



**DAVID T. HOWARD**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

May 18, 2022

Dear Parents,

We've finally come to the end of the 2021-2022 school year. It has been a successful year of teaching and learning. We are appreciative and thankful for your efforts in making this year one of positive academic and social growth. It is important that our scholars continue to work hard and act as positive role models as we finish the school year.

In preparation for the last week of school, we wanted to reiterate the importance of all students maintaining appropriate behavior and attending school regularly. Teachers will continue to provide engaging activities to students in the classroom for the remainder of the year. It also continues to be our expectation that students make good behavior choices for the remainder of the year.

While we hope that all students are able to enjoy our end of year activities, we must remind you that participation is a privilege. Students in violation of our school's code of conduct as stated in the APS Student Handbook will be **ineligible** to participate in 8th grade activities. Please see below a reminder of the criteria for participation.

**Any instance in which a student receives:**

- 1 Saturday School**
- 1 OSS**
- 1 Office Referral**
- 2 or more Detentions**
- 4 PING's**

**students will be ineligible to participate in one of more of the 8th grade activities.**

**IMPORTANT DATES/ INFORMATION:**

Please join the 8th grade Remind101 using the code @dthms8th for IMPORTANT and immediate reminders and updates about the remainder of the school year. 8th grade activity fee payments can still be made at <https://apsk12.schoolcashonline.com/> The prorated fee is \$37.50. You will have to register for an account and then add your students name to the platform.

**Device Return & Locker Clean-out-Friday May 20, 2022**

Students will return devices on May 20, 2022. Please include device chargers and any other accessory that was given to the student. Any students that will be attending summer school will need to keep their device for use this summer. All 8th grade students will clean lockers out on this day also.

**Voting Day - May 24, 2022**

All students will be required to enter the building from the rear, through the cafeteria due to voting in the gym.

### **Bookbags - May 20, 2022**

After students return their devices, no bookbags will be allowed in the building. The last day for students to bring book bags will be May 20, 2022. Locker clean out will occur on May 20, 2022 and students will use provided paper and pencil for any remaining academic exercises.

### **Outside Food Orders**

As a reminder, students are not allowed to order outside food and have it delivered to the building. **We will not accept any outside orders for students in the main office** and refunds will not be given.

### **Summer School**

For any student who may need to sign up for summer school, please contact Ms. Ushry at [cushry@apsk12.org](mailto:cushry@apsk12.org).

### **Yearbooks - May 23, 2022**

Yearbooks will be signed out to students who purchased a yearbook during advisement on Monday, May 23, 2022. If a student has not picked up their yearbook by the last day of school, they will be in the main office for pick up. Please email Ms. Beadles [srbeadles@apsk12.org](mailto:srbeadles@apsk12.org) to **schedule** a time to pick up yearbooks.

### **\*\*8th grade Activity Details**

#### **Awards Program Rehearsal (Students only)-Friday May 20, 2022 & Monday, May 23, 2022**

Awards program rehearsal will be conducted after 8th grade lunch during connections extending through Core 3. Students will rehearse the processional, recessional, and other logistics in preparation for the program.

#### **Outdoor Activity Day/Picnic – Tuesday May 24, 2022**

Field day will be held from 10am-2pm. In order to prevent injury, please have students dress appropriately with tennis shoes. Students will be enjoying outdoor activities that may require physical movement. Students are encouraged to wear their 8th grade t-shirt for field day. Lunch will be provided. Students are allowed to bring snacks. Students are NOT allowed to have any items/food delivered by 3rd parties (i.e. door dash, uber eats, etc). Students are encouraged to dress for warm weather and to use sunblock if needed. Students are allowed to bring blankets for use during the lunch break. This will be a day of excitement for our scholars. Various activities have been planned to include water balloon toss, outdoor scavenger hunt, tug of war, flag football, balloon relay, double dutch, and much more. Students will be under the supervision of DT Howards staff during the field day event.

[Sign-up genius to donate items](#) Please send donated items to the main office and let them know that it is for 8th grade. Thank-you in advance. At this time, we are not in need of parent volunteers. In case of a need Dr. Harper will reach out to parents for support.

#### **Movie Day-Wednesday May 25, 2022**

Movie Day will begin at approximately 10am. Students will have the option to sign-up for the movie of their choice beginning Friday, May 20th. Students will be allowed to bring snacks for movie day.

### **8th Grade Dance–Wednesday May 25, 2022**

The dance will be held from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the courtyard/cafeteria. Students must be present at school on May 25th in order to attend the dance. Early dismissal is permissible beginning at 11:30am. Students that have siblings graduating from Midtown High School are exempt from this requirement. Students must depart school at the conclusion of the school day. Students are not allowed to remain on campus for the dance. The dance is not formal. Students should dress nicely. Evening gowns and tuxedos are not required. Students must be picked up from the dance no later than 8:40 pm. Drop off for the dance is in the front of the building (car rider lane). Pick-up from the dance is in the rear of the building (bus rider lane)

### **Awards Program – Thursday May 26, 2022**

The 8th grade awards program will begin at 11:00am in the DT Howard gymnasium. Doors will open for guests at 10:00am. Tickets are not required. Guests should enter through the gymnasium doors. All parents/guests must be seated by 10:30 am or they may have to wait until after the students enter the gym.

Due to limited neighborhood parking we suggest using the King Center for parking.

This is a formal recognition program. Students are asked to dress appropriately (No jeans, gym shorts, ripped/torn clothing, etc.). Students are also strongly suggested to wear shoes that will support traveling on the gymnasium stairs (i.e, no flip flops, etc.). **Balloons are not allowed** in the gymnasium. Breakfast will be provided to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students prior to the celebration. Students will enter the gymnasium from outside the gymnasium doors and travel down the two middle sets of gymnasium stairs. Please keep the stairways clear for our scholars. Students will exit in the same manner.

Students may be checked out by a parent/guardian following the ceremony.

- Check out Procedures–Please complete this google form to notify us if you intend to check your scholar out immediately after the awards program  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetq3XV9e0UWSVXVTb0QGXEWRREYKCfmyoosCrhuq0JSTkq5g/viewform>
- At the conclusions of the program, advisory teachers will be stationed outside of the gymnasium at check-out tables to assist parents/guardians in checking students out of school. Parents/guardians must physically sign students out of school on this day.

We look forward to celebrating our scholars. If you have any questions, please reach out to the following staff members:

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