

*The School District of Philadelphia*  
JOHN HANCOCK DEMONSTRATION MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GENERAL J. HARRY LABRUM CAMPUS  
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February 15, 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians of Eighth Grade Students,

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and we are preparing for the upcoming eighth grade activities. As parents and guardians of eighth grade students there are many activities and information that will require your assistance. In order to have your child participate in these exciting events class dues will need to be collected. At this time, we have an estimated amount of \$100.00 per student. Dues include the t-shirt, yearbook, pizza party, dance, and the graduation ceremony.

We will be using the comprehensive behavior system for our eighth grade students to earn the privilege to participate in the eighth grade activities. The eighth grade teachers will use the co-op folders for each homeroom to record behavior infractions. Students who are coded for “minors” will lose their daily points. Repeated loss of daily points will result in the loss of eighth grade privileges. Students will be updated on their point status regularly.

**DUES:** Class Dues, which includes payment for all eighth grade activities, are estimated at \$100.00. It is critical that class dues are paid in full as soon as possible. A \$50 deposit is due on March 4, 2022. A second installment of \$50 will be due on April 1, 2022. Please send cash or money orders only (no personal checks), in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, section, and the amount written on the front. Payments must be handed directly to Ms. McGrogan. Payments can also be sent electronically to the Friends of John Hancock. Their handle for Venmo is @FriendsOf-JohnHancock-1 and for PayPal @FriendsOfJohnHancock. If sending money electronically, you must include your child’s name and section. Payments will only be accepted during the collection week. The above schedule is to assist with breaking up the payments. Dues *must* be paid in full by April 1, 2022. Receipts will be written out and returned to students.

**CONTRACT:** Attached to this letter is a behavior contract indicating our expectations for the remainder of the school year. Please review the contract with your child, sign and return it to the eighth grade sponsor by **Friday, February 18, 2022**. A copy of this contract must be on file at the school in order for your child to participate in all eighth grade activities.

**POINTS:** Students will begin to earn eighth grade activity points starting **Tuesday, February 22, 2022**. As of that date, there are 72 school days until graduation. Additional points may be earned at the discretion of the teacher. You are key to your child's success; therefore, we ask you to remind your child that you expect him or her to follow the school rules. In the event that your child is not earning points and/or the privilege to participate in any of the eighth grade activities, please discuss the issue with your child and determine a plan for him/her to refocus his/her efforts back on achievement.

Below is an earning chart indicating the number of points your child will need to earn in order to participate in the planned activities (dates are subject to change for items 1-3):

1. Rita's Water Ice: March 18, 2022 - 15 earned points
2. T-shirt: April 22, 2022 - 31 earned points
3. Yearbook Signing/Pizza Party: May 27, 2022- 49 earned points
4. School Semi-formal Dance: June 2, 2022- 52 earned points
5. Graduation (passing all subjects): June 13, 2022- 42 earned points

**PICTURES:** Lifetouch will be taking pictures of our students on March 22, 2022. Pictures will be taken in a Graduation gown. All students should wear their regular school uniform to school. Students *must* wear their navy collared school shirt. Order forms will be sent home a week prior. If your child is absent the day of the portraits, we are unable to offer a retake.

Any support you can give us in making the eighth grade activities a success would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible. Your participation is necessary to make these events as memorable and special as possible for your child. We will be holding an eighth grade parent/guardian informational meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM via zoom:

<https://philasd-org.zoom.us/j/7082317338?pwd=WVR6dTVvUzdUbkpFb2lFUURSem1wUT09>

We ask that you please contact your child's sponsors, Ms. McGrogan with any questions regarding eighth grade activities or concerns about the point system. The eighth grade class sponsors are available and willing to meet, with a scheduled appointment, to discuss ways to assist your child in earning the opportunity to participate in all eighth grade activities.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

William Griffin, Principal

Shannon Hauser, Eighth Grade Sponsor  
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Kevin Kelly, Assistant Principal

Kelly McGrogan, Eighth Grade Sponsor  
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**EIGHTH GRADE ACTIVITIES CONTRACT- Due February 18, 2022**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Section)

I understand that eighth grade activity points are earned for attendance, consistently participating in school, completing my classwork and homework, following the school rules and following School District of Philadelphia Code of Conduct. I must also meet the specific requirements for promotion and graduation in accordance with federal, state and local guidelines including passing reading, mathematics, science, social studies and completing a multidisciplinary/service learning project.

I am aware of the following requirements and acknowledge that in order to participate in the eighth grade activities that I must earn the required points.

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3. Yearbook Signing/Pizza Party: May 27, 2022- 49 earned points
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I realize that the eighth grade activities are privileges that I need to earn. I will do my best to earn the required points in order to participate in the eighth grade activities. In the event that I do not earn the required points, I will not be able to participate in one, some or all of the eighth grade activities.

Since my actions not only affect me as an individual but also affect my parents/guardians, I will keep my parents/guardians informed of the number of points I have earned throughout the remainder of the school year.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's /Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's /Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's /Guardian's email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**Infractions****MINORS**

<b>NH-No Homework</b>	<b>NONC - Noncompliance</b>
<b>IH - Incomplete Homework</b>	<b>DIS - Disruption</b>
<b>IC- Incomplete Classwork</b>	<b>DR - Disrespect</b>
<b>U - Unprepared</b>	<b>IL - Inappropriate Language</b>
<b>HP - Headphones</b>	<b>MV - Minor Vandalism</b>
<b>OT - Off task</b>	<b>DC - Dress Code Violation</b>
<b>G - Chewing Gum</b>	<b>TV - Technology Violation</b>
<b>O-Other (Explain)</b>	<b>ES - Elopement/Skip</b>
<b>S- Sleeping</b>	<b>MPC - Minor Physical Contact</b>
<b>E - Eating in Class</b>	<b>T - Tardy</b>
<b>OOB- Out of Bounds</b>	<b>*Please circle all Minor Form violations in the Co-Op Log so they are easy to identify.</b>
<b>AP - AirPods</b>	

**A - Absent (No point for the day)**

**ED - Early Dismissal**

**B - Bathroom**

**N - Nurse**