



MESSALONSKEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents,

EIGHTH GRADE RECOGNITION NIGHT will be held in the Messalonskee High School Gym on Thursday, June 21st, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We chose to have the event in the gym due to the number of people who attend each year. To move the event would either be expensive or we would need to limit the number of family members who could attend. In the past we have been over capacity in the MHS gymnasium, so we will be streaming the video and sound from the gym to the Performing Arts Center, providing an overflow area. This will eliminate the need for people to be standing in the doorways and will provide a cool location for people with issues with heat. Please realize that the gym will get very warm so dress accordingly. Academic awards were previously presented at the Celebration of Excellence this year. The Recognition Night will include student speeches, music, the student slide show and the awarding of certificates.

“THE EIGHTH GRADE CELEBRATION”, our final eighth-grade-only social event, will be held immediately following our recognition assembly. From then until 10:30 p.m. we will spend time together enjoying all that the Alford Youth Center in Waterville has to offer. These include a game room, dance studio with a DJ, swimming pool and climbing wall, as well as basketball and volleyball courts. Refreshments will be provided by our faculty and parents. **Students attending the Youth Center will need to provide \$10 each to offset the cost of this event.** Please contact your child’s school counselor directly for situations of financial need.

In an effort to make each of these events positive for everyone, the following guidelines and rules will be in effect:

- All students moving to ninth grade at Messalonskee are encouraged to attend our final Recognition Night. All students will receive commencement certificates as well as recognition of their new status as MHS students.
- Students are asked to wear nice clothes to the Recognition Night. Please do not wear jeans or T-shirts. We suggest nice pants and button shirts with collars (ties optional!) and simple casual dresses.
- Students are asked to arrive at Messalonskee High School no later than 5:30 p.m. You are to meet in the cafeteria and then proceed to the MHS gym to be seated.

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- Students will leave by bus directly from the high school to attend "The Eighth Grade Celebration", which is held at the Alford Youth Center in Waterville. Attendance will be taken to ensure that all attending are accounted for.

- Students attending the social event will be given a ticket ahead of time at MMS. This will allow us to make bus lists, provide enough refreshments and enroll them in door prize drawings. Only MMS eighth graders will be allowed to attend "The Eighth Grade Celebration"; our last night is not a "guest night." Students owing money for (lost books, overdue library books, etc.) will not be permitted to attend our Celebration at the Alford Youth Center until their debt is cleared with the office.

- Students will want to bring a change of clothing with them to allow for participation in the offered activities, including a bathing suit as well as a towel. Sneakers are required on all courts. Locker rooms will be available during the evening.

- Staff and parent chaperones will be in each area and other parents are welcome to visit throughout the evening if they would like.

- Students will be returning with their chaperones to MMS by bus from Waterville. **If a parent wishes to pick up his/her child directly from the Alford Center, we ask that a note be sent in with the attached permission slip.** Students will only be allowed to leave with the individual designated in the note. This is for your safety and is done to make our evening a successful and positive one.

- Parents are asked to meet returning students at MMS at 11:00 p.m.

Part of our planning includes putting together a refreshment table. If you are willing to donate snacks, gift cards to Korner Store for pizza, door prizes, or if you are willing to chaperone at the Alford Youth Center, please indicate so on the attached form.

If you have any questions regarding "The Eighth Grade Celebration," please contact us at the Middle School at 465-2167.

See you on June 21st!
Sincerely,



Mark Hatch
Principal

Every student attending the Eighth Grade Celebration must return this completed form along with \$10 fee to the main office

Student's Name: _____

Team: _____

Parent's Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

I would be willing to: (Please check all that apply)

_____ **Donate food item(s).** Please bring food to the school on June 21st before noon only if you are contacted by phone or email.

Please check those that apply:

- _____ Baked Goods
- _____ Vegetable/fruit platters
- _____ Bottled Water (tiny bottles)

_____ **Gift card to Korner Store (Oakland) to provide pizza for the event**

_____ **Chaperone at Alford Youth Center**

(you will be contacted by phone/email)

If you are interested in chaperoning, please fill out a volunteer application and return to the main office as soon as possible.

_____ **Donate Door Prizes** (gift certificates for fast food restaurants, CD's, movie passes, etc.) These items may be dropped off in the main office at any time. You **do not** have to be contacted in order to donate.

Transportation Home
PLEASE CHECK ONE

_____ Ride back to MMS on bus to be picked up by 11:00 p.m.

_____ will be picked up by private vehicle directly from the Alford Center. I know I will need to come into the main lobby of the facility to sign my student out.

Parent Signature: REQUIRED _____

Contact Phone Number (night of event) _____