

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

June 19, 2023

Dear 8th Grade Families,

With the last day of school just around the corner, I wanted to provide you with a quick update on end of the year activities.

- **BBQ:** Thank you to our friends at Dedham Police for sponsoring the annual Grade 8 BBQ at Memorial Field Wednesday afternoon. Please be sure your child wears sunscreen that day!
- **Dance:** The semi-formal dance will take place on Wednesday, June 21st from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Tomorrow is the last day for students to purchase tickets! Tickets will not be sold at the door and please keep in mind that this event is for current DMS 8th grade students only. The chaperones and I appreciate your on time arrival for pick up at 9:00 pm (it is a school night for all of us!).
- **Promotion Ceremony:** This will take place in the DMS gym at 9:00 am on Thursday June 22nd. Doors will open at 8:30 am. You do not need to purchase a ticket and based on capacity within the gymnasium, we recommend only 2-3 family members in attendance.
- **Post-Promotion Ceremony Plans:** Students may go home with you following the ceremony. Rather than have families sign students out via the main office, you can indicate on [this](#) form if you plan to dismiss your child on Thursday morning.
- **Summer Reading:** All students attending DHS in the fall of 2023 recently received their summer reading book group via email from their school librarian. Additional information regarding the summer reading program (how to earn credit, how to find a book, etc) can be found in that same email. If your student does not currently have a summer reading group, please ask your student to follow the procedure outlined in the email or to contact Mrs. Johnson and/or Mr. Burd. If you or your student are uncomfortable with the current group selection and would like to switch groups, please email Mrs. Johnson and/or Mr. Burd so they can facilitate that process.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the ceremony on Thursday morning!

With gratitude,
Karen

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