



YONKERS MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear 8th Grade Graduating Seniors, Parents and Guardians:

The conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year is fast approaching. We are extremely proud of the hard work and resilience the class of 2026 has shown. I would like to take a moment to share with you some of the key events that will be occurring at Yonkers Middle High School. In addition, I would like to reaffirm some of our expectations in regard to the successful completion of these events and the school year. Please take the opportunity to familiarize yourselves with important information regarding our procedures for the various events listed below as well as our expectations regarding student behavior during the last two months of school.

Field Day: The 8th Grade Field Day will be held on **Thursday, June 9** at 10:00 a.m. at **the Yonkers Middle High School Field**. 8th Grade Seniors will participate in various field day activities. Food will be provided, and there will be an ice cream truck.

8th Grade Prom: The prom will be held on **Friday, June 10, 2022**, at Westchester Manor in Hastings, NY. The prom starts at **6:30 p.m.** and ends at **8:30 p.m.** **Students will need to be transported to and from the prom venue by an adult.**

The consumption or possession of illegal drugs and or intoxicating beverages at the prom is **strictly prohibited**. If a student is caught using alcohol or drugs or appears to be under the influence, parents will be notified and disciplinary measures will be taken. If a student appears to be under the influence of any illegal substance, they will **NOT** be permitted to attend the event. *Parents will be contacted and asked to accompany their child home for the evening; parents and students will not be reimbursed.*

8th Grade Senior Breakfast and Moving Up Rehearsal: Senior Breakfast and Graduation rehearsals will take place in the **Yonkers Middle High School Cafeteria and Arena** on **Thursday, June 17th at 9:30 a.m.** *We strongly encourage students to attend the graduation rehearsals.*

Moving Up Ceremony: Graduation will be held on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022** at 9:30 a.m. in the YMHS Arena. The ceremony will last approximately two hours. Guests will be permitted to enter at 9:00 a.m. and we ask all guests to be seated by 9:15 a.m. *Students should report to the school no later than 8am.*

Moving Up Ceremony Ticket Information: Tickets will be given to students during graduation rehearsal **ONLY**. Each student will receive **five (5) tickets to graduation**. Due to the limited capacity in the arena, we will not be able to issue any extra tickets to students, there will be no exceptions. **ALL guests attending the graduation will be required to present a ticket in order to gain entry, this includes children as well.**



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Handicapped Seating: Should you require handicapped seating accommodations, please call Ms. Plunkett 8th Grade Secretary, at (914) 376-8191 or email her at fplunkett@yonkerspublicschools.org. It is very important that we know ahead of time if there will be any guests with wheelchairs or walkers, so we can have the appropriate accommodations. *Please be advised the handicapped section can accommodate only one (1) additional guest to sit with the wheelchair guest.* Any additional guests will be seated in general seating. **Please note wheelchair guests and their companion are required to have a ticket.**

Caps and Gowns: Caps and Gowns will be distributed during graduation rehearsal. **A cap and gown are required to participate in the moving up ceremony.**

Appropriate Dress: Commencement ceremonies are one of the highlights of the year. Exemplary conduct and proper dress befitting this formal occasion are expected. We are encouraging students to wear clothing that is consistent with the occasion and appropriate (*i.e. no shorts, no sneakers or flip flops*). Please speak with your child about making good choices for this event.

Guest Guidelines: Each guest is required to have a ticket for entry into YMHS Arena. Guests will not be allowed to stand in the aisles or in the back of the arena. All guests must be seated at the start of the ceremony. *Guests are asked to remain seated during the entire event and will not be permitted into the aisles to take photographs.* **Balloons, strollers, large bags, pets (excluding service animals) and noise makers WILL NOT be allowed in the arena.**

Important Dates to Remember

Event	Date
Finals Week	June 1, 2022 – June 3, 2022 and June 6, 2022.
Make-ups	June 7, 2022 – June 10, 2022
Field Day	June 9 th , 10:00 a.m. YMHS Field
8 th Grade Prom	June 10 th , 6:30p.m. @ Westchester Manor
Senior Breakfast and Moving Up Ceremony	June 17 th , 9:30 a.m. @ Yonkers Middle High School Arena/Cafeteria (<i>caps, gowns, and tickets will be distributed</i>)
Moving Up Ceremony	June 21 st , 9:30 a.m. @ YMHS Arena (<i>students to report at 8 a.m.</i>)



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Please remember that only students who have met *all graduation requirements* will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students who have failed three or more core area courses must complete summer school and will not participate in the Moving Up Ceremony. Please encourage students to be in school every day and to remain focused on completing their assignments necessary in order to graduate. It is also important for students to remember all school rules remain in effect until the end of the school year. Behavior that disrupts the educational process at school may lead to suspension and/or denial of all senior events, which includes attending the commencement ceremony.

Respectfully,

Rodney Arthur

Rodney Arthur,
Principal