

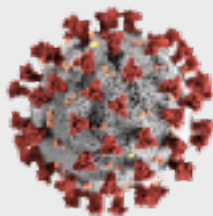
SMS Newsletter



COVID-19 Closure

Memo #11

- Many Questions!
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The school year is quickly coming to an end. I have been so impressed with our students as they have persevered through this COVID-19 Closure. We have witnessed many students continue to work on their course work and are quickly wrapping up their final projects. I am so pleased with the work our students have completed and the dedication of the school staff. We have also had a fantastic team of volunteers come together to support our weekly meal delivery program. Thank you, thank you! Springdale is a community that genuinely cares about our students.

Each week, I receive more and more questions about the COVID-19 Closure and school reopening. Questions that I really do not yet have answers for! Here are some recent questions:

Will 8th-grade students be promoted to high school?

Yes, all of our 8th-grade students are being promoted to high school. We will be celebrating the class of 2024 next Tuesday, June 9 at 7 PM. The promotion is going to look exceptionally different, as we are following the state guidelines for a drive-through ceremony. Please come and support this wonderful class as they transition to high school. See more info on the back.

So, what does it look like to wrap up the end of school year without having students at school?

It looks extremely odd. Teachers are going to be posting grades that reflect the grade from March 16 or better (some students have increased their grades!) The overall expectation of the state is that we 'do no harm' on our student's grades during this COVID-19 Closure. Students who left items at school are permitted to get those items from the hall and classroom on June 15th or 16th. We will permit limited access to the building and ask that everyone maintains social distancing as they stop by the school. Students can return the devices to the meal delivery teams as well.

What do I do with my Chromebook?

We are asking all students to return their Chromebooks to the school on June 15th or 16th, unless students have school work they will be working on over the course of summer.

What will next school year look like?

I do not know! The Department of Health(DOH) is closely monitoring the current health concerns across the state and working to build closer relationships with the local health departments to determine the best course of action for the opening of schools next fall. We are eagerly waiting for June 8, as the state has committed to providing some initial guidance by then.

Please stay tuned! Please stay patient! And know that we are here for you!

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Springdale Middle School Promotion

"Drive-Through 8th Grade Promotion"

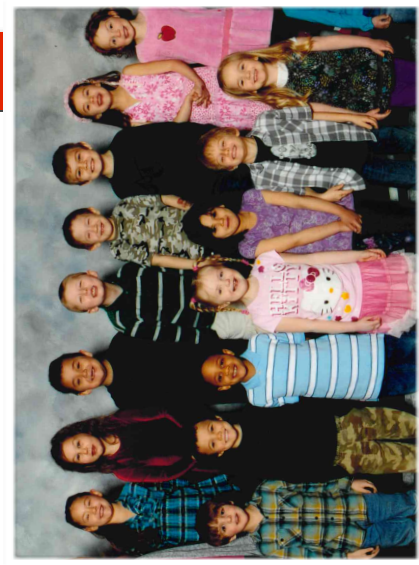
Next **Tuesday, June 9 at 7 PM** is our 8th-grade promotion. We are following the Washington State Department of Health guidelines to host a drive-through promotion. We are all saddened by the fact that we are not hosting a traditional promotion and limited in how we can celebrate. This class has persevered through some tough times, and we are so proud of each and every student. Please join us to celebrate the class of 2024! This event is going to be a festive one that honors our hardworking students.

At the start of the drive-through, students will receive a mini-party bag that includes festive items like a party popper, silly string, candy, and a USB drive with the 8th-grade promotion video. Cars will drive through the bus loop where staff and community members will be honking and cheering them along the way. Near the middle of the bus loop, students will pass through a balloon arch, which will be a symbolic reference to a gateway to their high school years. Each student will then receive their 8th-grade promotion certificate.

All 8th-grade families are encouraged to line up at the start of the bus loop prior to 7 PM. Community members and guests are invited to attend the promotion by parking inside the parking lot to cheer our students along the way.

Per State guidelines, 8th-grade students, and only their immediate family members who are staying at home together, should arrive in waves and leave after their individual recognition. Students must remain in the car and should be in the passenger seat as they drive through."

We look forward to celebrating our 8th graders next **Tuesday, June 9 at 7 PM**. See you then!



Way back then...Kindergarten