

James Howard Monroe Middle School

Eighth Grade Newsletter



Parents please read and review this letter with your son/daughter. Thank you

April 2009

Dear 8th Graders,

As we approach the end of your final year at Monroe, as well as the conclusion of my first year as your principal, I am satisfied and appreciative for all you have done for Monroe Middle School. At the beginning of the year we met as a class and I discussed with you my expectations for the upcoming year. You have exceeded those expectations and have showed great maturity this school year. Your school spirit and commitment towards academic excellence has helped make this year successful and I am proud to have been a part of your last year here at Monroe Middle School.

I would like to remind you to finish your academic career here with the same enthusiasm you started with as a 6th grader. Enjoy your last two months, and continue to be respectful toward staff who have worked so hard with you over the last three years. As it is important to begin the school year strong, it becomes just as important to finish with your best work. Often times, we as teachers and school administrators remember the end more than the beginning. With that, we want your last two months of work to reflect the class you have become over the last three years.

The intent of this newsletter is to take the opportunity for me to say thank you for a great year, and to inform you of dates and times that are important throughout the remainder of the year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jason Stipp

Principal

Important Dates To

Remember

- ✓ April 21st- 8th grade class meeting and class photo (8th period)
- ✓ April 24th-7th & 8th grade "Stars of Monroe" Dance (6:30-8:30)
- ✓ May 14-16th-Talent Show
- ✓ May 28th-8th Grade Constitution Test
- ✓ May 29th- 8th Grade Farewell Dinner in Monroe Commons (6:30-8:30 pm)
- ✓ May 29th-All fines and student obligations due
- ✓ June 4th-Yearbook distribution for the 8th Grade class during brunch
- ✓ June 4th- Awards and Recognition Ceremony Practice (8:00 am)
- ✓ June 4th-8th Grade Brunch in the 8th Grade Commons (11:00 am)
- ✓ June 4th-8th Grade Awards and Recognition Ceremony (1:30 pm)
- ✓ June 4th-Last day for all 8th grade students

7th & 8th Grade Dance

"Stars of Monroe Red Carpet Dance"

Friday April 24, 2009

Monroe Commons 6:30-8:30 PM



*All tickets will be sold at lunch for \$7.00

Awards and Recognition Ceremony

Thursday, June 4, 2009-1:30 P.M.

The awards and recognition ceremony will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009. The ceremony will take place at the Dupage County Fairgrounds next to Monroe Middle School. Eighth graders must be appropriately dressed, present at school for the 8:00 am rehearsal and must satisfy all 8th grade requirements in order to participate in the Awards and Recognition Ceremony. If you are not planning on participating in the ceremony please notify your counselor, Mrs. Sarah Grunner, at 630-682-2285

8th Grade Meeting & Class Photo

An 8th grade meeting is scheduled for April 21 during 8th hour. 8th graders will report to their 8th period class and will then be released to the commons over the PA. The purpose of this meeting is to review all the end of the year procedures, obligations and to take the class photo.

Awards & Recognition Practice

Practice for the Awards and Recognition Ceremony will be the morning of June 4th, at 8:30 before the Awards and Recognition Ceremony. **This meeting is required attendance for participation in the ceremony later that day.** Students should report to their first hour classes for attendance and dress check.

Student Dress

In order to participate in the Awards & Recognition Ceremony, 8th graders must be dressed appropriately and in compliance with the school dress code. Females are to wear dresses, skirts or dress pants. Males are required to wear dress pants and a collared shirt. Dress shoes for males and dress shoes/dress sandals for females required. No jeans, no tennis shoes and no shorts. Those 8th graders who do not follow the dress requirements will not be permitted to participate in these events.

Parking

Parents are reminded to park at the Dupage County Fairgrounds if they are attending the Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the Dupage County Fairgrounds building directly west of Monroe Middle School, and doors will open at 1:00.

Fines & Obligations

All school, activity, or athletic obligations and fines must be cleared by May, 29th. Students who have not cleared all obligations and fines may not participate in the 8th Grade dinner or Awards/Recognition Ceremony.

Eight Grade Dinner/Recognition Committee Meeting

Parents, we ask of your support for the upcoming planning of the 8th grade dinner and recognition ceremony this year by attending an informational meeting on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 in the back of the library at Monroe. Committees will be formed regarding the end of year activities for all 8th graders. If you are unable to attend, but would like to volunteer please contact Donna Bucci via email at cd.bucci@comcast.net. Thank you for your upcoming assistance and support.

*Those parents assisting with awards and the student brunch will have reserved seating

Donation Items Requested

The Eighth Grade Recognition Committee is looking for the following items be donated for the Recognition/Awards Ceremony planned on June 4th.

- Cans of soda
- Individual bags of chips
- Bottled water
- Photo Paper



-CD-R Disks/Cases– The committee is working to present each 8th grade student with a copy of the 8th grade slide show.

Please Contact Donna Bucci via email at cd.bucci@comcast.net if you are able to make any of the following donations

8th Grade Dinner

Friday, May 29, 6:30-8:30

The 8th Grade dinner will be on Friday, May 29, 6:30-8:30. The dinner will be held in the Monroe Commons and will feature music and a picture slide show of the memories the 8th grade students have had while being here at Monroe. Please contact Donna Bucci at cd.bucci@comcast.net if you would like to assist.

8th Grade Team Awards and Brunch

June, 4, 2009 10:00-12:00

After the rehearsal for the Awards and Recognition Ceremony, 8th Grade students will be separated into their individual teams for team awards and achievements. After team awards and achievements Monroe will host a brunch for all 8th grade students participating in the ceremony. The brunch will be in the 8th grade commons. Students will not need to bring lunch that day, unless they want to. Students will be allowed to eat and socialize in the 8th grade wing before the ceremony begins at 1:30.

Yearbook Distribution

8th grade students will be able to pick up their yearbooks June 4th, just after the Team Awards. Students will then have time to autograph books during the brunch. If you have not ordered a yearbook, but would like to purchase one you may do so on that day for \$25.00 (cash only) if extras are available.