must demonstrate their ability to follow directions and resist getting involved in any major behavior problems. **A student may be denied permission to attend the trip due to the administrator's discretion.** It is our hope that every student will qualify for this educational opportunity, but it is also important to provide a safe atmosphere for learning.

Graduation – It's hard to believe, but it is also now time to start organizing graduation. This year our eighth grade students will receive their diplomas at a ceremony here at West Cottonwood School on **Friday, June 7th, 2019 at a 10:00 a.m. ceremony.** Students wishing to graduate **MUST** meet the requirements set forth by the Cottonwood School District:

- *Pass 24 of 28 subjects during the current school year.
- *No more than two failing grades during the fourth quarter.
- *Maintain proper behavior during the school year.
- *No major behavior violations or two suspensions.
- *Be present for graduation practices & attend the last day of school.

Dress Guidelines for Graduates:

Students are expected to dress in formal attire for the graduation ceremony. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in a loss of graduation participation. Extreme styles should be avoided. Choose something practical that your son or daughter can wear for other occasions after graduation. No gloves, coats, hats, or athletic shoes please. Shoes with a medium or flat heel suited for a girl of junior high age are best. Dark colored and clean Van style shoes will be allowed.

Gowns –Please fill out the attached Gown form and Diploma name verification sheet and return to the school as soon as possible. The cost for Graduation gowns are \$20.00. **Payment for graduation gowns is due by March 15th, 2019.** If you want to borrow a gown for graduation, please complete the order form and mark "borrow".

Students will be wearing gowns for the 8th grade panoramic picture, which is scheduled for **May 1st**, so please get your orders in by the due date of March 15th to ensure gowns arrive on time.

Terri Wright, Principal
West Cottonwood Jr. High

8th Grade Trip Student Response

This form must be returned to West Cottonwood School by **Friday January 11th, 2019** so that we can begin planning the trip.

My student, _____, will be attending the trip: __Yes __ No
My student and I understand the requirements for trip attendance.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Chaperone Request

Please fill out the information below if you are interested in **chaperoning one or both days** of the 8th Grade Graduation Trip

I, _____, am interested in Chaperoning the following days for the 8th Grade Graduation Trip:

Both Days

Shakespearian Film Festival – May 9th

Six Flags May 28th