Welcome to
Washington Middle School
8th Grade Parents Meeting
@WMS_Patriots
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 5th** – Student progress reports emailed home.

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

• **December 14th** – Student progress reports will be mailed home.

• **January 15th-19th** - Benchmark testing
• **January 24th** - Report cards will be emailed.

• **May 7th to May 28th** - P.A.R.C.C. Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.

• **May 10th** - Student progress reports will be mailed home.

• **May 29th and 30th** – NJASK Science

• **JUNE 21st** - Graduation (254 Days! From tonight)
P.A.R.C.C.

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. Based on the Common Core Standards. 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 18th to take 8th grade Graduation Pictures. Range $23 to $61
- Girls are to wear white collared blouses or a white turtleneck shirt.
- Boys are to wear a white collared shirt and tie.
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 conscience of this when planning vacations!
Dinner Dance

- 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
DON’T skip school...Get Involved!
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 - $26.00
• Dorney Park - $60.00 (PTO pays for the buses)
• Cap & Gown - $25.00
• Dinner Dance - $40.00

• YOUR CHILD GRADUATING - PRICELESS!!