Welcome to
Washington Middle School
8th Grade Parents Meeting
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Goals

• To inform the parents and guardians of our 8th grade students how important this year is and to make them aware of important events and activities.

• To remind our 8th grade students of their responsibility to continue to work hard and maintain good grades.

• To acquaint parents and students with opportunities available at Harrison High School.

• To have our students enjoy the rewards of their hard work.
Important Academic Dates to Remember:

• **October 21st** – Student progress reports emailed home.

• **November 22th** - Report cards will be emailed.

• **December 16th** – Student progress reports will be mailed home.

• **January 13th-17th** - Benchmark testing
• January 24th - Report cards will be emailed.
• April 27th to May 20th - NJSLA Testing.
• May 16th - Student progress reports will be mailed home.
• May 29th and 30th – NJASK Science
• JUNE 18th - Graduation (254 Days! From tonight)
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment.

3.73 % Average Increase in Math.
10.8 % Average Increase in LA.

The Strategies we have put in place are working but...

We need your help to make your child successful!
Benchmark TESTS and Grades

• Parent role is to monitor
• Power School
• Academic planning and Priorities are keys to your child’s Success.

Assist your child with Time management skills
Class Rings

- Our WMS school ring is the September Blue stone in a silvertone setting.
- Any 8th grade student may order a school ring if they choose to.
- Payment is due upon ordering.
- Any late orders are not guaranteed to arrive in time for our Ring Ceremony.

- There will be a representative from Josten’s will be in school on Thursday November 1st to measure and accept orders.
Graduation Pictures

• A representative from Lifetouch Pictures will be in school on October 16th to take 8th grade Graduation Pictures. Range $23 to $61
• Photos look best when students wear white collared shirt blouses or a white turtleneck shirt.
Yearbook

• The yearbook is a culmination of memories of your student’s 3 years at Washington Middle School.
• The PTO sponsors an autograph party for the students to sign each other’s yearbooks.
8th Grade Trip

• The 8th grade trip is to Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom.
• A payment plan is available which begins in January.
• Once payment has been made refunds will only be given if tickets have not yet been purchased.
GRADUATION

• The date of the Graduation Ceremony is not determined until the April Board of Education Meeting.
• All students are required to purchase a Cap & Gown to wear to the ceremony.
• Due to the large amount of students only 3 tickets per family are allowed.
• Proper attire is required under your gown. Regulations will be sent home in June.

• Parents please be conscious of this when planning vacations!
The Dinner Dance is held on the evening of the last day of school from 6:30-9:30pm.

A signed permission slip is required along with payment.

Proper attire is required that evening.

A buffet style dinner is offered along with a DJ and night filled with FOOD, FRIENDS, and FUN!!
Violations
Ineligible List: Students who fail two or more subjects at the end of Semester 1 will be placed on Ineligible List. They will not be eligible for any school activities: Teams, Clubs, Dances, Trips, etc. Appeal process will be with each teacher when grades improve.
Consequences!!!

• The student is accountable for his/her actions!

• YOU the students control YOUR behavior!

• YOU the students can lose:
  • Attending the Ring Ceremony
  • Attending the Autograph Party
  • Attending the Dorney Park Trip
  • ATTENDING GRADUATION!!

IT’S UP TO YOU!!!
Expenses

• School Ring - $75.00 + (packages are available)
• Graduation Pictures - $31.00 + (packages are available)
• Yearbook - $30.00
• Dorney Park - $65.00 (PTO pays for the buses)
• Cap & Gown - $25.00
• Dinner Dance - $45.00

• YOUR CHILD GRADUATING - PRICELESS!!