



# BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"*

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Dear Bulldog Families:

Considering the Governor's recent executive order that schools will remain closed throughout the remainder of the school year, the administrative team of all three middle schools wanted to provide an update of events that we unfortunately must cancel. This comes with a heavy heart that while we understand that this is a reality, it is a reality that we hoped we did not have to face. We know how important the culmination of a school year is for students as they bring closure to a year and look forward to the promise of an active summer. Not only that, but the importance of a proper send off to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who we all have seen grow and mature in the last 3 years. This is not something any staff member takes lightly, and we understand the magnitude of the loss of these experiences. This letter will detail the cancelled events. For specific events, please consult the school's website, social media outlet, SwiftK12 announcements or Remind for more information. As always, feel free to reach out to our building administrators.

#### **Cancelled Events for the Spring of the 2019-20 School Year:**

- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Music High Notes Festivals
- Spring Musicals
- PTO Sponsored Events including recognition events such as Bulldog Bash, Rally in the Valley, and Rockin' at the Ridge.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip
- Spring Concerts
- Field Trips, Classroom Extended Activities

The staff and administrative teams at each school are committed to honoring our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. While each school plans to honor their 8<sup>th</sup> graders in their own unique way, each school will conduct a digital, asynchronous ceremony, commemorating and valuing our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and providing them the recognition they so deserve. The staff will work on giving a recognition event to be displayed on the Washington Township School's Youtube Channel.

This is certainly not the ideal way to close out a memorable school year, but in the light of this adversity, we need to ensure that safety is paramount. This is our attempt to honor our students, especially the 8<sup>th</sup> graders the best we can.

We wish all families the best, and please reach out to your school administrators should you have any questions.

Very Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio