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8th Grade Farewell Ceremony

With mixed emotion, we look forward to celebrating the successful conclusion of the middle school experience with our eighth grade class. The **Farewell Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 11th**, at **6:30 pm** at **Hammond High School**. Students should arrive <u>no later then 6:10 pm</u>. The following is additional information we'd like share with you in regards to tickets, dress, and attendance.

Tickets: Tickets and a program will be sent home with your student on *Monday, June 11th*. Please be sure to ask your students for these documents. The auditorium seats 900 and we must ensure we comply with regulations set by the Office of the Fire Marshall. Therefore, each student will receive **2 tickets** for their family members to attend. Students do not need a ticket to attend.

Student Attire: Attire is 'Business Casual.' Although these are social activities, we still regard them as teaching and learning experiences. We want our students to recognize the following: fashions that are 'in' may not always be appropriate. Appropriate attire is determined by the occasion and the time of day it is to occur.

Please understand that the <u>HCPSS Dress Code</u> (pg. 7 of the Student Handbook) is enforced at all school events.

Examples of Business Casual include:

- A dress, dress slacks or khakis that may be worn to a house of worship, a nice restaurant, or a special occasion is suitable.
- Shirts can be button-down, open-collar, or polo styles.
- Jacket and/or tie are optional.
- Dresses may have long or short sleeves. You may wear a cardigan or jacket with dresses that have spaghetti straps or are sleeveless.

Attendance: TVMS expects all students, to be in attendance on the day of the Farewell Ceremony.

HCPSS policy PR-2050 defines absences as:

a. Full Day Absent: A student is counted absent for a full day if the student is present for less than one hour of the school day.

b. Full Day Present: A student is counted present for a full day if the student is absent for less than one hour of the school day.

c. Half Day Present: A student will be credited with a half-day present if the student attends an hour or more of the school day, and/or is absent an hour or more of the school day.

Please note these guidelines will be enforced during all end-of-year activities for the 8th grade.