

West Cottonwood School
8th Grade Parent Bulletin
December 9th, 2016

8th Grade Field Trip – Once again, West Cottonwood 8th grade students will have an opportunity to attend a graduation field trip. On **May 19th, 2016**, students will travel to **Six Flag's** in Vallejo and from there they'll attend an **Oakland A's game**. Then on **May 26th, 2016**, they'll go to Ashland to the **Shakespearian Film Festival** where they'll attend a performance of **Julius Caesar**. Funding for this trip will come from two sources: Student body fund and student contribution. We are asking every student to contribute **\$200.00** 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)

Payment is due by April 21, 2017. 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.

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. Students who are suspended from school or receive two major behavior referrals during the second semester, which starts on **January 17th**, or do not meet the graduation requirements, will not be allowed to attend this trip. **A student may also 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 to organize graduation. This year our eighth grade students will receive their diplomas at a ceremony here at West Cottonwood School on Friday June 7th, 2017 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 school the day of graduation.

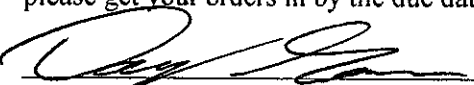
Dress Guidelines for Graduates:

Girls: Eighth grade girls' graduation dresses should be sensible dresses that are not too extravagant or expensive. Extreme styles should be avoided. Choose something practical that your daughter can wear for other occasions after graduation. No gloves please. Shoes with a medium or flat heel suited for a girl of junior high age are best.

Boys: Boys are to wear dress slacks, long or short sleeved dress shirts (colors optional) and a tie. Please, no coats and athletic shoes. 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 are due by March 10, 2016.** If you want to borrow a gown for graduation, please call the school office and we will put you on the list.

Students will be wearing gowns for the 8th grade panoramic picture, which is scheduled for **April 3rd**, so please get your orders in by the due date of March 10th to ensure gowns arrive on time.



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