Dear Parents,

We would like to say a special thanks to you for all of your help with our 8th grade events and activities during this past school year.

Many students have had questions about the 8th grade activities for the next few weeks. We would like to summarize the planned activities and hopefully answer student and parent questions.

Saturday, May 6th 8th GRADE DANCE

Students are asked to go to Veterans Memorial Park on Pearl Street at 4:45 PM for pictures. Parents are asked to stay in order to transport their student from the park to the school. If, after arriving at the park, the weather is not cooperative, the students will go to the school for pictures and remain for dinner which is being served at 5:30 PM. The dance will be from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

Thursday, May 11th <u>BLUE MAN GROUP</u>

Students will leave school at 8:45 AM and return around 6:30 PM. Dress is Business Casual. Students and chaperones may wear shirts/tops with khakis or jeans (no rips or holes). T-shirts, hoodies, shorts, leggings or sandals are not to be worn. Students may bring extra money for souvenirs.

Monday, May 15th COVENANT HARBOR "SNAKE ROAD"

Students will leave school at 9 AM, return around 4 PM. Casual clothes and gym shoes should be worn, however, NO SHORTS. Dress appropriately for the weather. Students should bring a brown bag lunch with a beverage.

Thursday, May 18th ALL SCHOOL MASS AT HOLY APOSTLES AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY CEREMONY

Students will come to school as usual and will travel by school bus to Holy Apostles for Mass. Eighth grade students are to wear dress clothes. Gentlemen should wear dress pants, shirt, tie, and dress shoes. The ladies should wear appropriate dresses and dress shoes. At the conclusion of Mass, NJHS students will be recognized. Eighth grade students will remain at Holy Apostles after Mass for a short graduation rehearsal. The students will return by bus to Montini (about 11:30 PM) and may change into casual attire (see handbook). The afternoon schedule will be the usual classes for Thursday. The students will be dismissed at the regular time from Montini Middle School.

Saturday, May 20th 8th GRADE BANQUET AND COLOR-A-THON

You and your graduate may begin arriving at the McHenry Country Club at 5 PM. Dinner will be served at 6 PM and the award presentations will begin around 7 PM. Dress clothes are required, the attire is the same as the last all school Mass.

Montini is hosting a Color-A-Thon at Peterson Park on the morning of May 20th with registration starting at 9 AM and the run/walk starting at 10 AM. Last day to turn in pledge sheets is Monday, May 8.

Monday, May 22nd HOLY HILL

Students will leave school at 8:30 AM and should return by 3:15 PM. Students may bring extra money for souvenirs.

Wednesday, May 24th PICNIC AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Students will participate in a picnic luncheon. After the luncheon, the 8th grade homerooms will compete in a friendly game of softball. Both of these activities are weather permitting. Students will be released at the normal time and **this will be their last day of school**.

Friday, May 26th GRADUATION AT HOLY APOSTLES

Students should arrive at Holy Apostles by 6:30 PM with their caps and gowns. (Please encourage the students to eat a light meal before they come to church.) They will report to the Father Sherry room to receive their ribbons and to line up. If parents wish to give their graduate flowers, this may be done after the ceremony. The girls may wear wrist corsages; however, no bouquets or pinned flowers may be carried or worn during the Mass. The attire for graduation is the same as that for the 8th grade banquet and last all school Mass. A reception for the graduates and their guests will follow the Mass.

Thank you very much for all of your help and support throughout the 2016-2017 school year. As parents, you can be very proud of your sons and daughters who are part of the Class of 2017!

Mrs. Hopp Mrs. Wagner Mr. Semcken Mr. Shukis