

Dear Grade 8 Families,

In previous years, we have celebrated our grade 8s as they leave Shuswap Middle School by holding a special evening dessert and dance. This year, due to Covid restrictions, we will be unable to make this event happen. In its place, we will be holding a special **"Dress Up & Dessert Day"** at SMS on **Friday, June 18th** for all our grade 8 students.



Sadly, parents/guardians will not be able to attend this event, but we would like to share some of the memories with you. Plans are in the works to create a giant photo booth in our school's courtyard. Each of the nine grade 8 classes will be allotted time in the courtyard to get a class photo taken. Class photos will be shared out by email.

We also anticipate many students will also want to get small group shots with their classmates and friends. On this special occasion, we would like to permit students to use their own cameras/cell phones (with parent permission) to capture and share memories. Please fill out and return the slip below if you do not wish your child to be in any photos taken by staff or students on this day.

Students are encouraged to dress accordingly for the day - nothing too fancy, but perhaps a little spiffier than usual. Desserts will be provided for this event.

We really wish we could gather together to celebrate the incredible journey each and every member of this grade 8 class has gone through in their time at SMS. It has been a most challenging year, and yet, despite all the restrictions and limitations, these students have demonstrated kindness, resilience and had much personal success. We are incredibly proud of them all!

Best,

Sydney Griffith

Sandra Major

Megan Weir

I **do not** wish for my grade 8, _____ (name) to have their photo taken and/or shared on the day of the grade 8 "Dress Up & Dessert" celebration.

Signed: _____