

8th Grade Families,

Congratulations!! Your child is 3 short months away from completing middle school and heading on to high school!! Being a parent myself and watching both my sons pass this milestone already, I know the pride and emotions you're feeling as they approach this transition. I wanted to update you on all things 8th grade so you (and your calendars) are prepared as we end this school year. Here is all the information you'll need:

8th Grade Celebration Event (June 14) – This is an afternoon school carnival type event that we hold to celebrate and have fun with our 8th graders prior to them leaving us. There will be games for them to play, prizes to win, food to eat, bouncy house style courses to run through, etc. etc. Here's what we need from you to help make this event special.

- 1) Our PTA and ASB run this event on a very very small budget. If you'd be willing to donate \$10 (or more) to support the success of this fun afternoon, it would be appreciated. The donations will go to purchase the prizes, food, etc. that are needed to make this extra special for our 8th graders. You can send in cash or check (payable to Mt. Baker PTA) to the main office here at Baker. Or you can donate with a credit/debit card through the link [HERE](#) and it will go directly to our PTA.
- 2) We will also looking for parent volunteers to help with this event. More information on that will come a few weeks prior to the event.

8th Grade Chromebook Turn-In Day (Thursday, June 13) – all 8th graders will turn in their Chromebooks this day. They'll need to have their Chromebook, Case, and Charging Cord to turn in. Now would be a great time to make sure your child knows where each of those items are. Fines may be assessed if any of those items are missing. They'll get a brand-new Chromebook when they enter high school in the Fall.

8th Grade Awards Assembly (June 17) – If your child will be receiving any awards at this event, you will be notified so you can attend. Those notifications from teachers will begin coming out by late May/early June.

8th Grade Promotion (graduation) Ceremony (June 18) – We can't wait to celebrate your kids and officially declare them FRESHMAN! Here are the details of this special event.

- It will start at 8am and last approximately an hour.
- 8th grade students should arrive at school at the normal time that day and go to their 1st period class to prepare for the ceremony and walk down to it with their class.
- It will be VERY packed in our gymnasium that morning. Arrive early to find a seat in the bleachers.
- Parking will be difficult, but we make it work with the following:

- All staff will park out behind the school that day, leaving all parking lot spaces open to parents/families. You may park in any lot (front main lot, side lot by the gym, back bus/staff lot). Please do not park in yellow curb areas or handicapped parking without the proper permit.
- We'll also have parking on the baseball outfield (Puyallup fair style) on the bus/staff parking side of the school. This works best for trucks/SUV's as there is a small curb to go over to enter the field. If you have a larger vehicle, please consider this option to leave regular spots open for smaller vehicles. Thank you in advance.
- **NO BALLOONS** will be allowed in the gym. Please don't bring them.
- Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration!
- When the ceremony is complete (around 9am), you may take your child home to continue celebrating or they can stay at school for the rest of the day. The next day (June 19) there is no school – Juneteenth holiday....and then the 20th is the actual last day of school and it's only a 2-hour school day. If your child will not be attending this 2-hour day, please call the attendance office to let us know. Thanks in advance for that.

Again, we can't wait to celebrate your kids!!! I'll send more information/reminders for each event as it approaches.

Greg Brown, Principal