

## CMS Eighth Grade Farewell/End-of-Year Events 2019

HCPSS middle schools do not have graduations. At CMS, we call the end-of-the-year events for our eighth grade Farewell, a series of special activities in May and June for our departing eighth grade class. The students will receive their Farewell T-shirts in late May and will be involved in much of the planning for their Farewell activities.

### Schedule of Events:

*Wednesday, May 22:* Farewell information will be distributed.

*Tuesday, May 28:* Farewell T-shirts distributed.

*Thursday, May 30:* Eighth Grade Spirit Day! Students wear their Farewell T-shirts.  
Class photo!

*Monday, June 3:* Payment for Farewell is due to front office (\$35).

*Wednesday, June 5:* Eighth Grade visit to high schools in the morning.

*Tuesday, June 18:* **Farewell Day:** Indoor activities, picnic, outdoor games

*Wednesday, June 19:* Farewell Program and Reception in the River Hill High School auditorium from 6:00 – 7:45 PM followed by the Eighth Grade Social in the CMS cafeteria from 8 – 10 PM. **Due to space limitations, each student will receive only two tickets per family** (the eighth grade student does not need a ticket). We do not have space for siblings or extended family members.

*Wednesday, June 19:* Farewell Social at CMS 8:00-10:00 PM in the CMS cafeteria

*Thursday, June 20:* **Eighth Grade Awards Assembly** 8:40 – 10:00 AM cafeteria. Parents are invited to attend.

*Friday, June 21:* **Eighth Grade Breakfast and Entertainment** 8:40 - 10:00 AM in the cafeteria.

Please read the attached FAQs which will answer questions about the fee and each of the Farewell activities. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Scheetz with any additional questions at [barbara.scheetz@hcpss.org](mailto:barbara.scheetz@hcpss.org).

## **Farewell FAQs**

### ***What is the cost for Farewell?***

The cost for Farewell will be \$35. Parents may pay on line using OSP. Please go to the OSP website: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd> to pay for student school fees by debit or credit card. Payment is due by **Monday, June 3rd**.

If you are paying by cash or check, please place your payment in an envelope with your child's name on the front with the word FAREWELL and have your child return the envelope to the front office. Please make checks payable to CMS.

### ***What does the Farewell fee include?***

The \$35 covers all costs of the end-of-year eighth grade items and events (T-shirts, program and reception, social (food, decorations, and DJ), picnic snacks, goodie bags, awards, breakfast).

### ***Can parents volunteer to help with Farewell?***

Yes! If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of the Farewell events, please contact Beth Anna Varson at [bethanna\\_varson@verizon.net](mailto:bethanna_varson@verizon.net). If you have already emailed me expressing an interest in volunteering, I have forwarded your name to Beth Anna, but you may want to email her directly to follow up.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic FAQs**

**Tuesday, June 18th on the CMS blacktop and fields.**

### ***What should I wear to the picnic?***

You should wear your Farewell T-shirt and comfortable shorts/pants and shoes for games/sports.

### ***What are the plans for lunch?***

Bring your own picnic lunch or share lunches with friends. Rita's Italian Ice and snacks will be provided after lunch. Water is available all afternoon.

### ***Is there anything else I should bring?***

Please remember to apply sunblock before you come to school. Students often bring cards, Frisbees, sports equipment and board games.

### ***May parents volunteer to help with the picnic?***

Yes! Please contact Beth Anna Varson @ [bethanna\\_varson@verizon.net](mailto:bethanna_varson@verizon.net).

## **Farewell Program and Social FAQs**

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at River Hill High School

### ***What should students wear to the program and social?***

The attire is dressy casual (should be dressier than usual school clothes). No shorts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, T-shirts, or jeans.

Boys: please wear a collared shirt and long pants.

Girls: may wear dresses or tops with skirts or pants. No strapless or backless dresses or strapless or backless tops.

### ***What time does the program begin?***

We will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 5:40 pm. Please be prompt in order to get a good seat at the ceremony. Students should sit with their families. Parents, remember to bring your tickets.

### ***Where is the reception?***

The reception for students and their families is in the RHHS cafeteria and begins at the end of the program. The reception features light food and beverages.

### ***What will happen at the program?***

The program consists of speakers, performances, and a slideshow. Students will not be walking across the stage.

### ***Who may attend the social?***

Only current CMS eighth grade students may attend the social.

### ***Will there be food at the social?***

Yes, we will provide Chick-fil-a nuggets. We will also provide fruit, cheese, crackers, and a variety of snacks, desserts, and drinks.

### ***May parents volunteer to help with the program and social?***

We ask 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to help with the program and social so that 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents can enjoy the evening with their families.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly FAQs**

Thursday, June 20: 8:40 – 10:00 AM IN CMS cafeteria. Parents are invited to attend.

### ***May parents attend the Awards Assembly?***

Yes, parents are invited to attend.

### ***Will parents be notified if their child is receiving an award?***

No, we do not notify parents about award recipients.

### ***What kind of awards are given at the assembly?***

Awards are given for academic excellence, straight A's, perfect attendance, sportsmanship, participation, service, and leadership.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast & Entertainment FAQs**

Friday, June 21: 8:40-10:00 AM IN CMS cafeteria

### ***May parents volunteer to help with the breakfast?***

Yes! Please contact Beth Anna Varson @ [bethanna\\_varson@verizon.net](mailto:bethanna_varson@verizon.net).

### ***What is the entertainment?***

The entertainment will be 8th grade students participating in a talent show.