



# Monte Vista Middle School

**From: Janet Covacevich, Principal MVMS**

**Subject: Eighth Grade Class Events for 2017-2018**

**To: MVMS Eighth Grade Families**

Eighth Grade Students and Families of Monte Vista, we are excited about this year of transition! This marks an important time as students will be transitioning to high school, where the ultimate goal is to see our students graduate being college and career ready. We are an AVID community and believe that setting high goals for our students will inspire them to reach them. Therefore, every year we look forward to celebrating the successes of our students. We want to help keep students motivated to try and do their best to achieve. Here is a short description of what you can expect this year so you can plan ahead.

During the school year Eighth Graders will begin preparing for high school by attending **Club Rush at San Jacinto High School** and participating in campus tours. Students will also have the opportunity to begin making course selections for their Ninth Grade year. This will occur in the months of **January** and **February**.

The end of year trip to **Disneyland** continues, and will be held around **the last week of May** [tentatively-Disneyland gives us the dates]. Students that have met school requirements will be invited to this wonderful event. These **requirements** include a 2.0 GPA, no more than 9 absences for the semester, no library fees, good discipline, and no suspensions. Grades from the **4th Quarter progress report** will be used for eligibility, with the window ending May 4th.

On **June 1st**, beginning at 5:00pm we will celebrate our students' achievements with an evening that acknowledges each student's accomplishment; this is our **Eighth Grade Awards Night - A Red Carpet Event**. Students will be celebrated and recognized for having earned a G.P.A. of 3.0 and above, exemplifying the "Seven Pillars of Character." This is a brand new, special evening event that replaces the traditional promotion ceremony during the day. This is a night for students to dress up, feel special, and participate in an event that celebrates the culmination and accomplishments of their time in middle school. Grades from the **4th Quarter progress** will be used for eligibility, ending May 4th with a revise on May 18.

On **Wednesday, June 6th** eligible eighth graders are invited to attend a **formal dance**, which will be held in the gym. The dance will go from 3 to 6 PM and snacks and beverages will be served. Because this is a night of celebration for our students, they must have good academic standing of 2.0 or better, and good discipline.

Finally, on **Thursday, June 7** we will be doing yearbook distribution with a special **Yearbook Signing Breakfast** for 8th grade students. This will be a special event where students are able to enjoy their final day with their teachers and friends. Students who did not purchase a yearbook may bring their own journal to keep the good wishes and memories in print. Students will enjoy an "open microphone" to give their class good-byes, while their teachers serve them breakfast.

We thank you for your support and as always, feel free to contact us at 951-654-9361 if you have any questions. We know this is an important and great year for your child and we look forward to the fun events that will transpire in the second semester!

Sincerely,

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