



Roosevelt International Middle School

September 4, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

Welcome to the new school year! I look forward to an exciting and successful year working with the Class of 2023.

I would like to review the promotion expectations of our graduating students and what is required in order to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony. Roosevelt sets high standards, and students who put forth the effort to meet the requirements listed below will not only earn the privilege of participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony, but participating in all social activities and celebrations throughout the school year.

1. 2.0 Academic Grade Point Average (GPA)
2. 2.0 Citizenship Grade Point Average (GPA)
3. No F grade in any course
4. Completed Community Project Presentation (See back for information.)
5. No suspensions
6. No trancies
7. No more than 4 tardies
8. No outstanding library or department fines

*Please note that the San Diego Unified School District has certain requirements for students entering the ninth grade. If a student does not fulfill these requirements, he/she may be retained and would repeat the eighth grade. In early Spring, counselors and teachers will inform students if they are in danger of not meeting these promotion requirements and are at risk of retention.*

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony is will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the San Diego Zoo. The ceremony is expected to run for an hour and a half. After the ceremony, students and their families are free to enjoy a day at the zoo, free of charge. Each student will be allotted 4 entrance tickets: one for the student to use and three for family members. We regret that we cannot offer more tickets per family as we expect that the promotion ceremony will be full and we will not have extra tickets this school year. Family members who do not have tickets for the promotion ceremony may buy tickets to enter the zoo and join their party after the zoo opens at 9:30.

Please join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Meeting in the Roosevelt Auditorium. At this meeting, I will go over the requirements for promotion 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 in place for our students. We look forward to meeting you! Students are welcome, too!

We are off to a strong start at Roosevelt, and I am confident that each and every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student has the ability to promote to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and attend the promotion ceremony. Please contact me if you feel your student needs additional assistance with achieving this important goal.

Sincerely,

Raquel Estrada  
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Please detach this bottom portion and return to your Language & Literature teacher.

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have received and read the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Letter, and understand the promotion requirements.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMUNITY PROJECT

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program requires every 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to complete the Community Project process. This opportunity allows for students to culminate their learning experience at 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 3 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 written out by hand. The purpose of the Process Journal is to keep track of the student’s inquiry, action, and reflection by documenting the student’s brainstorm, photographs, interviews, videos, research, reflections, etc. Each student/group participate in end of year Community Project presentations 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony and participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year party. 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 16-18 to teachers, parents, students and community members.

For further guidance, please visit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade quick link on the Roosevelt Web page. Requirements and helpful documents are located there. You may also contact the IB MYP Coordinator, Ms. Christensen, at [dchristensen2@sandi.net](mailto:dchristensen2@sandi.net)

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

Sincerely,

*Deb Christensen*  
*IB Coordinator*