



PAUL R. SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Friday, March 25th, 2021

Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding an in person 8th grade promotion ceremony for students this year. In order to make this a safe and enjoyable event for every family, we would like to share some important information with you.

Based upon our district re-opening plan, we are limited to the number of guests that may attend the 8th promotion ceremony per student in order to provide a safe and socially distant in person event for our students. For this reason, our 8th grade promotion ceremony will be separated into two cohorts. Based upon the size and capacity of our gymnasium, guests limits per child will be no more than 3.

Entry into the event will require families to employ the following:

- Guests should not enter an event if they are feeling ill or have been in close contact with someone with COVID within the last 10 days (please see the visitors screener located at the top of the school's website).
- Guests must wear a facemask/covering at all times during indoor events.
- Guests must be restricted from students and personnel before, during, and after events.
- Guests should not congregate in walkways, hallways, common traffic areas, or gymnasiums before, after or during event.
- Guests must always practice physical distancing with those outside of their direct families, and sit in family pods at all events.

If you do not wish to attend this event in person, we will be providing a live stream on our Paul R. Smith Middle School Facebook page.

****Please be aware that we cannot guarantee that there will not be technical difficulties with a live stream.****

The 8th promotion ceremonies will be as follows:

Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 AM 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony in PRSMS Gymnasium

9:30am-10:30am (Doors will open at 9am for families)

SEALS Team including SEALS My School Online Students

Infinity Team including Infinity My School Online Students

Delta Force Team including Delta Force My School Online Students

Tuesday May 25th, 2021 PM 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony in PRSMS Gymnasium

1:30pm – 2:30pm (Doors will open at 1pm for families)

Thunderbirds Team including Thunderbirds My School Online Students

Cambridge Team including Cambridge My School Online Students

In order for a student to participate in our 8th grade promotion ceremony, the following conditions must be met:

All middle school students are under the State mandated promotion rules, *according to the State of Florida rules, middle school students must successfully complete English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies each year (6th- 8th) to be promoted to high school. Successful completion of these courses require the earning of a grade of “D” or higher. Your child will also be required to complete a Civics course and career component before leaving eighth grade and being promoted to high school.*

If your child is not in promotion status, there is still time. Students may recover a course through our Course Recovery class during the school day, or through Extended School day. If a child is taking an online course for their core subject area, they must be on track for completion of the course(s) by the end of the school year and fulfilled all three years of the subject area. Please contact Ms. Lux, School Counselor or Mr. Ebert, SSAP teacher to review your child's promotion status.

8th Grade T Shirt Order Form, Ceremony Tickets, Promotion Requirement & Early Release Sign Out

This form must be turned into your Team Pod Leader/Teacher with money for your 8th grade t-shirt no later than April 23rd. Any student with outstanding balances with PRSMS, must be paid in full prior to 8th grade promotion ceremony. Please contact our school bookkeeper to inquire on any outstanding balances.

Student Name: _____

ORDER FORM	PRICE	SHIRT SIZE	TOTAL
*8 TH GRADE T-SHIRT *Payment Due by April 23rd*	\$10.00		
20-21 YEARBOOK	\$30.00		
	GRAND TOTAL		
PROMOTION CEREMONY TICKETS	NO MORE THAN 3 TICKETS CAN BE REQUESTED		

- Please make sure your student delivers the payment to the staff member responsible for his/her team, if paying by cash or check. You may also make your payments on the Parent Portal through our Rycor System; however this form still needs to be returned to the designated team leader below.
 - Thunderbirds: Jennifer Reynolds, jlreynol@pasco.k12.fl.us
 - Infinity: Tracy Constantine, tconsta@pasco.k12.fl.us
 - Cambridge: Lisa Crosby, lcrosby@pasco.k12.fl.us
 - Seals: Katelynn Towne, ktowne@pasco.k12.fl.us
 - Delta Force: Sara Young, sfamor@pasco.k12.fl.us

***If writing a check.** Please make checks payable to Paul R. Smith Middle School. All checks must have name, address and phone #. In the memo area please include your child's name and student id #. Thanks!

I acknowledge my understanding that **Students must meet all academic promotion requirements**

- a. Pass the four core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies) for each of the 3 years in Middle School including their Civics course and End of Course Exam. They must complete their career component.
- b. Students with 6th & 7th grade course failures and/or current 8th grade course failures are not eligible for promotion and are therefore **not eligible** for the Promotion Ceremony. These students may participate in our Course Recovery program. A student must complete **all** Course Recovery courses and/or have a passing grade in **all** 8th grade core courses before they can become eligible to participate in the 8th grade promotional ceremony.

I acknowledge my understanding that if my student receives a discipline referral that results in O.S.S. during the time of the promotion ceremony, they will not be allowed to return to school for the promotional ceremony as this constitutes a school activity.

_____ I am requesting my child, _____, be released to me following the completion of the 8th Grade promotion ceremony. This serves as my child's early release on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021.
(initial)

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:

Phone #:

Student ID# _____

Do you have an ADA request?

Please indicate below in the space provided and let the school know as soon as possible.