

WEST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thomas A. Edison Middle School

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Mr. Steve Melendez, **Principal**

Dr. Keri Orange-Jones, **Vice Principal**

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

The 8th-grade team at Edison Middle School is very excited about our upcoming 8th-grade Promotion Ceremony. Here is a list of all important information regarding this ceremony:

- **Date: June 16, 2026**
- **Location: Tarnoff Gymnasium at West Orange High School**
 - Parking: You can park in the student parking lot located next to the playground and tennis courts.
 - How to get to the gym: From the student parking lot, walk down the road that goes between the fields. The gym is the first building on your left.
- **Students are NOT required to attend school on the day of the promotion ceremony in order to prepare for the event.**
- **Time: 12:20 pm -2:00 pm**
 - Admittance will begin promptly at 12:20 pm
 - Once the ceremony is over, we need to exit the gym in a timely manner in preparation for LMS' promotion ceremony.
 - Pictures after the ceremony can be taken outside of the gymnasium.
- **Pictures: Picture Perfect Photography**
 - If you would like to purchase promotion photos, students should have their payment in the Picture Perfect envelope and have the information fully completed on the front of that envelope.
 - Students should have this with them during the ceremony to hand to the photographer after they receive their diploma.
 - Your own photos can be taken by family members during the ceremony and/or outside the gymnasium after the conclusion of the ceremony.
 - Picture Perfect envelopes were distributed to students during the week of May 18, 2026.
- **Tickets:**
 - Each student will receive FOUR tickets.
 - Lost tickets will NOT be replaced.
 - Tickets will be distributed to students on June 15th along with their yearbooks.
 - If your family wants additional tickets, please talk with other families who may not be using all of their tickets.
- **Attire/ Belongings:**
 - School appropriate footwear.
 - Dress for the occasion.
 - Students should leave their cell phones with their family members.

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our students as they say goodbye to middle school and prepare to enter high school. If you have any questions please contact the 8th grade team leaders: Ms. Colabella (mcolabella@westorangeschools.org) or Mrs. Corino (jcorino@westorangeschools.org). Congratulations to all of our Edison Knights and our future WOHS Mountaineers!

Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Melendez

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Principal