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Both district schools have earned honors as 2008 Illinois Spotlight Schools.

January 2012

Dear Eighth Grade Parents –

The events for the 8th graders are in the process of being planned for our students. The 8th graders will meet as a grade level with all their teachers and myself to briefly review these events and the academic and behavior expectations we have for our students for the remainder of the school year. We are looking forward to celebrating the transition from Burr Ridge Middle School to High School with them and you. Please review the information below:

School Fees

All outstanding school fees **must be paid by May 4, 2012 to attend all the events below**. If you have a question regarding fees, please contact the school office. (630-734-6670) Your student will not receive a cap and gown or diploma until all fees and all books are turned in. We will notify parents of these fees throughout the remainder of the school year.

Textbooks/Library Books/Band Uniforms & Instruments

All of the above must be returned in good condition and be turned in by **Friday, May 18, 2012**.

8th Grade T-Shirt

Would you like your student to have a great memento from their 8th grade year? We have t-shirts that we will be ordering for the class of 2012. The logo – 2012 – will appear with all graduates signatures.

Cost - \$10.00 (cash or online)

Payment Due – Friday, April 6th

January 26 – Cap and Gown Measurement

Students will be called down in the morning to be measured for their Cap and Gown. Students need to purchase their Cap and Gown. Some parents did this through online registration.

Cost – \$25.00 (cash or online payment)

Payment Due – Friday, April 6th (cash or online)

January 26 – 8th Grade Graduation Pictures

Individual pictures of students will be taken in the morning of students in cap and gown attire. Packages available for individual purchase through Lifetouch Pictures.

January 26 – 8th Grade Picture of the Class

Class Picture – will be taken in the morning of the 8th grade class.

March 9 - 8th Grade Snowflake

Snowflake is sponsored by Hinsdale South High School. Permission forms will be available through the social worker, and students will need to turn them in by deadline. BRMS will provide transportation to and from this event. Look for more information to come.

Cost – Look for more information (Cash to Social Worker for dinner costs at high school)

Payment Due – Information will be on the permission form

May 21 – Breakfast of Champions

Students who have made the honor roll throughout the school year are invited to attend a breakfast from 7AM – 7:35 AM. Parents are welcome.

When – Monday, May 21, 2012

Where – BRMS Cafeteria

May 21 - 8th Grade Graduation Practice

Graduation will be held at Ashton Place in Willowbrook. 8th Grade students will practice for graduation on this day in the BRMS gym. *All students wishing to participate in the ceremony must be present in school for the full day.*

May 22 - 8th Grade Awards Day

8th grade students will be honored with academic and athletic awards during this formal ceremony.

When – Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012

Where – Burr Ridge Middle School Gym

Time – 8:00 – 9:00 AM

May 22 - 8th Grade Chicago Trip

Students will leave BRMS and travel to downtown Chicago to board the Odyssey. Lunch will be served. DJ and Dancing will be also be provided. Students should depart the ship around 1:30 PM and will then have some time to walk around Navy Pier. The bus will leave downtown Chicago around 3:00 PM. There will be a drop off at both AMJES and BRMS.

When – Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012

Where – Odyssey Lunch Cruise, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL

Time – Depart BRMS at 9:15 AM

Cost - \$55.00 per student (cash or online)

Payment Due – Friday, April 20th

May 23 - Six Flags Great America Trip

Students must meet behavior and academic expectations to attend this event. Refunds are not guaranteed.

When – Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012

Time – Bus leaves BRMS at 8:30 AM and departs from Great America (Gurnee, IL) at 7:00 PM. Students will be dropped off at either Anne M Jeans School or Burr Ridge Middle School between 8:15 PM and 8:30 PM.

Dress – Attire must conform to the Six Flags Great America dress code requirements. Students dressed improperly will not be allowed to participate. The following CANNOT be brought into Six Flags: Food/Beverage; Coolers; Water jugs; Radios; Tape Players; Walkie Talkies; Clothing with obscene or offensive words/sayings/or depictions; Purses/backpacks/bags are subject to search. Refusal to search will result in no admission to the park or ejection from Six Flag's property. Six Flag's has a dress code: shirts (no bikini tops) and shoes must be worn at all times; baseball caps must be worn with the bill straight ahead or straight back; revealing clothing that is deemed unacceptable by Park Personnel. Line jumping, Profanity, or other disorderly conduct will not be tolerated and if necessary, parents will be called to pick up the student from the park.

Cost - \$35.00 (cash or payment online). Students will need to bring their own spending money for the day. *If you have a season pass, please bring it with you on the trip. If you forget your season pass, you will need to pay \$35.00 to attend the trip. ALSO – inform the school secretary that you have a season pass by the payment deadline.*

Payment Due – by Friday, April 20th.

May 24th - 8th Grade Graduation

Each family will receive 4 tickets for this formal event. A waiting list will begin in APRIL if families are requesting more tickets.

When – Thursday, May 24th, 2012

Where – Ashton Place - 341 75th Street, Willowbrook

Arrival – Graduates MUST meet at Ashton Place by 6:15 PM.

Ceremony Time – The ceremony starts promptly at 7:00 PM. **Late arrivals will not be admitted into the ceremony. Tickets are required for entrance.** The ceremony is around 30 minutes in length.

Dress – Cap and Gown are required for participation in the ceremony. Please hang the gown to remove wrinkles. Mist if necessary. Gym Shoes and Flip Flops are not permitted. Flowers or Sashes are also not permitted to be worn on the gown.

Expectations – This is a formal ceremony. During the ceremony, balloons and any other gifts that could obstruct the vision or disrupt the ceremony, will be kept outside the auditorium. Flowers and other gifts cannot disrupt the ceremony and need to be given after the graduates dismiss from the auditorium. These items may not be presented to the graduate during the ceremony for it distracts from all the hard work these students have done.

Professional Photographer – A photographer will be at the event taking photos of each student receiving his/her diploma. Payment to the photographer is expected that evening if you are interested.

Special Requirements – If you have a family member that requires special arrangements or seating, please call the school secretary at 734-6670.

We would like to work as a team with you to make these end-of-the-year activities enjoyable for our students and families.

Sincerely,

Julie Bartell