

Dear Lumberton 8th Grade Families,

We want to thank you and the students for all your efforts and flexibility as we try to make the culminating activities as meaningful as we can based on the current guidance from the state of New Jersey. We hope this document will be an all encompassing set of answers to all of the end of the year activities for our eighth graders.

### **Dance**

The dance committee had been hoping to be able to hold the dance at some point this summer. However, that will not be possible. The dance committee, in conjunction with the PTA, will be sponsoring some surprises for the students as we approach the end of the year.

### **Class T-Shirts**

One of the surprises from the dance committee and PTA is the gifting of a class t-shirt to every student. Last week we sent out a Google Form to collect their t-shirt size. Thank you to everyone who completed the form. Mrs. Wagner is currently reaching out to families to finalize all the sizes we need for our students. If you did not fill out the form, and have not heard from Mrs. Wagner, please email your child's first and last name and t-shirt size to [kwagner@lumberton.k12.nj.us](mailto:kwagner@lumberton.k12.nj.us) by 3:00 PM on Thursday May 21.

### **Hershey Park**

This is another event that was unfortunately cancelled. We are in the process of determining the amount of refunds that each family is entitled to receive. All families will be refunded all monies that they paid including any proceeds from fundraising to individual students. This is an individual accounting process that has to be done by hand in our business office. We thank you in advance for your patience, as we move through this process. Our central office staff is working remotely as well, so we will work through refunding each family as quickly as possible. Checks will be made out to the parent and/or guardian listed as guardian 1 in Genesis contacts and mailed to the home address.

### **Diploma Folders**

Many of you who came on Monday to pick up student possessions from their lockers received a diploma folder with your contents. However, at about 11:45 we ran out of the supply we had. We kept track of the students who came after that time, and the students that did not come on Monday. We are going to get you a diploma folder through the mail as soon as they come to us.

We had planned to use them in a picture for a virtual graduation slideshow. However, the shipment will not be in with enough time for us to get them to all the students. More information on the pictures we need for graduation will be included later in this email.

### **Personal Items From Lockers**

If you were not able to come on Monday we will have make-up days to pick up your belongings. The first one will be next Thursday, May 28th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

### **Yearbooks**

The yearbook advisor, in conjunction with the middle school administration has decided to push the yearbook distribution date back to July. In making that decision, our hope was that restrictions may be eased or lifted, and provide the opportunity for the students to have a yearbook signing. In the event restrictions are still in place, we will make arrangements for every 8th grader who purchased one to get their yearbook.

### **8th Grade Recognition Drive By**

The Mayor and Township Committee would like to recognize and honor our eighth grade graduates. They plan to do so in a drive by on Monday, June 8th beginning at approximately 5:30 PM. They will be wearing masks, and the vehicle they use will allow for them to be socially distant as well. All students and their families should observe the drive by from outside their house and not gather with friends or neighbors. In addition, the committee asked that we reiterate that this is not a parade and that no one should follow the truck.

Please click on the form below to declare whether or not you are interested in participating in the 8th grade recognition drive by.

<https://forms.gle/v4ER2QFFbcbGF9LW7>

### **Chromebooks & Other School Materials**

Students will need Chromebooks up till the end of school. Therefore, at this time, the technology department is planning for a collection after June 12th. We will update you when further information is available.

With regards to library books, and other school materials we are waiting on guidance from the Department of Health about collecting such materials. We will be in touch when we have more information about collection.

### **8th Grade Award Night - Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 PM**

Our eighth grade awards night will take place virtually on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 PM. We are working with our partner organizations to make sure that the students will be recognized for their outstanding work and accomplishments. Students who are going to be recognized will be notified in advance. All certificates, plaques, and awards will be forwarded to the student after the award ceremony is complete.

### **8th Grade Graduation - Friday, June 12th at 7:00 PM**

Our eighth grade graduation that is typically held at Rancocas Valley Performing Arts Center will be moved to a virtual experience as well. We want to try to maintain as many of our traditions as possible, and will be working with our staff in planning this program.

One of these is the opportunity for students to prepare a speech, and be selected to deliver that speech at the graduation ceremony. Mr. Martino and Mr. Cummings are heading up the eighth grade speech committee. If you wish to submit a video reading of your speech for consideration, please follow the directions on the document below.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uji\\_jReDqWuMYfOCDgkndo\\_Ca38\\_VugN1Kn-DkMVeo0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uji_jReDqWuMYfOCDgkndo_Ca38_VugN1Kn-DkMVeo0/edit?usp=sharing)

The most important aspect of graduation is the recognition of individual students by the calling of names. We will continue this tradition virtually this year. This is where we need your help. We would like to do this to a picture slideshow of each student. This is your opportunity to show your Lumberton pride, and dress to impress while taking a photo that you will submit for the slideshow.

The due date for this image will be next Wednesday, May 27th by 3:00 PM. Please click on the form below and upload your image. You will need to have a google account in order to do so. Any questions or issues please let me know.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeW1AZFn4SJVAOiNTsSZhRET0aR0lav0nJp5R0j1n5bKWunlg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeW1AZFn4SJVAOiNTsSZhRET0aR0lav0nJp5R0j1n5bKWunlg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **How to view 8th Grade Awards and Graduation**

We are working with our technology department to set up the easiest way for you all to view these events. Detailed instructions will be sent out closer to the event.

I understand that there was a lot of information in one communication. However, we are trying to make sure that the end of the year goes as well for the kids as possible. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, and I will do my best to answer what I can.

Thank you,

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