Dear Students & Parents,

Congratulations on making it to the last quarter of your 8th grade year. You have worked hard over these last three years to get here and we are excited about this accomplishment. The 8th grade team has some fun things planned to help our 8th graders close out their middle school journey. In order to participate in these End-of-Year (EOY) activities the following must be met:

**Before the activities, students:**

1. Must be passing ALL courses throughout 4th Nine Weeks (No F’s and must be on track for promotion). Failure to maintain a passing grade during this quarter will result in probation. P*robation means*: The student MUST improve the failing grade, or risk not being able to participate in the activities. Administration will weigh special circumstances. The **grade deadline** for each activity is listed below.
   * Prom: May 5th
   * Gradventure: May 12th
   * Promotion Ceremony: May 16th
2. Who receives one (1) Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) referral or two (2) Opportunity to Improve (OFI) referrals during the 4th Nine Weeks will be ineligible to attend and participate in the EOY activities.

**During the activities, students:**

1. Must follow all rules and directions of any RMS chaperone during the event.
2. Must comply with any given direction the first time it is given.
3. Must follow all RMS rules, dress code, and student handbook expectations apply during each activity.
   1. Prom attire must be appropriate and acceptable.
4. CANNOT have any illegal substance such as tobacco, alcohol, and/or drugs at any time. Violations will be dealt with according to [Leon County School Student Code of Conduct.](https://www.leonschools.net/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=71248&dataid=186625&FileName=Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20Book_2022-2023%20DRAFT_7_26.pdf)

**8th Grade Prom:** Friday May 9th at 7pm at Hotel Duval. Tickets are $40 and will go on sale Wednesday, April 2nd. If you are paying with cash, please bring the exact amount. No change will be provided. Please make all checks and money orders out to Raa Middle School. Only students classified as 8th graders enrolled at Raa are eligible to attend.

**8th Grade Gradventure Trip**: There are about 10 spots remaining for the trip. The cost is $225. Please reach out to Mrs. Parker if you would We will leave May 16th at 9:30am and arrive back at 5:00am on May 17th. Only students classified as 8th graders are eligible to attend. More information will be released to students who have paid for the trip.

**8th Grade Promotion Ceremony:** Wednesday, May 21st at 4pm at FAMU in the Al Lawson Center. Students will have to pay $10 for the promotion ceremony. Payment will be due May 15th for students not attending prom. The attire for the graduation is white tops, black bottoms and black shoes. Young ladies can also wear black dresses. Only students who are on track to pass all of their classes will be eligible to participate.

If you have any questions regarding the EOY events, please reach out to Ms. Benette, [benettee@leonschools.net](mailto:benettee@leonschools.net).

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade Team