

Principal's Weekly Update
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Sunday, June 23, 2019

Last Week of School: This is my last update for the 2018-2019 school year. I cannot express how blessed I am to have been able to serve you and your children this year as the principal of Holly Grove Middle School. As our 8th grade students and families move on, I want to wish you the best in your future, and I cannot wait to see how proud your students make you feel as they excel in high school. For our 6th and 7th grade families, we will have a great year together in 2019-2020 and will grow together as a Bulldog family. I will restart my updates on July 7.

8th Grade Celebration Ceremony: Our celebration ceremony will be held on **Thursday, June 27, at 8:30 a.m.** in our gymnasium. After meeting with Holly Springs Police Department, we have devised a plan to minimize traffic. We will start first by filling the HGMS parking lot (as no staff will be parking in that parking lot on this date). When our parking lot is full at HGMS, there will be a sign at our Avent Ferry entrance for you to go around to the high school to park. There will be plenty of overflow parking there. We do have some handicap parking in front of the middle school. If that is full, please feel free to drop anyone off in front of the school. We will have staff available to help anyone inside. You will be permitted to enter through our front doors or our bus loop doors (if you are coming from the high school). If you happen to get in the middle school parking lot and cannot find a space, we will have the gate open for you to go around the back of the middle school, out our bus loop and around to the high school to park. This will alleviate traffic on Avent Ferry Road and make it easier for families and friends to get to the high school parking lot. We will have staff stationed at various areas to help direct parking. Our plan now is to start the ceremony at 8:30 a.m. If we are running behind trying to get families inside, we will delay until everyone is settled.

On a side note, some have asked about the number able to fit in the gymnasium. Our max capacity is around 2,200. If we have approximately 400 8th grade students, that would allow 4 guests per student. I am asking that you be courteous and limit your guests as much as possible so we can all be present to celebrate this special day. I know some of you will not have 4 guests while others may have 5. I am just asking for your help to make sure we all have enough room. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at jdilts@wcpss.net. Lastly, we will be going over the process with our students on Wednesday. We will ask them to dress nicely for the celebration ceremony and not to wear jeans, athletic wear, or t-shirts. Thank you.

Fly Up Day: Students in 6th and 7th grade will get to meet their teachers for next year on Friday, June 28, in the morning. In addition, they will receive their DRAFTED schedules for next year. There may be changes to these schedules at the beginning of the school year.

Next Year: The supply lists for the 2019-2020 school year are already posted on our website. We do have some new staff joining us, and we are working on getting their supply lists updated as they are hired.

Instructional Spotlight: All of our students did a wonderful job during our EOG/NCFE week. It was tiresome for many, but you should be proud of the tremendous effort that they put into it.