



## Lombard Middle School

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Dear Parent or Guardian of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student,

It is amazing that this school year is almost half over, but it has come time to begin preparing for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to enter the high school next year. It is my goal that my outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are able to take part in a memorable event at the end of the year, but we also wanted to look at options to help better prepare them for this important transition in life. Based upon this principle, beginning this year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation event will change from the format utilized recently at Lombard Middle School and Churchill Junior High School.

On Tuesday, May 26 the first annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade "Transition Night" will take place and all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families are invited. This event is particularly exciting because this will involve all 8<sup>th</sup> graders from both schools, as well as staff from the high school. The agenda for the evening is listed below:

***\*3pm – all 8<sup>th</sup> graders Lombard and Churchill will be bussed to the high school***

***\*3:15pm-5:15pm – high school staff will lead 8<sup>th</sup> graders through a 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation***

***\*5:15pm -6:00pm – all students will be led to the high school auditorium and all students' families are invited and encouraged to attend at this time***

***\*6:00pm-6:30pm – students and their families will be free to take a tour of the high school, take pictures, visit with staff and enjoy refreshments from the cafeteria***

***\*6:30pm-8:30pm – students will be invited to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade only farewell dance***

The event in the auditorium is open to all family members of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that wish to attend. This will be an informal event in which the principals of Churchill, Lombard and High School will all speak. The theme will be to welcome students from both junior highs to the high school as new Silver Streaks joining the high school. It is our goal to provide 8<sup>th</sup> grade families with an evening that recognizes and celebrates this important milestone in their lives, while also officially welcoming them to Galesburg High School.

Sincerely,

Nick Sutton, Principal