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Hello 8th Grade AMS Students and Families!

Today's communication centers around celebrating our 8th grade students as they prepare to move forward to begin their high school years. Given the current restrictions in place, per Governor Lamont's executive order, we are unable to hold the traditional awards ceremony and class night in person. Instead, we want to turn those celebrations into virtual ones, and need your help to make that happen. In the last few weeks, we have collaborated with our teachers, PTO, student council officers, and district leadership to brainstorm the following ways that we will celebrate all of you as you transition to high school:

### **8th Grade End of Year Celebrations/Logistics Overview:**

#### **1. 8th Grade T-Shirts**

- a. An email was sent to all students' Avon Public Schools gmail account this morning with a link to a google form to place their 8th Grade Celebratory T-Shirt order. Thanks to our Student Council officers and advisors, every 8th grade student will receive a free t-shirt to commemorate their promotion to high school! All orders need to be placed by **Monday, June 1, at 12:00 p.m.** The link to the google form is here [8th Grade T-Shirt Order Form](#) (students need to be logged in to their APS gmail account to submit the form).

#### **2. Virtual Class Night**

- a. We are in the process of putting together a "**Virtual Class Night**" presentation (in the form of a google slideshow). All students will have the opportunity to submit a personalized google slide to contribute to the virtual class night presentation. Details on the personalized slide and how to submit the slide will be posted in **Ms. Boland's Class of 2024 Google Classroom** on Wednesday, 5.27.20.
- b. Virtual Class Night will include remarks from Mr. Kimball, recognition of students who have received various awards throughout the year, and the alphabetical recognition of each 8th grade student through their personalized google slide.
- c. Students who choose not to submit a personalized slide will have a template slide created for them with their yearbook photo and name.
- d. All personalized slides are due by **Wednesday, June 3rd.** Students will "turn them in" through the Class of 2024 Google Classroom.

**3. 8th Grade Lawn Signs**

- a. Thanks to our PTO and CT Sportswear, we have been able to purchase an 8th Grade Commemorative Lawn Sign for every 8th grader at AMS!
- b. Delivery details are still being worked out- more information to come soon.

**4. Yearbooks/Student Materials**

- a. There will be an update sent to all AMS students and families, in the coming week, with details on picking up/returning materials to AMS.
- b. Yearbooks will be included in this material pick up/return. If you'd still like to order a Yearbook, [Here is the link to our AMS Yearbook Ordering Form.](#)

We miss all of you so much and wish our celebrations could be in person, as they traditionally are. With that said, there is something to be said for the fact that your promotion from 8th to 9th grade will be something you (and all of us) will never forget! We hope that the celebrations outlined above, including a "Virtual Class Night" that you can save and store on your google drive, will be ways that you can remember your 8th grade promotion for years to come.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge and thank our PTO, class night committee, Student Council officers and advisors, and all of the students, families and staff for all of their help to coordinate the end of year celebrations. We are so grateful to partner with all of you in this work.

Please reach out to us at any time with questions.

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