



8th Grade Students and Families,

April 1, 2019

The 8th grade dance is approaching. It will be held on May 20th from 7-10 at the Lighthouse. Official invitations will be sent out in the next few weeks. It is our desire that every 8th grader will be able to celebrate the milestone of finishing middle school. We believe the privilege of attending the dance should be extended to those students who have made efforts to make their middle school experience a positive one. Each year, we establish criteria for attending the dance. This year, we will be using the following guidelines:

- Any student who receives an Out of School Suspension after April 1, 2019 will be excluded from attending the dance.
- Any student who receives 2 or more office referrals that result in an office level consequence (i.e. In School Suspension) after April 1, 2019 will be excluded from attending the dance.

Please take the time to have a conversation with your 8th grade student about making good choices. Use this opportunity to review Bearden Middle School student policies. We will have a similar conversation with the 8th grade students at school. As you are planning for the purchase of dance attire, please be aware that girls should not wear anything strapless, low cut, or shorter than fingertip length. Boys should wear a collared shirt and nice pants. We discourage students from wearing formal attire. Both boys and girls should wear something comfortable that won't prevent them from enjoying their evening.

Please note that once tickets are sold, there will be no refunds if disciplinary issues prevent a student from attending. Additional information regarding date, location, and dress code will be sent home at a later date. As always, if you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call the school at 539-7839.

Sincerely,

Mike Toth, Principal

Jessica McDonald, 8th grade Assistant Principal

Please detach the bottom portion and return to your homeroom teacher by April 18, 2019.

I have read the information contained in this letter. I am giving my child permission to attend the dance and understand that my child must meet the criteria set forth in this letter to be eligible to attend the dance. I have reviewed this information with my student.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date