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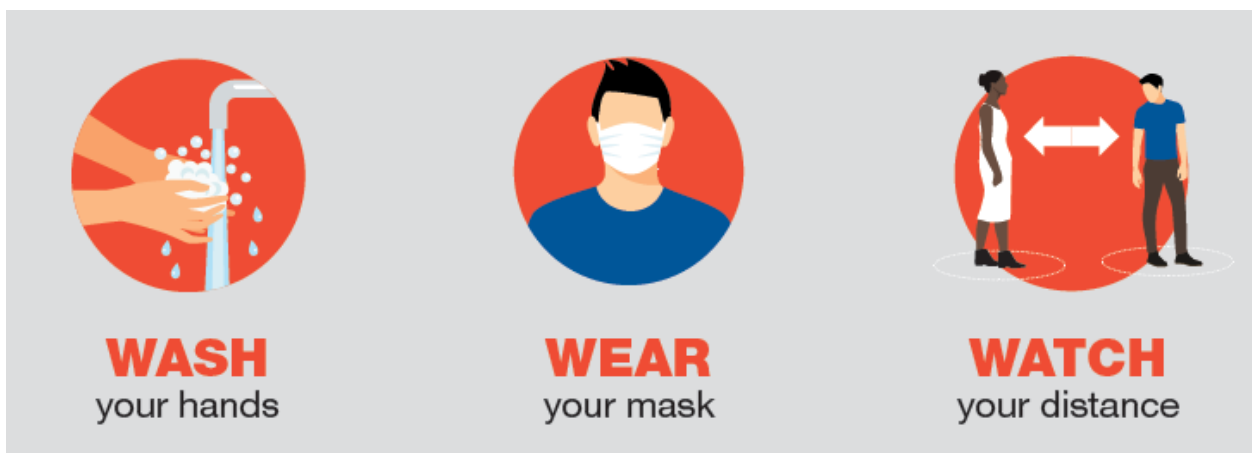
HMS SY2021-2022 8th Grade Award and Promotion Ceremony

Hafa Adai,

This school year, Hopwood Middle School will have an In-Person 8th Grade Award Ceremony on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at our Stage Area at 9:00 am for Team E students and at 1:05 pm for Team F students. Our In-Person 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 9:00 am, at our HMS Stage Area. Attendance in the ceremony is not mandatory, and parents may choose not to have their child participate. Parents who choose for their child to not participate in the ceremony must inform the School Administration.

Due to the limited space on campus and social distancing requirements, we are only allowing 2 guests per student to attend the ceremonies. For the promotion ceremony, there will be designated entrances/exits, as well as seating areas for guests, and the immediate stage area will be off-limits to guests (photo taking will be done by staff and will be posted on our HMS FB Page). In-person promotion ceremonies will be allowed to occur with strong safeguards and physical distancing in place.

Therefore, we ask all families of the promotees to follow the guidelines below:



- Stay home if you are sick, if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 5 days, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and meet the requirements to quarantine.
- Practice social distancing. Keep at least 3 feet of distance between you and other people who are not from your household.
- All persons must properly wear a face covering or face mask (cover mouth and nose) while at the event.
- People unable to wear masks should consider not attending the in-person commencement ceremony at this time.
- Interacting with more people in any setting raises your risk, so it is important to follow social distancing and mask/cloth face-covering recommendations.
- Avoid shaking hands and physical contact with people who don't live with you. Instead wave and verbally greet people.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
 - If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Perform frequent hand hygiene (with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer).

We hope to have a safe and orderly ceremony for our Hilitais, so your cooperation in the matter would be greatly appreciated. For more information or questions, please contact 670-237-3426 or email victorino.borja@cnmipss.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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HMS Principal