



The Spartan Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Sierra Families!

Sierra has had a great school year! May is already here, and we have a busy month.

CAASPP Testing:

Students have completed the CAASPP testing. We are already receiving results for students in English Language Arts and math. These results will be posted to the student's AERIES account starting Monday, May 18th. Test results will be posted for individual students as we receive the results. Based on individual student results, students may have earned free dress days. We are excited to see the academic progress students have made this year.

8th Grade Promotion Activities and 7th Grade Day Requirements:

- **2.0 or higher GPA in 4th quarter**
- **No F's in 4th quarter**
- **Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher for the 2025-2026 school year**
- **Not more than 3 days of suspension in the 4th quarter**

Activities:

- 8th-grade students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate in promotion activities, which include: promotion dance, SunSplash trip, and promotional ceremony.
- Promotion Dance - Thursday, May 21st, from 5:00- 7:00 in the Sierra MUR
- Students must arrive no later than 5:15 to be let into the dance.
- Promotion Practice - Tuesday, May 26th, from 8:00 - 11:00.
- Promotion Ceremony - Tuesday, May 26th, from 6:00 - 7:00.

- Location - Lincoln High School, oak trees just north of the Sierra campus.
- SunSplash - Wednesday, May 27
- Students will leave campus at approximately 8:00 and return at approximately 4:00

- 7th-grade students must meet these requirements to be eligible to participate in 7th-grade day activities.
- 7th Grade Day - Wednesday, May 27
- 8:00 - 10:00 - Scavenger Hunt
- 10:15 - 12:15 - Bowling at Pacific Bowl
- 12:15 - 1:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:35 - Field Day

General Information:

- 8th-grade students will turn in Chromebooks and library books on Wednesday, May 20th.
- 7th-grade students will turn in Chromebooks and library books on Friday, May 22nd.

Last Day of School:

- **NO BACKPACKS ALLOWED**
- **This is an early release day at 1:35**

It has been an amazing year. Congratulations to our 8th-grade students as they move to high school, and we look forward to this 7th-grade group becoming great 8th-grade leaders in the 2026-2027 school year.

Sincerely,

Scott Tatum
Principal SMS

Reminders for 8th-Grade Promotion

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Sierra Promotional Dance Information

Thursday, May 21st, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

Students who arrive after 5:15 will not be allowed into the dance.

Students will be able to eat, dance, play games, and have their pictures taken at the event. The suggested dress is business casual. No students will be released early from the event unless parents have made arrangements in advance with Mr. Tatum and have proper ID at the time of pick up. We regret that students who do not meet the promotional requirements will not be eligible to participate in the ceremony or the dance. **Students must be picked up by 7:00 PM after the dance in the main Sierra Middle School parking lot.**

Sierra Promotion Information

Rehearsal Is A Must!

Promotional rehearsal will be held on the day of promotion, May 26, 8:00 - 12:00.

It is important that your student be present for the entire rehearsal. **Please do not schedule outside appointments during this time.** This is a regular school day with dismissal at 2:35 p.m.

Promotional Ceremony Information

Culminating ceremonies at the end of high school and college are true graduations and should be kept special. With this in mind, formal dresses, including strapless dresses, and tuxedos are inappropriate for our promotional ceremony. **Students not adhering to dress standards will not be permitted to participate.** If in doubt, ask well before the day of the promotion, so you don't spend money on clothing that is inappropriate for the ceremony. Balloons are not allowed at the ceremony. During the ceremony, students are not allowed to wear leis or other similar items.

Promotion Dress Requirements

Dressy clothes, but no formals. Skirts, dressy slacks, blouses, dresses, collared shirts, ties optional.

NO shorts, jeans, mini-skirts, formals, strapless, spaghetti strap, tank tops less than 3 finger wide, or off-the-shoulder dresses or blouses.

When in doubt, take a picture or bring it in and check with Mr. Tatum or Mrs.

McCormack. Dress shoes with LOW heels. Heels must be **2 inches or less** from the seam between the shoe and the heel block on the outside.

Shoes higher than 2 inches will be taken before the promotion and given back to students after the promotion ceremony. Students must go up and down steps during promotion; heels make that difficult.

Photography

Parents are asked to refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony. A professional photographer has been hired and will take a photograph of each promotional student as he/she receives his/her certificate. These will be provided to each student on the last day of school with their promotional certificate.



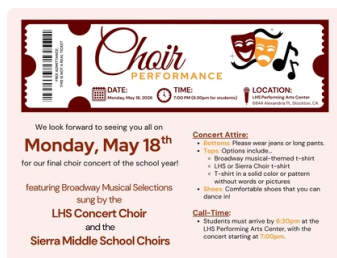
Important Dates

05/04-05/08 CAASPP Testing
05/04 Orchestra Performance
05/11 Sierra Band Concert
05/12 CJSF Ports Game
05/13 Lincoln Olympics
05/18 Choir performance
05/20 8th grader return Chromebooks/Charger
05/21 8th Grade Promotion Dance
05/22 7th Grade return Chromebook.Charger
05/25 Memorial Day-**NO SCHOOL**
05/26 8th Grade Promotion 6 pm
05/27 8th Grade Sunsplash/7th Grade Day
05/28 Last day of School **1:35 Dismissal**



NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS the LAST WEEK

There will **NOT** be HW Center, Science Spot, or Math infusion the **LAST WEEK** of school. Please make sure your student is picked up.



Sierra Middle School Choir Concert

Join us for a evening of singing!



Memorial Day

Remember there is no school on May 26th.

Last Day of School

May 28th is the last day of school. School will be released at 1:35 pm



Comments & Replies

Sarah Foster Hi. I just had a quick question. Regarding the 8th grade promotion, it says Parents are asked to refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony. A professional photographer has been hired and will take a photograph of each promotional student as he/she receives his/her certificate. These will be provided to each student on the last day of school with their promotional certificate. Does this mean no video as well?

Thanks,
Sarah

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