



*From the desk of  
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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LOUISIANA

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Dear 8th Grade Families,

I look forward to the end of the year activities each year. They allow us to celebrate and create memories. In particular, 8th-grade activities have a special meaning to us. They allow us to close a chapter with our students and their families as our students prepare for new experiences in high school. I am writing this letter specifically to outline some items that pertain to 8th grade. Please review the following details and reach out with any questions

**Wednesday, May 13th - Friday, May 22nd**

**Fabulous Fortnight**

All middle school students participate in Fabulous Fortnight in May. This unique two week experience of specialty classes is often the highlight of the year. **Suggested contribution to cover these wonderful activities is \$70.00 (due May 4th)**. This helps to cover the many extra field trips, materials, and projects that are a part of these classes. Money can be turned into your child's Krewe Leader or paid directly on My School Bucks. Just note that it is going towards Fabulous Fortnight.

**Wednesday, May 27th - Half Day**

8<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to attend school on May 27th from 8:30-12:30. Students will be practicing for their promotional exercise. We will transport students to and from the Lyons Center in order to conduct this practice.

**Thursday, May 28th - Half Day**

8<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to attend school on May 28th from 8:30-12:30. They will participate in the morning activities related to our Clash of the Continents. 8th graders will be dismissed at 12:30 to go home and get ready for promotion Thursday evening.

**Promotional Exercise - Thursday, May 28th**

Time: 6:00 PM (**graduates should arrive at 5:15pm**)

Place: Lyons Recreational Center

624 Louisiana Avenue (corner of Louisiana and Tchoupitoulas).

*This is the same place we have Holiday Hoopla.*

For the promotional exercise, students should wear either:

- a white dress or skirt/dress slacks and blouse
- **or**
- dark slacks (navy or black), a belt, white shirt, and a tie.

Students should wear appropriate dress shoes. Athletic shoes or other casual footwear are not permitted. Students are required to walk into the area of the promotional exercise, walk up several stairs, across a stage, and back down several stairs. Students should be able to do this comfortably in the footwear they choose. (Please keep in mind that the Lyon's Center is normally well ventilated and cold.)

Pointed heels (such as stilettos or kitten) are **not** permitted. The Lyons Center has recently redone their floor and they have just told us they will turn anyone (guest or participant) away if they are wearing pointed heels.

**The suggested parental contribution is \$50.00** to cover your child's class T-shirt, graduation sash, and the refreshments served at the reception immediately following the promotional exercise. A monetary contribution is never required, but always appreciated. Money can be turned into your child's Krewe Leader or paid directly on My School Buck **by Monday, May 18th**. Just note that it is going towards Promotion.

As we prepare for the promotion ceremony, we would like to get an estimate of how many guests each student is likely to bring. Please complete this [short survey](#), as it will help us with our planning and arrangements.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Krewe Leader or Ms. Martha Pena, Family Liaison, at [mpena@isl-edu.org](mailto:mpena@isl-edu.org).

Best,



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