



EastLake Middle School

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Our Eighth Graders,

The big countdown to Promotion Day is upon us! In a short time, the EastLake Middle eighth graders will become the Sweetwater District's Class of 2022! It is important that all parents review the calendar below. Thank you for your support in making the end of this year memorable!

END-OF-YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, May 18, 2018	Yearbook Distribution	Distribution through PE classes If copies remain, books will be \$40 on distribution day.
Wednesday, May 23, 2018	8 th Grade Award Ceremony	Event begins at 6:00 pm in the pavilion. Parents of those receiving awards will receive prior notice.
Tuesday – Thursday, May 29 – May 31 1:15 Release Days	End of Course Exams	No early or make-up administration
Friday, June 1, 2018 1:15 Release Day	8 th Grade Textbook and iPad Return	Please pay any library fines.
Monday, June 4, 2018 12:51 Release Day	Promotion Practice and Promotion Picnic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion packets distributed during period 1 (students should bring a backpack or bag to transport packet and yearbook) • Practice held under the pavilion during period 2 • Promotion picnic in the field during period 3 with food vendors, DJ, photo booths, and activities
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:51 Release Day	Promotion	Promotion will take place at 5:00 at Otay Ranch High School's football stadium. Students must report by 4:00 to the check-in table on the northwest side of the stadium. Promotion is a ticketed event! Each student will receive 5 tickets in his/her promotion packet.
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 12:51 Release Day	Last Day of School	Diplomas will be distributed.

Monday, June 4, Promotion Practice: All promoting 8th graders are required to attend this practice. Eighth-grade students who are not promoting will be in a study hall class during promotion practice and the promotion party. Only students promoting may attend the promotion picnic.

Tuesday, June 5, Promotion: The ceremony will be held at **5:00 pm at the Otay Ranch High School** stadium located at 1250 Olympic Parkway in Chula Vista, California. Parking is free, yet extremely limited. Please review the parking information on the promotion brochure. **Check-in time for students is 4:00.** Please remember, promotion is a ticketed event! Each student will receive **5 tickets** in his/her promotion packet.

Attire for the ceremony is as follows: Boys should wear dress slacks, a dress shirt, and dress shoes. Ties and jackets are optional. Girls should wear dresses or dress pants/skirts with blouses. Due to the turf field at Otay Ranch High School, absolutely **no heels will be permitted.** Wedges are acceptable, as they will not damage the turf. No jeans, please. Attire should be appropriate for middle school students. Off-the-shoulder, low-cut, strapless, or bare-back dresses are not permitted. Students will not be allowed to carry anything with them during the ceremony. There will be no storage facilities for sweaters, purses, phones, etc. Please note that the processional is long and will require going up and down. Additionally, with the start time of the promotion, the weather may change. Students should dress accordingly.

Otay Ranch High will not allow balloons, umbrellas, backpacks, strollers, signage, air horns, or cow bells. Bags may be searched. Please see the brochure or school website for additional information regarding prohibited items.

Lifetouch Photography will take photos of each promoting student as he/she shakes hands with an administrator or board member. Additionally, the event will be live streamed. More information can be found in the promotion brochure and on the school's website.

Eligibility: Please call the main office at (619) 591 – 4000 if **your child owes any fines** for books, musical instruments, etc. Your child may lose the opportunity to participate in the promotion ceremony and will not receive promotional documents until all debts are cleared. To ensure eligibility to participate, please clear all eligibility issues by **Monday, June 4.**

The fact that this information is being sent to you in advance does not guarantee that your child will be eligible for promotion. The last weeks of school are very important and participation in promotion activities depends on work completed and on appropriate behavior. Students involved in disciplinary action run the risk of not being eligible to attend promotion and/or the promotion picnic. Counselors are notifying parents of students who lack credits to participate in promotional activities.

As middle school ends, the door opens to the challenges and excellent opportunities of high school. We wish your child and family the best!

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