

For 8th Grade Families:

Promotion Announcements: These are in the mail, and you should receive a Save the Date card to the address that we have in our Synergy records.

Promotion Tickets: Each family will have **four tickets**, which will be given to your Scholar by their 7th period Teacher and sent home the week prior to the promotion ceremony. Should you be unable to attend or do not need all four tickets, you are welcome to give them to other families who may want additional tickets. The school office will not have the capacity to manage those exchanges.

8th Grade Oaks Park Trip (rides) on Wednesday, June 8th, chaperoned by Educators and Administrators. Scholars who choose to attend will bus to Oaks Park from campus and return by dismissal. Scholars will need to be in good standing (no suspensions, referrals to administrators, patterns of unexcused absences, etc.) to attend. This is a fun privilege, not an automatic right.

8th Grade Promotion is at Lincoln High School on Thursday, June 9th at 6 p.m. Each scholar will receive ***four*** guest tickets for family members, due to limited capacity. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

WSMS Foundation Oaks Park Event for 8th graders: This will be an *optional* evening event for our 8th graders hosted by our WSMS Foundation at Oaks Park on Friday, June 10th. Families will have to self

[SSA Parent Guide](#)

[WGA Parent Guide](#)

Whole Grade Acceleration (WGA) - Applications open April 15-May 15. [See information about WGA from PPS TAG here.](#) Please contact the West Sylvan TAG Coordinator, Laurel Richards, at lrichards@pps.net for **next steps**.

We are looking for applicants to join our AVID elective for the 2022-23 school year. Why is an AVID experience a good thing? AVID scholars have a history of proven excellence with 94% meeting all 4-year university requirements, 90% accepted directly to 4-year universities out of high school, 84% persist in the second year of university. If you are interested in having your scholar join AVID, *and* your scholar is also interested in joining AVID, please complete this interest [form](#).

MYP News:

WSMS completed our consultancy visit last week. We are excited to be gaining momentum again in our professional development goals toward eventually being an authorized IB Middle Years Programme. [Please visit this slide deck for more updates on WSMS MYP implementation](#). MYP lessons and units focus on inquiry, discussion, analysis, critique and defense of work, critical thinking, investigation projects, and performance-based assessments. Developing the MYP Learner Profile means an emphasis on teaching scholars to be inquirers, knowledgeable, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, educational risk-takers, balanced and reflective learners. Our families can also learn more about our work toward MYP authorization [here](#). We look forward to advancing our work at WSMS and applying for authorization in 22-23! Thank you to our WSMS Foundation for fundraising and supporting the staffing needs that help us continue to make progress toward becoming an approved MYP school program.

Community Care and Neighborhood Safety:

Our neighbors in the West Slope community ask that while parked and driving in the neighborhood we all

The notes left for our educators really do brighten a lot of days for many of our team members! If you have a [here](#)