November 3, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students,

We look forward to an exciting and successful year working with the Class of 2026!

Please take a moment to review the promotion requirements in order to participate in the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony. Roosevelt International Baccalaureate Middle School sets high standards, and students who put forth the effort to meet the requirements listed below will earn the privilege of participating in the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony as well as all of the social activities and celebrations planned throughout the school year.

All of the following are the requirements for participation in the 2021-2022 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony:

1. 2.0 Academic Grade Point Average (GPA)
2. 2.0 Citizenship Grade Point Average (GPA)
3. Completed Community Project and Presentation (See back for information.)
4. No suspensions
5. No truancies
6. No more than 7 tardies
7. No outstanding library materials

We are off to a strong start at Roosevelt, and are confident that each and every 8th grade student has the ability to meet the requirements and participate in the promotion ceremony. If your student has a concern in any of the areas listed above they can request an individual appeal with Mr. Steinberger bsteinberger@sandi.net and/or Ms. Brewer cbrewer@sandi.net during semester two of this school year.

The 8th grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on June 14th at 8:00 am at the San Diego Zoo. The ceremony is expected to run for approximately an hour. After the ceremony, students and their families are free to enjoy a day at the zoo, free of charge. Each student will be allotted three entrance tickets: one for the student and two for guests. There will be a request form for families should additional tickets become available in June. Family members who do not have tickets for the promotion ceremony may purchase tickets to enter the zoo and join their party at the zoo after the ceremony.

Please join us on November 9th at 5:00 pm for an 8th Grade Parent Meeting via zoom. At this meeting, we will go over the requirements for the promotion ceremony and answer any questions you might have. Deb Christensen, our International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator, will also be there to discuss the Community Project Presentation and what will be expected of your student this year in order to complete their project successfully. We will also discuss tutoring and other supports we have in place for our students. We look forward to meeting you! Students are welcome, too!

Counselor caseloads are divided by student last names. Please contact your student’s counselor with any questions or if you feel your student needs additional assistance with achieving this important goal.

A-G: Ms. Martinez jmartinez4@sandi.net  H-O: Mrs. Penn apenn@sandi.net  P-Z: Ms. Santana asantana@sandi.net

Sincerely,

Roosevelt Administration

Please detach this bottom portion and return to your School Counselor.

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Student Name ___________________________ Date ___________________________
I have received and read the 8th Grade Promotion Letter, and understand the promotion requirements.

Parent/Guardian Name ___________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature X ___________________________
COMMUNITY PROJECT

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students,

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program requires every 8th grade students to complete the Community Project process. This opportunity allows for students to culminate their learning experience at Roosevelt International Middle School (RIMS) in a project that puts their learning into action and contributes to a better world. RIMS and the IB Organization believe that the Community Project is crucial to holistic education because it “focuses on community and service, encouraging students to explore their right and responsibility to implement service as action in the community.” It allows students to investigate long-term, in-depth inquiry by identifying a need, focusing on a community, and acting upon student-created solutions. Each student has received a Student Community Project Guide.

The Community Project will be supervised by teachers during Advisory period every Tuesday. Students are encouraged to work in groups of three students, but may work alone. Every student, including those choosing to work in groups, must document their process along the way in a Process Journal. The Process Journal may be electronic or handwritten. The purpose of the Process Journal is to keep track of the student’s inquiry, action, and reflection by documenting the student’s brainstorms, photographs, interviews, videos, research, reflections, etc. Each student/group will participate in an end-of-year Community Project presentation of their process and service action.

Although the Community Project will not bear weight on your child’s academic GPA, this requirement will be contingent for participation in the 8th grade promotion ceremony and participation in the 8th grade end-of-year activities. All of the work (inquiry, action, and reflection) will be completed by the end of May. Students will present their service project and process between April 14-16 to teachers, parents, students and community members.

For further guidance, please visit the 8th Grade Student Tab on the Roosevelt Web page where you will find requirements and helpful documents. You may also contact our IB MYP Coordinator, Ms. Christensen, at dchristensen2@sandi.net

We look forward to seeing how our 8th graders can make a World of Difference!

Sincerely,

Deb Christensen
IB Coordinator