

**Montera Middle School**  
**2019-2020**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Information and Expectations**

**Promotion Requirements**

- Students must have a minimum average cumulative 2.0 GPA for both semesters of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to walk across the stage at the Promotion Ceremony. This means that if you have a 1.5 GPA the first semester, you have must have at least a 2.5 GPA the second semester. A 2.0 GPA is equivalent to having all C's in each of the eight classes.

**When are report cards given to students?**

- Students receive a report card one week after the end of each marking period.
  - MP 1: August 12 – September 20 (sent home with students)
  - MP 2: September 23 – November 1 (sent home with students)
  - MP 3 (End of Fall Semester): November 4 – December 20 (mailed home)
  - MP 4: January 6 – February 21 (sent home with students)
  - MP 5: February 24 – April 10 (sent home with students)
  - MP 6: April 13 – May 28 (mailed home)
- If you do not see your student's report card, please contact the school and we can provide a copy to you directly OR you can log into your Aeries Parent Portal to look at the information directly. If you need assistance creating an Aeries Parent Portal account, please let us know and we can help you.

**What is the best way for me to check in with teachers?**

- E-mail teachers directly. E-mail is the absolute best way to reach teachers. E-mail addresses can be found online at [monteramiddleschool.org](http://monteramiddleschool.org). You will also be able to contact teachers through Schoology, our new school communication portal that has replaced Jupiter Grades.

**OUSD High School Options Process**

- Make sure you have access to a SchoolMint account since you are recommended to complete the process online.
- The enrollment window will open in November 2019 and close in late January/early February 2020.
- Make sure to visit and/or research different high schools. High schools will have tours and information nights available.

**Letter of Recommendation/Transcript Requests**

- Make requests **AT LEAST ONE MONTH** in advance before the due date. Requests that are not made in a timely manner may not be completed on time. Requests for recommendations must include:
  - Completed request form with parent signature
  - Completed form authorizing school to release information (if different than request form)
  - Student Brag Sheet
  - Stamped Envelope for EACH request (if paper recommendation)
- If there is an online process at the school you are applying to, please request a recommendation online – the preferred method. Recommendations can be sent to [nan.howard@ousd.org](mailto:nan.howard@ousd.org) (Last Names A-L) or [erica.saephan@ousd.org](mailto:erica.saephan@ousd.org) (Last Names M-Z).

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities and Tentative Dates\***

- **Kickbacks** after each marking period – **Behavior Requirements:** NO suspensions, NO more than 1 office referral, NO more than 3 negative Schoology comments on behavior/discipline or tardies.
- **Washington DC/Philadelphia/NYC 2020 Trip** – Please contact Jackie Felix-Atkins at [lafamiliadeatkins@yahoo.com](mailto:lafamiliadeatkins@yahoo.com) or Kim Delaney at [kimlaney11@gmail.com](mailto:kimlaney11@gmail.com) for more information. More details can be found at: <http://www.worldstrides.com/signup> or by calling 800.468.5899 and referencing trip number 172903. Dates are tentatively scheduled for May 8 – May 14, 2020. Must maintain 2.5 GPA. Enroll by June 10th and the deposit is only \$49 and you will receive a \$150 discount. Call customer service about financial assistance and to take advantage of the **FLAG Scholarship**. The FLAG scholarship is a partial scholarship, given on a first come first serve basis, and can help to put a dent in the cost. Parents with an adjusted gross income of less than \$85,000 are encouraged to apply ASAP.

**End of Year Activities – Behavior Requirements for the LAST Marking Period:** NO suspensions, NO more than 2 office referrals, NO more than 3 negative Schoology comments on behavior/discipline or tardies.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance (Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic @ Roberts Park (Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony (Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>); Rehearsal will be the day before on the 26<sup>th</sup> – **In addition, students must have 2.0 GPA average between BOTH Fall and Spring semesters.**

**Student & Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment of Montera 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expectations**

Please complete and return this form at registration BY **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Please check all that apply:

- I am reachable by phone.
- I am reachable by email.

**I have read, reviewed, and understand the information and expectations for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Questions/Suggestions/Concerns:

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Please complete and return this form by **FRIDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup>** directly to the Main Office or to your child's Advisory teacher.