



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.

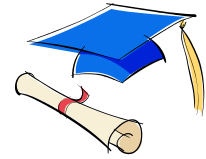
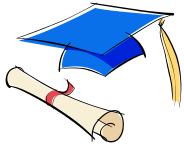
Due Date Check List

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

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My child _____ has permission to attend the 8th grade banquet at the Manteno High School on Monday, May 23, 2011 from 6-8:30 pm. He/She will be at the high school by 6:00 pm and will be picked up at the high school at 8:30pm. I understand that my child must be in school all day on May 23th and that there is a dress code to follow for the banquet.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Banquet Fee: (circle payment choice) Cash Check: (check #) _____



Manteno Middle School

8th Grade Promotion T-Shirts

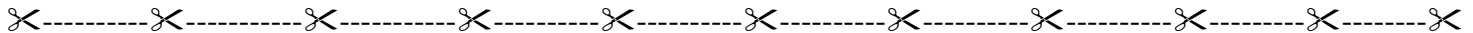


Front Design: purple t-shirt with white lettering and a black panther head

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
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STUDENTS NAME (FIRST AND LAST): _____

PURPLE T-SHIRT SIZE: _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** _____

LAST CORE CLASS HOUR TEACHER'S NAME: _____

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