

Manteno Middle School 8th Grade Promotion Exercise Information

The 8th Grade Promotion will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Manteno High School gymnasium. Please plan to have your child arrive at the high school by 6:30 pm. They will report to the field house (west gym).

We invite parents and family members to attend this brief promotion exercise, designed to celebrate a new beginning in the education of our students. Each family will be allotted two tickets for floor seating at the promotion exercise. **Students will receive the tickets on Thursday, May 19, 2011 with their promotion gown.** All other seating is open for the public. At 6:45 P.M., anything left open on the floor is open to the public. Bleacher seating is first-come, first-served. There is also overflow seating in the high school commons (café) with a large tv screen playing the promotion. The promotion can also be viewed on Manteno Village View Channel 4.

In preparation for the evening, there will be practice for any student who wishes to go through the promotion exercises. Promotion practice for eighth grade students will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 during the school day at Manteno High School. Attendance at this practice is required unless a student is involved in a school-related activity during the practice time.

We are continuing our tradition of wearing purple gowns for the promotion ceremony. Students will keep their gowns as a memento of their promotion. The cost of the gown this year is \$20.00. Please have your son or daughter submit payment to the office before April 1, 2011. Arrangements have been made for full refunds should you move prior to promotion, you decide that you do not wish for your child to participate in promotion exercises, or if your child does not qualify for promotion due to poor academic performance or for non-payment of fees. If you prefer to use a purple gown from a previous year's ceremony, please bring it into the office to check to make sure the color has not faded. Josten's was at Manteno Middle School on February 9, 2011 to measure students for their gowns.

To pay the \$20.00 fee, simply send cash or check (payable to Manteno Middle School) for this amount with your son or daughter to the office on or before April 1, 2011. The cash or check should be **sealed in the enclosed envelope with your student's name**. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

To complete promotion attire, boys are requested to wear dress slacks and a white, collared shirt. Collared shirts are required and t-shirts or tank tops will be strictly prohibited. Ties are optional, but recommended. Please refrain from wearing sport coats or suit coats. Girls should wear regular length dresses or skirts, and blouses. Formal party style/ prom dresses are prohibited as they may not allow for appropriate fitting of gowns.

Please remember that in order for your child to participate in the promotion ceremony, **ALL** fees owed are due by Tuesday, May 17, 2011. If fees are not paid, your child will not participate in practice or the ceremony on the 24th.

Flowers are not appropriate with gowns; therefore they are discouraged. Girls will not be allowed to carry flowers on the stage.

A photographer from Premier Studios will take photos of your child as they receive their diploma. Information on ordering these photos will be mailed to your home shortly after the ceremony. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We are looking forward to seeing you at this fun and exciting event.

8th Grade Banquet-The annual 8th grade banquet will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011 from 6:00 until 8:30 pm. See details about the banquet on the attached document.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS INFORMATION BY FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011.

I would like my son's/daughter's name written in the following way on his/her promotion certificate. (Remember: this is a formal document and should have your son's/daughter's legal name. Only first and last names will be read during the promotion exercise. Please submit the first and last name, as you would want it read.

LEASE PRINT!!!!!!!!						
	FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME AS YOU WANT ON CERTIFICATE					
	FIRST AND LAST NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE READ DURING CEREM					

Due Date Check List

The following things are due by April 1, 2011:

- Diploma Name Slip
- Graduation T-Shirt Order Form and Money
- 8th Grade Banquet Permission Slip and Money
- Graduation gown payment of \$20.00

The following is due by May 17, 2011:

• All school fees your child may owe







Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 8th grade banquet will be held on **Monday**, **May 23**, **2011 from 6-8:30 pm** at the **Manteno High School commons**. The banquet is a student event, which will be chaperoned by MMS administrators and staff.

Once students arrive at the high school and enter the dance, they will not be allowed to leave early. This dance is **ONLY** for the MMS 8th grade class. No outside guests from another school or grade level are allowed. Students may be dropped off at the high school starting at 6:00 pm. If you would like to take photographs of your child outside in front of the high school, that is acceptable. Appetizers will be served from 6:30-8:30pm and ZD Sounds will provide music for dancing from 6-8:30pm. Students will be able to purchase soft drinks for a small cost once they have used their allotted drink tickets. NO outside food or drinks will be allowed. **The banquet will end promptly at 8:30, so please make sure a ride is waiting to pick your child up.**

Students must be in attendance at school all day on May 23. They **may NOT** leave school early for appointments (exceptions can be made by Mr. Conrad only by writing him in advance).

The school dress code will be followed for the evening. Boys are requested to wear casual dress pants and a shirt. Pants must be belted and worn at the waist. Sport coats and ties are not required. Girls are requested to wear dresses or skirts/dress pants with a blouse. Jeans and t-shirts will be prohibited for the night. If girls decide to wear a dress here are the requirements:

- Strapless dresses will be allowed only with a jacket being worn.
- Spaghetti strap dresses will be allowed as long as the dress is not low cut in the front and the back of the dress is not open down the center of the back.
- ❖ Halter dresses will be allowed as long as the back of the dress is not open down the center of the back. The length of all dresses should follow the school dress code which states, "Dresses should hang to a length equal to that of a student's fingertips when hanging naturally at her side."

There is a \$5.00 charge to each student for the banquet. The MMS Student Council will then pay the remainder of the cost.

Please sign and return the following permission slip by April 1, 2011 and return it with the \$5.00 fee. This fee can be paid by either cash or a check made out to Manteno Middle School. PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR THIS PURCHASE AND DO NOT INCLUDE IT WITH THE GRADUATION FEE TOTAL.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nichole Whitten at 928-7187 or nwhitten@manteno5.org.

Thank you,

Nichole Whitten MMS Student Council Sponsor PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PERMISSION SLIP BY APRIL 1, 2011 AND INCLUDE THE \$5.00 FEE. This fee can be paid by either cash or a check made out to Manteno Middle School. PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR THIS PURCHASE AND DO NOT INCLUDE IT WITH THE GRADUATION FEE TOTAL.

My child	has permission to attend the
8th grade banquet at the Manteno High School on M	Monday, May 23, 2011 from 6-8:30 pm. He/She will be at the high school at 8:30pm. I understand that my
Parent/ Guardian Signature:	
Date:	
Banquet Fee: (circle payment choice) Cash	Check: (check #)

Manteno Middle School 8th Grade Promotion T-Shirts



Front Design: purple t-shirt with white lettering and a black panther head

THE BACK OF THE SHIRT WILL HAVE A LIST OF CLASSMATES

PRICE: \$12.00 (S, M, L, XL) \$13.00 (XXL, XXXL)

Make checks payable to: Manteno Middle School PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR THIS PURCHASE AND DO NOT INCLUDE IT WITH THE GRADUATION FEE TOTAL.

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If you have any questions contact Mrs. Whitten 928-7187 or nwhitten@manteno5.org Please return order form on or before April 1, 2011.