

Runnemede Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:

Congratulations! Your child is ready to graduate from Mary E. Volz School and move into high school. With this letter, I hope to answer some of the questions you may have about this celebration, and other end of the year activities. On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, your child will graduate from Mary E. Volz School. The graduation will take place at 6:30pm on the Triton High School Football Field. In the event of extreme weather, the ceremony will be shifted indoors to the Triton Auditorium.

Dress Code & Parent Etiquette

The students will be wearing their gowns to graduation, and they may keep them after the ceremony. We ask that the students wear appropriate attire such as: dress pants with a shirt and tie or a dress. All students should wear shoes, *not sneakers*. Parents are asked to be respectful of all students and adults. Please refrain from bringing balloons, confetti cannons or any inappropriate objects into the ceremony.

Tickets

Each eighth grade student will be given six (6) tickets for graduation. They will be distributed to the students prior to the graduation ceremony. These tickets will be marked with the “home or away” side, which corresponds to the side your child will be seated. If the ceremony gets moved inside, all tickets will be for general admission. **All attendees must have tickets to attend.**

8th Grade PTA Dance

The eighth grade PTA dance will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at Adelpia's Restaurant. The dance will begin at 7:00pm and end at 10:00pm. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to and from the dance. The PTA will be mailing an invitation/ticket to all 8th graders later this month. The meal will be a buffet style event, and students do not need to bring any additional money as the PTA is fully sponsoring this event. Students must be in school until 12:00pm that day to attend the dance.

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SCHEDULE FOR EVENTS

- Monday, June 1:** Eighth Grade Dance 7:00pm - 10:00pm at Adelpia's Restaurant.
- Thursday, June 4:** Great Adventure Trip. Students will not return to school until **approximately** 5:30pm from Great Adventure. There will **NOT** be transportation provided from school to home, please make arrangements if you do not want your child to walk home.
- Wednesday, June 17:** Students will report to Triton High School at 9:45am for graduation practice. They will meet at the entrance to the Triton Football Field. Practice will begin at 10:00am. If all goes well at practice, there is a chance that the students will be dismissed earlier than 12:00pm. There will be no transportation to or from Triton. This will be an early dismissal day for all students. For graduation, students will report to the Triton Football Field by **6:00pm**, where the staff will instruct them where to line up. Chromebooks and other school items must be returned by 6/16/26 to participate in Graduation.

Thank you very much for your cooperation at this busy, exciting time and also for your support throughout the year. As a reminder students need to be in good academic and behavioral status to attend these events. Please continue to check your email for updates or changes if needed.

Sincerely,

Steve Pili,
Principal