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Dear 8th Grade Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to your child's final year at Baldwin Middle School! This is such an exciting and memorable time in their life, filled with new opportunities and experiences that come with being in eighth grade. In addition to the wide range of extracurricular clubs and sports your child may already be involved in, there are special activities exclusively for 8th graders that they won't want to miss. To ensure that your child is eligible to participate in these exciting activities, please encourage them to meet the academic and conduct requirements outlined in the Middle School Academic and Conduct Standards for Participation in Extracurricular Activities.

To help your family stay organized, we've provided an outline on the back with the approximate dates for many of the key 8th grade events. I recommend keeping this information in a convenient spot, like on your refrigerator or family calendar. Please also remind your child to listen to school announcements for updates and details on specific events as the year progresses.

While this list may not capture every event, it highlights some of the most anticipated 8th grade activities. Please note that dates not listed on the school calendar are subject to change.

I hope this information proves helpful as you plan for the year ahead. We look forward to working together to make this a memorable and successful year for your child.

Warm regards,

Dr. Erica D. Banks
Principal

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December 2026

- 1st Academic Academies Information Meeting and High School Information Night for 8th grade families @ Baldwin Middle School – 6:30 pm
- 3rd Academic Academies and Elective Classes information assembly for 8th grade students, period 2 & 3.
- 8th Electives & Academy selections due.
- Dec. 11th – Jan. 8th Sign up for Blue and Gold Night. The permission slip will be emailed via Connect Ed. If students have questions, they can come to Room 109. Students who do not sign up at this time will not be allowed to participate, as arrangements must be made early.

March 2027

- 5th Multicultural Festival - 3 - 5 pm

April / May 2027

- 2nd Blue and Gold Night - 7:15 pm
- April 5th – May 14th NYS ELA Assessment, NYS Math Assessments, NYS Science Performance Assessments

June 2027

- 4th 8th Grade Dance 7:00 pm
- 8th Academic Awards Night 7:00 pm (invite only)
- 14th Sports Awards 7:00 pm
- 15th – 24th Finals/Regents exam (Math and Science honor students only)
- 24th Moving Up ceremonies