



# PIONEER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

May 20, 2024

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

At Pioneer Junior High, we recognize the important milestone your child has reached as they complete their junior high school years. In celebration of this event, our Eighth Grade Promotion Party and Promotion Ceremony look to celebrate your child's accomplishments as we help set the stage for future personal and educational growth.

- The **Eighth Grade Promotion Party** will be held on campus at Pioneer on Friday, June 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to dress in comfortable, casual clothing (theme: Luau) that adheres to the school dress code (please refer to the Student Planner for the dress code). Your child **MUST** not have any holds (i.e., library books, textbooks, below a 2.0 GPA, discipline, etc.).
- The **Promotion Ceremony** will be on Thursday, June 13th, at 8:00 a.m. and will be held at the Upland High Stadium. Students must meet all of the requirements on the "Guidelines for Participation in 2024 Year-End 8th Grade Student Activities" document and "Student Handbook" to participate in the promotion ceremony. If you have any questions about your student's eligibility to participate in the promotion, please contact their school counselor.

**All 8th-grade students must be dropped off by a parent/guardian at the Upland High Staging Area behind the new gym by 7:15 am to participate in the ceremony.** In keeping with the spirit/theme of Promotion (not yet a graduation), limousines are not permitted. At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will be dismissed to be picked up by their parents. *Please be aware that families with bags, purses, etc., will be checked upon entering the UHS Stadium for security purposes.*

- **Promotion ceremony tickets & parking:** Tickets are not required for entry to view the ceremony. ***Balloons, strollers, umbrellas, and air horns will not be permitted in the stadium.***

Families of students with last names A - O - Please sit on the HOME side of the stadium.

Families of students with last names P - Z - Please sit on the VISITOR side of the stadium, the entrance closest to Foothill Blvd.

Parking will be available at The Church of Latter-day Saints at 785 N San Antonio, along San Antonio Blvd, and in the surrounding residential area, where legally possible. Handicap parking is also available. There will be NO PARKING in the UHS parking lots, as the school will still be in session at UHS during the promotion ceremony.

- **The school dress code** will be enforced at the Promotion Ceremony. This includes no formal dresses or tuxedos/tails, **NO STRAPLESS DRESSES** (not even with a sweater/jacket), and no crop tops or see-through tops. Straps for tops and dresses must be shoulder-width. Dresses with straps or halter tops will be allowed, provided a jacket or sweater is also worn with the dress for the entire ceremony. Pants must be worn appropriately at the waist. Student headwear and leis are not permitted. **Heels will not be allowed due to possible damage to the football field. Wedges and flat-soled shoes will be permitted.**
- Wednesday, June 12th & Thursday, June 13th are minimum school days with 12:00 p.m. dismissal; however **8th grade students will be released to parents after promotion** and will not return to school. Report cards and Promotion Certificates will be available for pick-up in the Pioneer office on Thursday, June 13th. Office hours are 7:00-2:30 p.m.

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We want this special occasion to reflect the age appropriateness of the activity and would encourage your support in this effort. *If you have any questions in regards to the appropriateness of an outfit, please feel free to have your student bring the outfit or a picture of the outfit to their counselor to ensure it is appropriate.*

**Please keep in mind that receipt of this letter does not guarantee that your child has met the requirements needed to attend the above events.**

If you have any questions, please call the school office (909) 949-7770.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chris Kotlewski  
Principal

Mrs. Colette Bozek  
Assistant Principal

