

Dear 8th Grade Families,

It's hard to believe that the time has come to begin finalizing our end of year plans for this year's 8th grade class. While this communication is the first of many, please take a moment to review the information below and complete the Henderson High School PE T-shirt order form by clicking [here](#). This gift will be presented to the students at the end of the year (Thank you PTO!).

The 8th grade dance will take place on **Friday, June 3** in the Peirce cafeteria from **6-9 p.m.** Tickets will be on sale starting **Monday, May 23** and run through the end of the school day on **Friday, May 27**. The cost of the ticket is \$15 dollars and a signed permission slip is required at the time of purchase. Additional information will follow.

Peirce will hold the **8th Grade Reflection Ceremony** on **Monday, June 6** starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. **Tuesday, June 7** will serve as the rain date. Additionally, we will use our football/soccer field and track area as the venue for the ceremony. Seating will be located on the track (folding chairs) as well as in the aluminum bleachers. Families are invited to bring blankets and chairs to utilize the hill/top of the hill. We are confident that both the sound and sightlines will be excellent from any location.

While the event is not a formal graduation ceremony, it is an opportunity to recognize our students for all of their hard work and dedication to Peirce Middle School. Please see the additional details for the event and please let me know if you have any further questions.

- Student attire for the event is casual. If your student would like to dress in a more formal fashion they are certainly welcome to do so.
- Guests will access the seating area from the front parking lot and the emergency access road to the left of the building. A handicap shuttle (golf carts) will run back and forth from the front of the building to the lower track area. Please reach out to me if any further accommodations will be required.
- We anticipate that the program will conclude prior to 10:30 am. Students and families will have an opportunity to take pictures immediately after the ceremony. Students will return to the building at 10:45 a.m.
- Families may sign out their student at the end of the ceremony. A sign-out table will be located on the top of the hill (near the access road) for your convenience.

The **8th grade picnic** will take place on **Tuesday, June 7** in the afternoon. This **student activity** will run rain or shine. A pizza lunch will be provided for the students. Additionally, a school lunch may be purchased through the cafeteria, similar to a normal school day. Students are encouraged to bring a beach towel and sunscreen as most of the picnic will take place outside.

Lastly, the Peirce PTO is coordinating an 8th grade yard sign sale. You may place your order by clicking [here](#). The deadline to order a yard sign is **Friday, April 22**.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to a great finish to the school year.

Mr. Joseph DiAntonio

Principal, Peirce Middle School