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Hello TJ Parents and 8th Graders!

I know that you have been anxiously awaiting news concerning this year's last day of school and "Promotion". This has been a special class of eighth-graders, and we will not let the last day go without notice!

We are certainly in a different place than we were last year at this time. Last year, the Covid-19 pandemic made it unsafe for us to gather in any significant way.

This year, we are in somewhat of an "in-between stage" of the pandemic. We are definitely in a much better place than last year but not quite out of the woods yet. With that in mind and after considering many options, we are going to do the following for this year's Promotion:

- The eighth-graders will spend their last day of school, **Thursday, June 3rd** at Harbor Hills. The students will be outside enjoying volleyball, a variety of games, and loads of treats! If the weather does not permit outdoor activities - well, then it is time to bowl! We will bus the eighth graders to and from Harbor Hills.
- At 5:00pm that evening, we will have our "TJ Eighth Grade Promotion Parade and Reception". We did the parade last year, and it was a big hit. Students will be in their exquisitely decorated vehicles driven by a parent as they receive their promotion certificate and have their photo taken! Because our event is outside, each student can bring as many family members as they like! Having witnessed this event last year, I was amazed at how much the students enjoyed the event. Each felt like a rock star!
- Once the parade is over, we will have a reception on TJ's "South-Lawn"! There will be beverages, treats, and socializing on the final day as a Jaguar. We will also announce the winners of the coveted TJ Award, and the American Legion Awards.

This year by adding the Harbor Hills day and a reception after the Promotion Parade, we feel we are celebrating our eighth-graders promotion in a grand but safe fashion. These events will be a fun send-off and provide special memories for our students and families. As we draw closer to the big day, we will provide more details. Stay tuned!

Thank you,

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