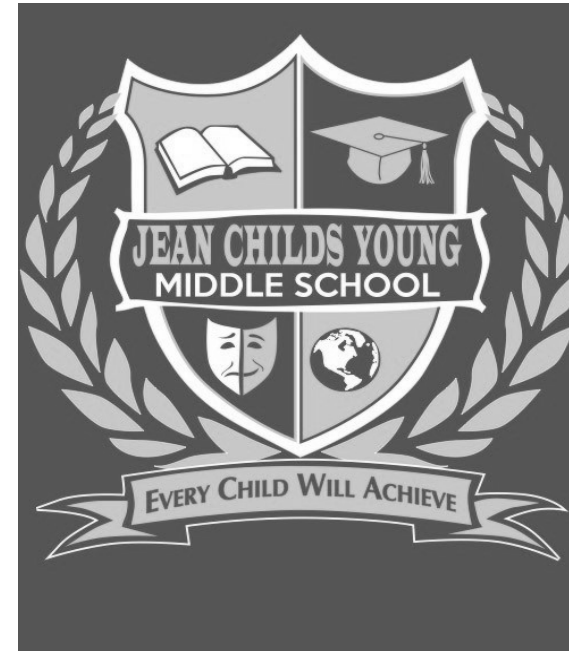


YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL
CLOSING CEREMONY
HANDBOOK

CEREMONY MAY 24, 2023



“REBUILDING THE LEGACY”

DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM

MR. RON GARLINGTON, PRINCIPAL
MR. RODERIC HISTER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

1. Students are not permitted to leave the assembly area for any reason after they line up.
2. All guest who are not seated in the gymnasium by the start of the program will not be seated until after all 8th graders have processed.
3. Parking is at a premium. Parents are encouraged to depart early enough to ensure an on time arrival and a place to park. Other viable options should be considered, including carpooling or public transportation.
4. All guests should enter through the gym lobby area on the Lynhurst side of the building.
5. Every guest will be required to pass through a security check point before gaining entry into the gym.
6. Guests are required to adhere to all APS policies while on campus. Unruly guests will be asked to leave the ceremony.
7. Students can sign out immediately following the ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS, NO BALLOONS WILL BE PERMITTED INSIDE OF THE GYMNASIUM.



Code of Conduct

It is the right of every 8th grade student to participate in a dignified ceremony. This ceremony should reflect excellence and adhere to established academic etiquette and protocol. Anything less defeats the real purpose and nullifies the unique educational value of the closing ceremony. In order to provide memorable moments to be treasured throughout the life span of our scholars, there must be cooperation between the participants, planners, and audience. The audience can show their personal love and respect for their loved one, as well as to all scholars by following the guidelines listed below:

1. Arrive at the gymnasium at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time in order to be comfortably seated.
2. Occupy only the seats you and your family, and guests are actually seated in, and do not reserve seats with personal possessions.
3. Move to the center of the row so that others will not have to squeeze pass you.
4. Take no more than a single program. Every 8th grader will receive a program following the ceremony.
5. Follow the directions of the ushers and guides.
6. Refrain from blocking the view of others by standing or obstructing the processional.
7. Save applause until awards in a single category have been read.
8. Refrain from any conduct that might be distracting to the ceremony (profanity, cat calls, yelling, etc.).
9. Use common courtesy in relating to other members of the audience.

Closing Exercise Attire

Dress Code

- ◆ *White dress, white skirt or pants and white blouse*
- ◆ *Black pants*
- ◆ *White shirt*
- ◆ *Solid red tie*
- ◆ *Dark shoes and socks*

(No evening dresses or jeans of any sort)

Outfits must be school appropriate.

Dresses should not be floor length and must pass the "fingertip" test.

No dark glasses or coats will be worn in the line or during the ceremony

Due to limited space purses should be left with parents or relatives because they cannot be carried during the ceremony. Please do not use heavy powder or perfume.

Young ladies be sure to wear dark undergarments without prints. Remember white is often see through.

8th graders will be pulled out of the closing ceremony if they are not properly dressed and on time.

THINGS FOR YOU TO REMEMBER

1. Students are not allowed to have cellular devices during the Closing Ceremony.
2. Strict adherence to the time schedule will make your ceremony more pleasant and memorable.