

# **CLASS PARTIES**

Class parties play an important role at the Middle School level. The Middle School strongly believes that class parties include all students within each grade to participate and enjoy appropriate class activities. Every year Parent Club officers are recruited for all grades to help organize parties with input from their grade level team of teachers. If you would like to serve for a year as a Parent Club President or Treasurer, please Terrence Phox, ext. 215. To volunteer for parties, parents should sign up at the Back to School Fair, contact their Parent Club Officers, or contact the Dean. If they haven't already, parents may also pay the class dues at the Back to School Fair. These dues fund the parties for the entire year. This section of your notebook will outline all the class parties of the year for each grade.

## **Fifth Grade**

**The Fifth grade has five class parties throughout the year in the following order:  
Class dues for the Fifth grade are: \$35.00 per student.**

**Back to School Party:** The back to school party is designed to re-establish old friendships, and include new students in the class "community". This party traditionally is held on the afternoon of registration day, and students will receive a mailed invitation.

**Fall Class Party:** The fall class party is held in October on the afternoon of the last school day before fall conferences. As with all parties, Fifth grade parents who have volunteered work with the Fifth grade team of teachers to plan and supervise an appropriate on or off-campus event. Generally, these parties have a fall theme, and if a Halloween theme is chosen, please stay away from violent or occult images.

**Winter Class Party:** The winter class party is always held on the last school day prior to the winter break. Parents help plan activity/activities that can be on or off campus.

**The End of School Party:** This party is held on the last day of school. Parents along with the Fifth grade team decide on an appropriate theme and setting for this party.

## Sixth Grade

The Sixth grade has five class parties throughout the year in the following order:  
Class dues for the Sixth grade are: \$35.00 per student.

**Back to School Party:** The back to school party is designed to re-establish old friendships and include new students in the class "community". This party traditionally is held on the afternoon of registration day, and students will receive a mailed invitation.

**Fall Class Party:** The fall class party is held in October on the afternoon of the last school day before fall conferences. As with all parties, Sixth grade parents who have volunteered, work with the Sixth grade team of teachers to plan and supervise an appropriate on or off-campus event. Generally, these parties have a fall theme, and if a Halloween theme is chosen, please stay away from violent or occult images.

**Winter Class Party:** The winter class party is always held on the last school day prior to the winter break. Parents help plan activity/activities that can be on or off campus. This party is held in the afternoon. Parents work with the Sixth grade team to help plan this party.

**The End of School Party:** This party is held on the last day of school. Parents along with the Sixth grade team decide on an appropriate theme and setting for this afternoon party.

## Seventh Grade

Seventh grade class parties are two hours in length and occur after school hours. The class dues for the Seventh grade are \$40.00. The Seventh grade has five class parties listed below.

**Back to School Party:** The back to school party is designed to re-establish old friendships and include new students in the class "community". This party traditionally is held on the afternoon of registration day, and students will receive a mailed invitation.

**Fall Class Party:** The seventh grade teachers have traditionally combined this class party with their fall World War II interdisciplinary unit. As a way to celebrate and culminate their unit, students come in 1940s costume and participate in a "40s style" USO dance, complete with big band sound and period dancing. Parents and grandparents are invited as well.

**Winter Dance:** The winter holiday dance will be held in conjunction with the Eighth grade class on a weekend in December from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Usually, the Eighth grade parents plan and fund this dance to help the Seventh grade parents learn the procedures. As with all Middle School dances, the Dean of Students is part of the planning, and the Dean will contract a DJ, as well as supervise the dance with teachers and parents.

**Valentine's Day Dance:** This dance is held on campus for two hours, the week of Valentine's Day. It includes Seventh and Eighth grade students, and is usually planned and funded by Seventh grade parents.

**End of the Year Party:** This party is held on the last day of finals. It is strictly a Seventh grade class only party.

**Attire for all school dances will be casual.**

## **Eighth Grade**

**Eighth grade class parties are two hours long and occur after school hours. Class dues are \$40.00 per student. The Eighth grade has five class parties, including Eighth Grade Recognition.**

**Back to School Party:** The back to school party usually is designed to re-establish old friendships, and include new students in the class "community". This party traditionally is held on the afternoon of registration day, and students will receive a mailed invitation.

**Fall Class Party:** This party is held either in September or October. As with all parties, Eighth grade parents who have volunteered work with the Eighth grade team of teachers to plan and supervise an appropriate on or off-campus event. Generally, these parties have a fall theme, and if a Halloween theme is chosen, please stay away from violent or occult images.

**Winter Dance:** The winter holiday dance will be held in conjunction with the Seventh grade class on a weekend in December from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Usually the Eighth grade parents plan and fund this dance to help the Seventh grade parents learn the procedures. As with all MS dances, the Dean of Students included in the planning, and the Dean will contract a DJ, as well as supervise the dance with teachers and parents.

**Valentine's Day Dance:** This dance is held on campus for two hours, the week of Valentine's Day. It includes Seventh and Eighth grade students, and is usually planned and funded by Seventh grade parents.

**Eighth Grade Recognition:** Eighth Grade Recognition is a celebration of and a farewell to the Eighth grade class' Middle School years. A special ceremony is held at school, planned by the Eighth grade team of teachers. Parents show a video honoring the Eighth grade class, and then a reception will occur at school followed by a dance for the Eighth grade class. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to create this special evening. Each student will receive a mailed invitation, and generally parents create a "Memory Book" to be distributed at the reception. Attire is "dressy" (coat and tie for boys; dresses or dressy pant outfits for girls - please no halter style, strapless or spaghetti-strap dresses).

**Attire for all school dances will be casual, except the Eighth Grade Recognition Dance.**