

La Loma Junior High School

Class of

2018

Activities and Graduation Information

**Read Carefully**

# GRADUATION CEREMONY

When: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Johansen High School Gymnasium

*Dance immediately following ceremony in the La Loma Campbell Gym*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As May 31st approaches, it is time for our eighth grade students to begin planning for graduation. Students need to arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. for the 5:00 ceremony. Due to seating restrictions, each graduate student will receive (5) five seating tickets for relatives and/or friends. On the 31st, students will be bussed to Johansen High for rehearsal from 9 to 11 a.m. Following rehearsal, students who ride a bus will be dropped off at the elementary feeder school nearest their home. Students who walk to school will return to La Loma but must leave the campus immediately.

In addition to having met all academic and citizenship requirements for participating in graduation ceremonies, the Modesto City Schools Conduct Code outlines specific eligibility guidelines (*Conduct Code*, pages 65-70), which may result in a student losing graduation privileges. Students who have not been denied graduation but are in jeopardy due to citizenship and/or grades will be notified of their citizenship and grade status by Monday, May 29, 2018.

Eighth-grade graduation is important but should not be an event that places an undue financial hardship on families. Modesto City Schools has standardized graduation dress by requiring the use of gowns at all junior high school graduation events. Such attire dignifies the ceremony and hopefully eliminates the need for purchasing expensive graduation clothes. No student eligible to graduate will be eliminated from the graduation ceremony due to the inability to pay. Parents with questions, please contact Elaine Taylor at 574-1906 if a gown is needed.

Occasionally families ask how they can help our graduates. We always appreciate and recognize voluntary donations from our parents and community members. Your generosity helps support our educational goals and programs and services for students. Please understand that any donations are truly voluntary and your student's ability to participate in a school activity is never conditioned on making a donation. All donations are optional; none are required.

Students and families often ask what clothes students should wear under their graduation gowns. As a general guideline, clothes usually worn to a semiformal event, such as a wedding or similar occasion, are appropriate for graduation. The appropriate clothing listed below is intended as a guideline only.

**DRESSES:** Because all graduates must climb stairs to and from the stage, knee-length or mid-calf length dresses are recommended. **SHIRTS:** Dress shirts with long or short sleeves. **PANTS:** Dress slacks or knit, cotton or corduroy fabric are acceptable. We prefer that no jeans or shorts be worn. **TIES:** Not required; however, a long or bow tie of suitable color and design is acceptable. **SHOES:** Dress shoes in good condition and of any color are acceptable. A low or moderate heel is recommended for safety reasons. We prefer that students not wear tennis shoes.

If you have concerns or questions concerning graduation eligibility, please call Mrs. Marcelino (Mon-Fri) at 574-1906. In conclusion, graduation is a serious and formal celebration so as not to be confused with a sporting event. Horns, bells, balloons, etc. disturb the program and take away from this special occasion and are not allowed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Let's make this a special event for all concerned.

Sincerely,  
Dan Iverson  
Principal

# What It Takes. . .

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP**

Students must meet eligibility guidelines to participate in the graduation ceremony and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. One or more items on the following list will lead to a loss of graduation ceremony and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip privileges.

- ❖ Any debts owed for loss or damage to school district property including text and library books.
- ❖ Student reaches step 6 of truancy policy.
- ❖ Substance abuse infraction occurring in the fourth quarter.
- ❖ Any infraction requiring an expulsion.
- ❖ One four-day home suspension or two or more home suspensions during the fourth quarter.
- ❖ Two or more unsatisfactory citizenship marks in the third quarter.
- ❖ Failure to earn a passing grade on the U.S. Constitution test (applies to graduation ceremony only).
- ❖ Any failing grade in a core academic class during 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade (applies to graduation ceremony only).

An 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who receives two unsatisfactory citizenship marks the third quarter may regain the privilege of participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dance, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony by petitioning off the ineligibility list. Three weeks after grades are released to students, any junior high student has five school days to petition the principal/designee to be placed on academic probation and regain privileges. A student must maintain a “D” grade and satisfactory citizenship in each class to maintain privileges.

The district reserves the right to exclude a student from the graduation ceremony or other activities for a flagrant infraction to the MCS Conduct Code irrespective of the student’s citizenship status. **Other reasons for exclusion from the graduation ceremony are:**

- 1) Outstanding debts, i.e., monies from fundraisers, library and textbooks and damage to school or district property; and**
- 2) If a child is late returning to departing buses from Great America or does not ride the bus back to La Loma.**

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May 29 - 31    Minimum Day Schedule  
Dismissal time is 1:48

May 31        8<sup>th</sup> graders are dismissed immediately  
following graduation practice.

# CALENDAR 2018

- April 9            Graduation Gowns & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip - \$70.00    \*\* GO ON SALE \*\*  
Gowns (\$18.00) and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip (\$52.00) tickets may be purchased before school and after school only in the office. **Seating is limited to the first 192 students.** No bus changes. **Parents must sign a permission slip. No one will be sold a ticket without a completed permission slip (see last page).** All transactions are cash or credit. **NO CHECKS ACCEPTED.**
- April 13            Last day to purchase a yearbook at school.
- April 14            Last day to pre-purchase a yearbook **on-line.**
- May 1                Refund Policy.  
All purchases at La Loma will be cash only or credit. **After May 1, only students who move or become ineligible will receive refunds.** All refunds require the original receipt.
- TBA                 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Ticket Sales - \$12.00  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance tickets go on sale during lunch periods and are “cash only” item. PTA will sell tickets on various dates during the lunch periods (announcements will be in the daily bulletin). Dance tickets will also be sold at the door the evening of the dance. A picture booth be available at the dance at no cost. The dance is sponsored by the La Loma PTA. It will be held following the graduation ceremony in the La Loma Jr. High Campbell Gym from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. **Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade La Loma students who are eligible may attend the dance. Only students enrolled at La Loma may attend.**
- May 11             Last day to purchase 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip ticket (pending available seating).
- May 21             Yearbook Distribution
- May 21             Last Day to Purchase Gown
- May 25             Gown and Graduation Ticket Distribution.  
Tickets (**5 per student**) and gowns will be distributed in the gym. **There are no replacements for lost tickets.**
- May 29             8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Great America  
The trip to Great America is Tuesday, May 29th. Buses will leave La Loma at 8:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. Traveling by any means other than school-arranged transportation will not be allowed. **If a child is late returning to departing buses at Great America or does not ride the bus back to La Loma, he/she may be excluded from the graduation ceremony.**
- May 31             Graduation Rehearsal (9-11 a.m.) at Johansen’s Gym  
Graduation Ceremony (5:00 p.m.) at Johansen’s Gym  
Graduation Dance (7-10 p.m) at La Loma Jr. High Gym

**MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS  
PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENT  
TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT APPROVED  
FIELD TRIP WITHIN STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend  
(Name of Student)

**Class of 2018 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip** which will take place  
(Activity/Event)

at **Great America** **Santa Clara, Ca.**  
(Facility) (Location/City)

Date of Event: **5/29/18** Class/Group Attending: **8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Time of Departure: **8:00 a.m.** Time of Return: **6:00 p.m.**

Teacher or Leader: **Mr. Day**

Method of Transportation: **Storer Coachways or other charter buses**

I understand that all students going on this trip will conduct themselves properly, be responsible to the bus driver, to teachers, and adult sponsors. It is further understood those students will go and return from the event in the transportation provided.

**I have talked to my child and we both understand that if a child is late returning to departing buses at Great America or does not ride the bus back to La Loma, he/she may be excluded from the graduation ceremony.**

I understand that Education Code Section 35330 provides, in part, as follows:

“All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the district or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian Signature)

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(Date)

**This permission slip must be returned at the time of purchase. No one will be sold a ticket for Great America without a completed permission slip.**