



# St. Cyril of Alexandria School

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Dear Parents of ALL Jr. High Students:

These last months of school are exciting, stimulating and rewarding in many ways. The eighth grade students are looking forward to graduating and experiencing the satisfaction that comes with the hard work that has brought them this far. Thank you, parents, for adding your energy, talent and support to the Junior High Department and to the many Junior High activities. The seventh graders are getting anxious to plan for the graduation dance and move up to take over as the Class of 2018. With all this excitement, we wanted to make sure you are aware of the following:

### Information for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

1. All textbooks will be returned on the day of the final test, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> graders; May 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Students returning books in poor condition will be charged a damage/replacement fee.

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| 2. When are final tests? | 8 <sup>th</sup> graders | Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Social Studies and Science |
|                          | 8 <sup>th</sup> graders | Monday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Math and Language Arts     |
|                          | 7 <sup>th</sup> graders | Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> | Math and Language Arts     |
|                          | 7 <sup>th</sup> graders | Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Social Studies and Science |

\*\*\*Please make sure your student has rested and has a good breakfast on these days.

3. Eighth graders will be dismissed from the church at 9:15 AM on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Graduates must attend school from 7:50 AM – 9:15 AM in order to participate in the graduation events. Seventh graders will be dismissed at the normal dismissal time.
4. Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Seventh graders are also expected to attend graduation.

❖ Attire for **eighth grade boys** is a long-sleeved, **pastel or white dress shirt with a tie and dress slacks** (no baggy pants). Yes, a tie is required; it can be either a regular or bow tie. Dress shoes are appropriate for this occasion. Boots and athletic shoes are not acceptable.

❖ Attire for **eighth grade girls** is a nice dress or skirt; the general style of the outfit must be appropriate for church and the dance. Hem length may be no more than four inches above the knee to mid-calf length. Strapless dresses are not acceptable; straps must be at least one and one-half (1½) inches wide. Anything less will not be permitted. Dresses/skirts may not show below the graduation gown. Please take into consideration that this is an eighth grade graduation, not a formal dance. Shoes for the girls should not have heels higher than three (3.00) inches.

❖ Appropriate dress for **seventh grade boys** is a short-sleeved, collared shirt (no ties) with dress slacks (no baggy pants or jeans). Dress shoes are appropriate for this occasion. Boots and athletic shoes are not acceptable.

❖ **Seventh grade girls** are to wear dresses or skirts with blouses. Girls need to keep in mind this is not their night; they should dress like they are attending Mass, not a party. In order to be approved, the general style of the outfit must be appropriate for church and the dance. Hem length may be no more than four inches above the knee to mid-calf length. Strapless dresses are not acceptable; straps must be at least one and one-half (1½) inches wide. Anything less will not be permitted. Shoes for the girls should not have heels higher than three (3.00) inches.

5. Fad hairstyles (including colored hair), clothing, or distracting accessories are not permitted and may result in the student not participating in the graduation ceremony.
6. All junior high students should be at school at 5:30 PM on Wednesday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Seventh grade students report to the ramada, and the graduates report to the junior high arcade.

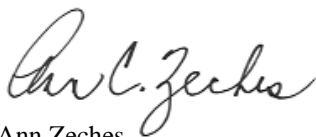
7. The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. Doors to the church will open at 5:30 PM. At that time, you may sit down and save seats as long as you stay with the seats. No reserved signs may be used.
8. After graduation there will be a reception on the ramada for eighth grade students and their families. The seventh grade parents will host the reception which is funded by the PALS Board and student fundraisers. Seventh grade parents may be hearing from the reception committee asking for help or donations for this part of the evening.
9. The seventh grade students will host the dance for the graduates in Nicholson Hall following the reception. The dance will last from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. All eighth graders are to be picked up at 10:00 PM. All seventh graders will stay to clean up the Ramada and Nicholson Hall. Please plan on picking up your seventh grade child by 11:00 PM. It will be a long day for everyone, and promptness will be greatly appreciated. This is a lot of work but a great deal of fun for everyone involved. The seventh grade class will have a late start on Thursday at 10 AM, but they must be prompt due to other events that are planned for the remainder of the day.

#### **Information for 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

1. 8<sup>th</sup> graders have received a card that “invites” them to the Eighth Grade Experience or explains that they must meet certain conditions before an invitation is offered. We have been encouraging the eighth graders since early this calendar year to buckle down and finish the year with good grades, good behavior and good attitude. Please encourage your child to do so. If your child received a conditional invitation that named those areas your student needed to improve, we will continue to check in with them to see if they are meeting those goals.
2. The mandatory meeting for the eighth grade experience is **Tuesday, April 25**, at 6:30 PM in Nicholson Hall. Parents AND students should attend the meeting. The total cost of the trip is \$565-\$599 per student. With our fundraising efforts, we are bringing this cost down. We will inform you of the final cost once we have completed our last fundraising event. The trip will cost you no more than \$450, and we are still hoping for something less than that. Once we inform you of the final calculation, full payment must be made by the day of the meeting.
3. All work must be submitted by the end of the day, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Those needing additional time must set up a plan with the teachers.
4. All detentions for eighth graders must be served by Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. According to school policy, all tuition, fines, service substitution fees, after school payments, book fees and other fees and obligations must be current in order for your student to participate in the graduation ceremony, to receive a diploma and to attend the graduation dance. You must be current by May 5<sup>th</sup>. No plans for payment extensions will be available. Please check with Lori Soehl if you have any questions about fees.
6. Graduation from St. Cyril of Alexandria School is contingent upon the student’s completion of minimum course requirements for the eighth grade course of study. A diploma will not be issued if a student earns for the year a 64% average or below in two or more core subjects. Core subjects include Language Arts, Religion, Social Studies, Math and Science. Students who do not receive a diploma will be issued a Certificate of Attendance.
7. The Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 8:00 AM. Graduates will wear their graduation gowns for this Mass. Attire underneath gowns will be normal St. Cyril Mass attire dress code (no denim) but dressier shoes may be worn since seen below gown. After Mass students will have a group picture taken. Due to graduation preparation, all eighth graders must leave campus at 9:15 AM.

The St. Cyril of Alexandria community is grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment you have shared throughout the year. I look forward to sharing with you and your children the special events that will culminate their 2016-2017 school memories.

Blessings to all,



Dr. Ann Zeches  
Principal