



# BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

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June 1, 2021

Dear Families of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

I wanted to put in a formal letter information I alluded to in my weekly newsletter. With the latest directives from the governor, we are proud to announce that we are going to have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition ceremony. While some view this as a graduation or promotion ceremony, it is not. I will not be confirming promotion or retention at this event. Rather it is a recognition of the work students have done throughout the year. We will also recognize students and those 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have earned high achievement in their class.

On June 16, 2021, at 9am (Rain date June 17), in the back lot, we are conducting the ceremony. We ask a few things:

1. Each family is allowed 2 guests. Guests should bring their own chairs or be prepared to stand/sit socially distanced. Students will be sitting with their peers.
2. Most of the back lot will be blocked off to ensure safety of our students. Unfortunately, that means the 2 guests should park in the front lot and walk outside to the back of the school. We will not be able to accommodate families walking through the building during the school day.
3. Students will be arranged and seated by study hall/4<sup>th</sup> period. They will sit alphabetically with that class.
4. Following the ceremony, students will be escorted back to class by their teachers to conclude the remaining class festivities...such as yearbook signing and snacks and music. These festivities are not open to the families, just our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
5. Following the ceremony, we ask that families make their way off campus.
6. **We strongly request that parents NOT sign their children out of school after the ceremony but allow us to safely dismiss at the end of the school day normally. We have 200 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The office would have to sign out each student and we cannot safely accommodate for the sign out of that large amount of students at one time. Also, that would take away from their festivities.**

**Students doing learning remotely.**

7. We will attempt to record the event to the best of our ability, but we cannot do a live recording.

8. **If your child is doing remote learning and would like to participate in the ceremony/festivities, they MUST be here by 8am and report to their 4<sup>th</sup> period class/study hall. That first hour takes practice and organization. If they are not here by 8am, Bunker Hill unfortunately cannot accommodate them in the ceremony. If they choose to come, we request that they stay for the duration of the day.**
9. **For families, whose children are remote we ask that you notify the main office (856) 881-7007 x5010 by Monday June 14, 2021, if your child intends to participate in the ceremony.**

On June 17, 2021, if the weather is good, we will have snacks and fun field day like activities for the students to commemorate their last day.

We are so happy that the restrictions have lifted to the point where we can have some normalcy in the ceremony. While this is a wonderful moment for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we will miss them terribly. Speaking for the staff at Bunker Hill we are saddened that their middle school experience was abbreviated. We know they are going to continue their journey as they really start to specialize in the academics and future goals they would like to pursue.

If you have any questions, please consider emailing me or Mrs. DiJohn our main office secretary ([ddijohn@wtps.org](mailto:ddijohn@wtps.org)).

Have a good rest of the week Bulldog Families!



Very Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio