



Southwest Middle School

2015 California Gold Ribbon School

Home of the Buccaneers

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"Your next best step for a promising future!"



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Dear Parents and Friends of Our Eighth Grade Students,

The big countdown to Promotion Day is upon us! In a short time, the **Southwest Middle School** Eighth Graders will become the Southwest High School Class of 2023! These students have set the tone and standards for students who follow in their footsteps, and they have done so with distinction. It is important that all parents review the information below.

END OF YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Event | Date | Event |
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| April 26th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of Progress Reports Parent Progress Report Card meeting at SOHS | June 4th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th Grade Awards Program @ 5:00 pm. Parents of those receiving awards will receive prior notice. |
| May 6th-10th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBAC testing Minimum days | June 5th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th Grade Trip (only for promoting students) |
| May 27th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Day No School | June 6th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM Promotional Rehearsal @ SOHS |
| May 29th – May 31st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Exams Minimum Days | June 7th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion at 9:00 a.m. @ SOH. Students must be there at 8:00 am. |
| June 3rd & 4th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th Grade Check Out | | |

- **The Promotional Practice:** All promoting 8th graders are required to attend this practice. Any student with special concerns must see the principal, Mrs. Gracias. For safety and comfort, wear sunscreen, a shirt or top with sleeves, long pants and flat shoes. **This is a free dress day AND students still must adhere to uniform guidelines for free dress day or students will be placed in loaners.**
- **Promotion** will be held at Southwest High School, 1685 Hollister Street, San Diego, CA 92154 @ 9:00 a.m., on **Friday, June 7th, 2019.**
- **Parking & Seating:** First come, first served basis. Use the street parking area under the solar panels.
- **Dress Code:** Students should wear what one would wear to a nice family event. **(Please review guidelines on the back of this letter.**

"Sweetwater Union High School District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on age, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information, sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics."
SUHSD Board Policy 0410

- **A photographer** will be taking a picture of each student as certificates are received. The photographer will send home information based on the address provided at school. The audience may not approach the presentation area at any time during and after the ceremony. At the conclusion of the program, students will receive their certificates and then will be dismissed to join parents and friends on the field. The program will last approximately one hour and your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.
- **Parents: NO balloons, confetti, streamers, air horns, umbrellas, or toys of ANY SORT!**
- If you'd like your seventh grader to attend the ceremony, please send a note to the school office no later than **June 4th**. All students must be accompanied by an adult.

The fact that this information is being sent to you in advance does not guarantee that your child will be eligible for promotion. The last few weeks of school are very important in the matters of scholarship, citizenship, attendance and behavior. **Participation in the promotional activities will be dependent on work completed and on appropriate behavior.** Students involved in disciplinary action run the risk of not being eligible to attend promotional exercises. Counselors will be notifying parents of students who lack credits to participate in promotional activities based on number credits earned (21 total as established by the Sweetwater Union High School District Board of Trustees).

As the middle school transition closes, the door opens to the challenges and excellent opportunities of high school—we wish you and your child our best wishes.

“Promotion is a privilege, not a right.”

Sincerely,
 Julissa Gracias, Principal
 Southwest Middle School

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- **NO** spaghetti straps/bare shoulder or low cut/cleavage showing (**Shawls or cardigans must be worn over if shoulders are bare**).
- **NO short dress or skirts. Length of dress/skirt should be knee length, NO exceptions.**
- **NO** shorts, baggie pants, denim jeans or gang affiliated attire.
- **NO** high heels or flip flops. (SAFETY ISSUE as you will be on the FIELDS). Flats or wedge shoes are acceptable.
- **NO** extra accessories (sunglasses, hats, purses, long pocket chain, bandanas, etc.) You will **NOT** be able to carry anything in your hands (**NO cell phones, cameras, games, balloons, stuffed animals, etc.**) **No drug related logos on clothing.**
- **NO** confetti, streamers, air horns, umbrellas, or toys of **ANY SORT!**
- **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES!** Staff members will **NOT** hold anything for ANY student and **ALL** electronic devices will be confiscated (parents will have to be responsible for pick-up after the ceremony at the stage area---only up to 30 minutes, after that it will have to be picked up at SOM the following week).