

# MARDI GRAS INFORMATION – 2019



TO: PARENTS OF HMS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS  
FROM: HMS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM/ EIGHTH GRADE TEACHERS  
DATE: JANUARY 23, 2019

The HMS Mardi Gras Celebration is ALMOST here! Bal Masque XXX will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019, beginning at 1:00 PM in the auditorium. The dance will be held in the gym and will end at 4:00. Transportation notices will be sent home on January 28, 2019. Only those students who meet the deadline for returning transportation notes will be allowed to stay after 3:15. All other students will be sent home following their regular transportation schedule. To help you and your student prepare for this event, there are a few reminders we would like to offer:

Mardi Gras is an eighth grade activity sponsored by the eighth grade class. Sixth and seventh graders are invited to attend Bal Masque XXX at a cost of \$4.00 per person. Money will be collected the day of the event. Eighth grade students do not buy a ticket. **THIS IS FOR HMS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS ONLY! Former HMS students and elementary brothers and sisters are not allowed to attend.** It is against Caddo Parish School Board policy for students from another Caddo school to be on our campus during the school day. Any student currently enrolled at another Caddo school will be asked to leave campus and their school will be contacted.

During the presentation Herndon Magnet School 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will sit in the designated student sections in the auditorium. Parents will be seated in the public seating area behind the student sections. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. To avoid confusion and controversy, we ask that parents NOT save seats.

Only eighth grade students may wear formal attire (age appropriate long gowns and tuxedos) to the Ball. A letter outlining eighth grade attire has already been sent home with students.

Sixth and seventh grade students should wear something suitable for church or something similar. (jeans, shorts, etc. are unacceptable—spaghetti straps may **NOT** be worn alone or under a sweater, shawl, etc.). **SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS MAY NOT WEAR LONG GOWNS OR TUXEDOS! BACKLESS OR STRAPLESS DRESSES ARE NOT ALLOWED!** Sixth and seventh grade students may not change clothes at school. They must wear to school what they wear to the Ball. Clothing must meet CPSB Dress Code Guidelines (see page 12 in the student agenda).

Eighth grade students will begin getting dressed around 9:15 a.m. These students will attend various activities related to the celebration throughout the day. The dressing rooms will close at 11:00. All students must be dressed and ready at this time. Students need to be in school ALL DAY.

Most importantly, we do not encourage dating. It is not necessary for a student to have a date to attend Bal Masque XXX. In fact, we would prefer that each student come to the Ball and enjoy the presentation of the court, krewes, and the company of all of their friends.

Limousines are discouraged. We would prefer that no students use them. However, we feel this is a parental decision, and we will not interfere. The campus must be cleared by 4:15 p.m. on the day of the event. The parade scheduled for March 1, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. is open to the entire school (K-8) at no cost. The eighth grade committee and students are looking forward to this event.

Each student has signed indicating receipt of this letter. Please feel free to call the school for clarification. We look forward to this being a fun day for all of our middle school students. Thank you!

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*Please return to your child's advisory teacher by **JANUARY 30, 2019.***

I have read the MARDI GRAS INFORMATION – 2019 letter, and I understand the information addressed. I also understand that my child will not attend or participate in the presentation and ball if the above rules are not followed.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) Advisory Teacher \_\_\_\_\_