




## POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The time for your student's promotion from Oak Valley Middle School is drawing near. It is our hope that the following information regarding the end of the year will help you plan for the celebration. We look forward to sharing these events with you and your student.


### Scheduled Events:


-  **May 31<sup>st</sup> – Yearbook Distribution:** Eighth grade students who purchased a yearbook will receive their book during Connections.


Students are expected to be respectful of other students' yearbooks. Everyone must read the following rules regarding yearbooks.


#### Yearbook Expectations:

- If your student writes or draws inappropriate words, phrases, messages or pictures and/or defaces any photographs in another student's yearbook, they may face disciplinary consequences.
- You may be responsible for replacing the yearbook.
- Your student may have to give up his/her yearbook until the defaced yearbook is replaced.

-  **June 3<sup>rd</sup> – SeaWorld Field Trip:** Eighth grade students will spend the day at Sea World celebrating the end of middle school and finishing the last assignment for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science.


-  **June 4<sup>th</sup> – Chromebook Return:** During 2<sup>nd</sup> period, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be returning their Chromebook and charger to the library. Students will NOT have a school issued Chromebook during the summer.


-  **June 4<sup>th</sup> - Promotion Practice:** During 4<sup>th</sup> period, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a rehearsal for Thursday's promotion. *Students will be in the sun for an extended period of time; please send your child with water, sunblock and a hat.*

-  **June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic:** During 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> periods, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will join their classmates at a Promotion Picnic, on campus. ASB & OVMS Falcon Foundation will be providing Jersey Mike's sandwiches, chips & drinks, along with ice cream and prizes! This event is free for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Join your class:

- Yearbook Signing Station
- Tile Painting
- Lawn Games
- Tournaments
- Music!

-  **June 5<sup>th</sup> – Promotion Practice:** During 7<sup>th</sup> period, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a full rehearsal for Thursday's promotion. *Students will be in the sun for an extended period of time; please send your child with water, sunblock, and a hat.*

-  **June 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. - Promotion Ceremony:** Location: Outdoor stage and quad area. All students are to report to their designated teacher by 8:00 a.m. Students will be seated and the ceremony will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

## **Finish Strong**

Our 8th grade students are excited and looking forward to the end of year celebrations, but it is important for them to remember that they have several weeks of course work remaining and they need to finish strong! Students must complete all class requirements and handle celebration activities in a mature and responsible way. Please remember that any poor choices in behavior could preclude a student from participation in 8th grade activities and/or promotion. Our goal is for our students to be successful in their classroom, enjoy all planned school activities, and conduct themselves as responsible students.

**Promotion Dress Code:** Keeping in mind that Promotion is the capstone activity to three years of hard work, we ask that students please dress accordingly. Leis and other adornments will not be allowed as students are admitted to the staging areas. These and other cultural or celebratory items are welcome after the ceremony.

**Cell Phones:** Students are not permitted to have cell phones during the promotion ceremony. Students will need to leave cell phones with their parent/guardians.

**Seating:** You are welcome to bring lawn chairs since seating is limited. Pop-up tents and umbrellas are not permitted. Please be mindful and respectful of others as you find space around the quad area to observe the ceremony. Please note the inclined grass areas in the main quad area will be for blanket seating only, no chairs or standing are allowed in this area.

**Tickets:** Students will be provided a total of four tickets to promotion as we have very limited space on our facility. Please be respectful of this request.

**Photography:** GradImages will photograph each 8th grade student as they receive their promotion certificate. Therefore, please do not go near the promotion stage during the ceremony, as your desire to get a close-up photo can cause a disruption. GradImages will mail a complimentary proof. If you do NOT want us to release your info to the photographer, please email Gig Hotaling at [ghotaling@powayusd.com](mailto:ghotaling@powayusd.com) by Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Parking:** Limited parking will be available in the main Oak Valley parking lot. Guests may need to walk from streets in the surrounding neighborhood. Carpooling and/or using a car ride service is strongly encouraged. Please be mindful of parking rules in the neighboring community. Limousines are not appropriate for this event and cannot park in the OVMS parking lot. The bus loop will be reserved for staff parking only.

**Audience Conduct Expectations:** In order to allow each promoter and his/her family to fully enjoy their moment of honor, activities that could detract from the ceremony are strongly discouraged. Balloons, noisemakers, cow bells, air horns, vuvuzelas and other such items will not be permitted on campus. These items obstruct the view for others and prevent families hearing the program. Guests bringing them in will be asked to discard them or return them to their vehicles.

Thank you for helping all of us ensure that the end of the year celebrations are a joyous occasion for all.

Sincerely,

***OVMS Administration***