



April 2026

Class

8th Grade End of the Year Activities
of 2026



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Grade Students,

As time draws near for the end of your child's middle school years, we look forward to celebrating with them many end of the year activities. We have included information in this special 8th grade newsletter regarding this year's events and celebrations in hopes that it will assist you in your planning and preparation. Please make sure you review behavior and social expectation contract below at the end of this newsletter. All students will be given the contract during Advisory class during the week of April 20, 2026.

We look forward to this exciting time for our eighth grade students and thank you for your continued support. Congratulations Class of 2026!

Sincerely,

James Martin, Principal

Jesse Gutierrez, 8th grade Assistant Principal

8th Grade Calendar of Events

APRIL

APRIL 27-28: Performing Arts Trip to California

MAY

MAY 5: NWEA Reading

MAY 7: NWEA Math

MAY 12: End of Year Choir Concert - 7PM

MAY 13: End of Year Band Concert - 6:30PM

MAY 13: End of Year Orchestra Concert - 6:30PM

MAY 19: General PTO Meeting - 5:30 PM

MAY 22: 8th Gr. Celebration Dance - 6-8PM

MAY

MAY 26: 8th Gr. Field Trip to Main Event - 9-1:30 PM

MAY 27: 8th Gr. Promotion - 5:30 PM (By advisory)

MAY 27: 8th Gr. Promotion - 7 PM (By advisory)

MAY 27: **NO EARLY RELEASE**

MAY 27: 8th Gr. Yearbook Distribution

MAY 27: 8th Gr. Students Last Day of School

MAY 28: Last Day of School @ 1:05 PM

MAY 29: Teachers Last Day



Eighth Grade Dance Volunteers Needed

As our **8th graders** prepare to move on to high school, we would like to host a special **celebration dance** to commemorate this great milestone and we would appreciate your partnership in making this a memorable experience for our 8th graders on **May 22, 2026**. We need your help to decorate, provide refreshments, and plan the entertainment. Let's make this a special night for our kids!

Come help to plan the 8th Grade Promotion Dance for our 8th graders. No experience necessary! Our next Planning Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 PM in the library**. Have Questions? Contact CMS PTO at KCMSPTOCONNECT@GMAIL.COM. Please come to the meeting, even if you're running late. All parents are welcome!!!

Committees needed to help make this a grand occasion for our students include:

Set-up

Decorations/Decorating MPR

Food

Entertainment

Clean-Up Committees

For our CMS families who will not be able to spare the time to volunteer, we would be happy to take any **monetary donations** to support our students. **Cash/checks** (made out to CMS PTO) will be accepted in the front office during school hours. Thank you for your dedication and support.

We appreciate all your help and support. **Sign Up to volunteer below!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48ABA82AAAF5C43-62565132-2026>

Eighth Grade Celebration Dance - Friday, May 22, 6-8 PM in MPR



The eighth grade dance will be held on **Friday, May 22 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the CMS multi-purpose building. **There is no cost for admission.** Centennial's PTO is working hard to provide an awesome dance for our eighth graders. This dance is only for CMS eighth grade students. No student guests will be allowed to attend.

Casual or dress slacks, a shirt with a collar or a dress shirt are suggested for boys. A tie and jacket are optional. Girls may wear a dress or a skirt or slacks with a blouse. Dresses or other outfits which are too revealing are examples of clothing which do not meet the guidelines. We continue to ask for all parents' cooperation in not employing limousine services to transport our students to and from the dance. We appreciate all of your efforts and assistance during this year and know that our students have enjoyed having fun at socials and dances without the added pressure of extremely sophisticated clothing and the accompanying behavior.

We know that the students will have an enjoyable time at the dance, and we are happy to provide an age-appropriate event for them. **Students who are on academic or social probation may not be able to attend.** If you have any questions on eligibility, email Mr. Gutierrez, 8th Grade Assistant Principal at jessegutierrez@kyrene.org.



MAIN EVENT 8th Gr. Outing - Tuesday, May 26, 9-1 PM

On Tuesday, May 26, we have planned an activity day for our eighth grade students. We will spend most of the day at MAIN EVENT in Tempe. We will leave school on the morning of the 26th at approximately 9:00 AM. All 8th grade students will be given an agreement to review and sign soon about the 4th quarter behaviors that need to be in order in order to participate on this day. Students who are on academic or social probation may not be able to attend this outing. They will continue their regular day under the supervision of a teacher on campus. **We do expect all students to attend school this day.**

For the students' safety, all students must remain at MAIN EVENT. At approximately 1:00 PM, the eighth grade students will be transported to Centennial. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day. The cost of the event will be \$20 which includes 4 hours of all activities such as bowling, laser tag, gravity ropes, and billiards. Every student will receive a \$10 funcard and 2 slices of pizza and a drink.

Permissions slips will be distributed during the week of April 20. All permissions slips are due to your student's Science teacher by May 18, 2026. **No child will be permitted to attend this trip without written permission.** Money is also due on May 18. Payment may be made online on the Online Payment Portal (INTOUCH - Click on the Tab for Pay for Athletics/Meal Accounts/PE Uniforms/Activities & More. Click on Student Activities - Main Event) at <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/> or pay with cash/check in the front office in Student Services.

Students on Academic or Social probation will NOT be able to attend this outing. In addition, all athletic uniforms and library books must be returned by May 15 and fines paid by FRIDAY, May 15 to be eligible to attend MAIN Event Field Trip. **Refunds will not be possible.** If parents pay and students violate the social or academic contract or have outstanding athletic uniforms or library books there will be **no refund** since tickets must be ordered prior to the event.

If you have any questions about the trip or eligibility, email Jesse Gutierrez at jessegutierrez@kyrene.org.

Centennial MS Behavior & Social Expectations Contract

Dear Student, Parent, and/or Guardian,

Membership in the Centennial Middle School community presumes a commitment to polite, prepared, and performing behavior. Certainly academic and intellectual growth are at the heart of what we are as a school and we are also deeply committed to modeling, teaching, and reinforcing attitudes and behaviors that reflect the high regard we have for ourselves, each other, and the work we do.

8th graders transitioning into high school is a milestone in their life. To celebrate this achievement and accomplishments in middle school, we have many exciting events planned at the end of the year. It is our hope that every single 8th grader at CMS will participate in every activity and fully enjoy the celebrations we have in store. In order for these planned events to be the most enjoyable for all involved it is necessary that we have full trust of all students involved will understand and adhere to polite, prepared, and performing behavior.

To ensure the success of all activities, the following criteria will be instituted for all 8th grade students during 4th quarter in order to be able to participate. As you will notice, the criteria is based upon a tiered system because we really want to give every single student the opportunity to enjoy all that we have planned.

Please initial in all the spaces provided that you and your student understand the criteria.

Library: All Books & Fines Are Due by May 15th _____

Academics: F's in any class—Lose Main Event _____

Behavior:

* ** 3 Focus Room Referrals- Lose Promotion Dance _____

*** 4 Focus Room Referrals - Lose Main Event _____

*** Conduct Referrals - counted as double Focus Room Referrals but depending upon _____ nature of misconduct could result in further penalty. _____

*** Suspension - Main Event, Promotion Dance, or All. _____

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Student Name (Printed) _____

Parent Name (Printed) _____



Class of 2026

Dear Eighth Grade Parents/Guardians:

CONGRATULATIONS! After months of hard work and preparation for high school, it is time to celebrate the learning that has occurred at Centennial. The CMS Promotion Ceremonies will take place on Wednesday, May 27. Information for each team's ceremony is listed below:

DATE/TIME	ADVISORY	STUDENTS ARRIVE	SEATING
May 27: 5:30 PM	Coleman, Ballew, Harris, Ozcan Schreckler, C. Taylor	5:15 PM	5:15-5:30 PM
MAY 27: 7:00 PM	Lanier, Panther, Robinson, Smith, Venjohn	6:45 PM	6:45-7:00 PM

We ask for students and parents to arrive on time so that students may organize in the MPR for the procession. Parents will continue through the lobby into the gymnasium. Seating for each will begin and end promptly at the times listed above so that we can begin and end each ceremony on time.

Family members and visitors may sit in the bleachers located on both sides of the gymnasium or on the benches directly behind the student seating. At the completion of the ceremony, parents will follow the student as they exit into the courtyard where families may take photographs if desired.

If you have any questions on the dress code for the promotion ceremony or have any other questions on 8th grade end of the year activities, please refer to the 8th grade Activities page on Centennial's website: <http://www.kyrene.org/cen>

Thank you in advance for all of your help and cooperation in making this a memorable event for your child. If you have any questions, please call us at 480-541-6400.

Centennial Administration

8th Grade Graduations Signs - Order Now

Dear 8th Grade Centennial Parents,

We have partnered with PostNet Ahwatukee to produce 3 different 8th grade promotion signs for your 8th graders this year. The prices are listed below each style. If you are interested in ordering one of these signs, please checkmark the box of the image you want and complete the information below. Each sign comes with an H stake.

Postnet is giving 10% of every sign back to the Centennial PTO
Let us help you give your grad a shout out!

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		
Qty _____ Basic \$19.09 (Incl Tax)	Qty _____ With Name \$22.37 (Incl Tax)	Qty _____ Name Next School \$24.55 (Incl Tax)

Date : _____

Parent First and Last Name: _____

Student Name (if picking name sign): _____

Contact # (Required): _____

Email (Required): _____

Pay by Credit Card (a 3% processing fee will be added to the total)

Pay by Zelle (note the students name and school in the memo) **(Use email:**
az156@postnet.com)



RJ Franchise Group
(Use Email: az156@postnet.com)



****** If you would like the sign customized with an activity or school, there will be a \$10 fee. Please contact us directly to get the final payment amount.

Completion time after proof has been received is about 4 business working days. Once your sign is complete, Postnet will reach out to you regarding pickup.

****Please do not contact the school, the signs will NOT be available at school****

Postnet Address: **4611 E Chandler Blvd #112, PHX AZ 85048. Phone: 480-753-4160.**
(Same parking lot as Kohls)

Please return this order to PostNet (Email or drop off) as soon as possible to ensure timely completion for graduation.

Purchase Your Yearbook Now - \$45

If you'd like to order your yearbook, please go to buytheyearbook.com and use the school code **292264** or search for Kyrene Centennial Middle School in Phoenix Arizona to order your yearbook or go to BuyTheYearbook.com. You may also purchase yearbooks through our [InTouch](#) portal and click on Items At All Schools/Middle School/Centennial Middle School/Student Activities/Yearbook. Yearbooks may also be purchased in the front office in student services. Send check/cash/money order to reserve a yearbook now. **Books are \$45 until they are sold out.** Buy your yearbook now! If you have any questions, email Harriet Everett at heverett@kyrene.org

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School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

Early Dismissal Wed: 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Every Wednesday is Early Release.

