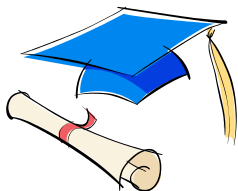
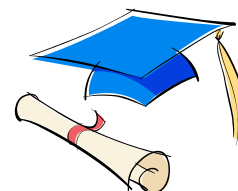


**COLINA MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
*A National Blue Ribbon School*



**April 17, 2008**



Dear Colina 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents:

Plans for end-of-the-year promotional activities have been finalized and these events should provide an exciting culmination for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. We hope all students will make sure eligibility requirements are met in order to participate in these activities.

In order to participate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade year-end activities, including the Magic Mountain trip, dance and promotional ceremony, all students must have **passed 15 classes, including both Math and English** going into the final week of school. The parents of students who do not meet this criterion will be notified individually.

Also, in order for students to participate in the scheduled activities they must have at least **75 points this trimester** as well as one of the two previous trimesters. The cut-off date for obtaining the required number of points for participation in the promotion activities is **Friday, May 30, 2008**. Parents should check with their students regularly if there is a problem in this area to avoid last-minute disappointment. Another requirement for participation is good citizenship. Students must have at least 5 acceptable citizenship grades (E, S, or N) in order to participate in any of the promotion activities listed above.

You should also be aware that your student is responsible for all textbooks and non-consumable class materials issued to him/her; therefore, **materials must be returned or paid for** before a student will be allowed to attend any end-of-the-year activities and before any records can be released to the high school so please monitor this.

The **Promotion Dance** will be held on Friday night, **June 6 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.** in the school auditorium for 8<sup>th</sup> graders only. Dress for this activity should be the same as for the Promotion Ceremony and students are encouraged to wear the same outfits for both activities. Again, students must have **75+ points and pass 15 classes, including both Math and English and no more than 1 “U” in Citizenship by Friday, May 30** to be eligible to attend the dance.

On Thursday, June 12, all of the C.V.U.S.D. middle schools will join in an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Magic Mountain Field Trip, leaving school at approximately 9:15 a.m. and returning to school at 7:00 p.m. All eligible students may attend on a voluntary basis. There will be a separate information and parent permission sheet sent home with students prior to the activity. Tickets will be on sale May 12 – May 23, 2008. If your student purchases a ticket (\$40.00 covers ticket and transportation) and becomes ineligible to attend this activity, the cost of the entry ticket only will be refunded; the bus transportation portion (\$15.00) will not be refunded. **We request CASH payment only ... checks will NOT be accepted.**

For those students who will need to come back from Magic Mountain to attend high school graduations, we will have a bus scheduled to leave Magic Mountain at 3:00 p.m. A tear-off portion will be on the information letter that will be attached to the permission slip. These will be sent home with students in May.

Colina’s **Promotion Ceremonies** will be held on our athletic field (Little League facility) at **10:15 a.m.** on Friday, June 13. Shaded areas will be reserved for disabled and/or senior guests. Guest chair-seating will be limited, but there will be ample space for spectators to stand, or sit, on the adjacent banks. For this reason we suggest that parents and friends dress informally for the ceremony.

As formal wear is not considered appropriate for the promotion dance and the morning ceremony, and in order to minimize parent expense, dress for the students is as follows:

**BOYS DRESS:**

**Boys should wear a nice shirt and pants or slacks. A tie is optional. A jacket or sport coat is not recommended. Tuxedos will not be allowed. Hats and gloves will not be allowed.**

**GIRLS DRESS:**

**Girls should wear a dress of daytime material (length can vary from a little above the knee to ankle length). Floor length dresses will not be allowed. Halter tops or spaghetti straps will not be allowed unless they are covered by a jacket or sweater the entire time. Dresses that have straps off the shoulder, or are strapless will not be allowed. Bare midriffs will not be allowed. Flats or low heel shoes are recommended because of having to walk on the dirt and grass. Backless shoes are not allowed for safety reasons. Hats and gloves will not be allowed.**

Students are not permitted to arrive in limousines or chauffeur – driven vehicles.

Once again, our intent at promotion is to celebrate each student's success, but maintain an appropriate sense of balance as to the importance of the occasion. We hope every member of the eighth grade class satisfies the eligibility requirements and is able to participate in the end-of-the-year program and activities.

We look forward to a memorable culminating week for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Sincerely,

Phalba Thomas  
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