



# National City Middle School

*"Once a Kingsmen, Always a Kingsmen!"*

May 20, 2024

Dear Kingsmen 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to provide an eighth grade promotion ceremony to acknowledge the transition from middle school to high school. This year, promotion will be held **on Tuesday, June 4, at 6pm** on Sweetwater High School's football field. Promotion is a ceremony and celebration for all of our National City Middle Community and we want to ensure it's a memorable event for all. Please read the guidelines with your student.

## Key End-of-the Year Activities and Dates

**May 28-29** End of course exams - all students should plan to attend. Final grades will be issued on May 30. Students must pass all classes with at least a "D" in order to participate in promotion.

**May 20-21** Textbook Return through US History

**May 23** Academic Excellence Awards

**May 23** End of the Year 8th Grade Dance at NCM from 5 pm-7 pm (Casual dress appropriate for school)

**May 30** iPad Return- Math Classes

**May 31** 8th Grade Picnic (During the school day: Period 4-Period 6)

**June 3** MANDATORY Promotion Rehearsal and distribution of promotion Certificates and awards. Students are required to attend in order to participate in the Promotion Ceremony--see schedule below:

Last Name	REPORT TIME
A-D	9:00am-10:00am
E-K	10:00am-11:00am
L-Q	11:00am-12:00pm
R-Z	1:00pm-2:00pm

On June 3 students will enter and exit through the auditorium.

## Dress Guidelines for the Promotion Ceremony

- We recommend students wear clothing they would wear for a dinner or a nice function with their parents. Modest dresses, slacks, and collared shirts are appropriate. Undergarments should not show at any time. No hats. Please consult an Assistant Principal if you have a question.
- **Sweetwater High has asked that NO pointed heels/stilettos as they damage the turf field.** Wedge shoes or flat shoes are permissible. No flip flops.
- Only school-issued medals are permitted for students to wear at the ceremony.
- Students should not bring a camera, purse, or any items that you will have to be handheld. Phones must be away during the ceremony. Students may use their phones at designated times. More information to come at the mandatory promotion practice.

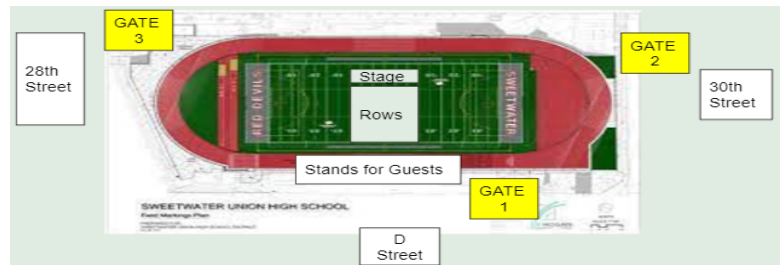
### **Event Rule**

- Each promoting student is allowed to have **SIX (6)** guests (Minors are included in the total guest count). Guests of the promoting student will be expected to sit together and may **NOT** be transferred to another student due to limited space for each family.
- No outside food/drink or concessions are permitted inside the venue.
- **At the conclusion of the ceremony, please meet your student at the E 30th Street Entrance/Exit.** They will be release from the Gail Mitchell Dance Studio building
- Please help prevent traffic jams by exiting the facility and parking lot in a timely manner.
- To ensure a positive experience for everyone please avoid an extra trip to your car. Kindly read the list of prohibited items below. For security purposes ALL bags may be subject to search at the entrance.
- We want to honor our students as we close out the 23-24 school year. Please be cognizant that every family wants to hear their student's names read. Please refrain from making loud noises when student's names are being read.
- Immediately following the ceremony, guests will need to vacate the stands in order for them to be cleaned..
- There will be a professional photographer to photograph each student as they are on stage. All pictures will be available for purchase at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com).

### **Promotion Ceremony Entrance Information**

Students can enter Sweetwater High School Football Field at any of the three entrances. Students will need to report to the west most field goal where they will collect their name cards from one of three tables.

Once students have their name cards, they will report to any row. Rows will be filled as students arrive and are on a "first come, first serve" basis.



### **Additional Prohibited Items at the Promotion Ceremony**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Backpacks / large bags</li><li>• No Aerosol Products</li><li>• No Air Horns</li><li>• No Balloons</li><li>• No Re-entry</li><li>• No Confetti / Cannons / Bags</li><li>• No Bikes/Scooters/Skates</li><li>• No Blankets/Towels</li><li>• No Glass or Metal Bottles</li><li>• No Video Cameras</li><li>• No Chains / Chain Wallets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Chairs</li><li>• No Coolers</li><li>• No Flags</li><li>• No Flyers / Samples / Giveaways</li><li>• No Audio Recording Devices</li><li>• No Guns / Tasers / Ammunition</li><li>• No Umbrellas</li><li>• No Strollers</li><li>• No Drones, Remote Control Aircrafts/ Cars</li><li>• No Drugs or Drug Paraphernalia</li><li>• No Vapes / E-cigarettes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Fireworks / Explosives / Road Flares</li><li>• No hoverboards/SKateboards/Segways</li><li>• No Hula Hoops</li><li>• No Baby Powder</li><li>• No Knives/Weapons/Sharp Objects</li><li>• No Mace/Pepper Spray</li><li>• No Outside Food or Beverage</li><li>• No Pets/Animals (Unless ADA identified)</li><li>• No Selfie Sticks / Tripods</li><li>• No Sharpies / Markers / Paint Pens</li><li>• No Toy Guns / Squirt Guns / Slingshot</li></ul>
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If you have any questions, please visit the school website for a question and contact the school at 619-336-2600, or email our 8th grade Assistant Principal at [andrea.currier@sweetwaterschools.org](mailto:andrea.currier@sweetwaterschools.org).

It has been a pleasure to have your child at National City Middle. We share your pride and congratulate you as they move on to high school!

Sincerely,

Jose Vargas,  
Principal

Should you choose not to participate in promotion, please communicate with Ms. Currier at [andrea.currier@sweetwaterschools.org](mailto:andrea.currier@sweetwaterschools.org)