



Joe Walker Middle School STEALTH Academy

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Good Afternoon Joe Walker Students and Parents,

We are almost halfway through the 4th quarter and lots of things are taking place at Joe Walker. For those of you with children attending school in the hybrid program, thank you for making the drop-off and pick-up time go smoothly each day. It's been so nice having students on campus each day. For those of you with children continuing their education from home, thank you for continuing to reinforce their engagement and attendance online each and every day.

With only about four weeks left in the school year, I wanted to remind you to continue to push your student to maintain his/her grades and attendance. All grades will lock during the week of May 24th in order for us to run reports for honors awards, valedictorian, presidential awards for 6th and 8th grade students, and at-risk letters.

We are excited to offer a Summer School program in June this year for families with children in need of credit retrieval or looking for further enrichment opportunities. More information will be provided in the next couple weeks regarding the specific classes being provided, exact dates those classes will be provided, and process for signing up for the classes. In the meantime, please be sure to save the dates for Summer School, June 7-July 1.

8th grade promotion will be provided during the last week of school and is tentatively planned for Thursday, June 3 OR Friday, June 4 as a drive-thru ceremony. We are planning to make this ceremony memorable and exciting for 8th grade students and families. However, please be patient as we finalize the plans over the next week and understand that we are trying to meet all of your expectations while following all applicable COVID guidelines, which may result in last minute changes as necessary. As soon as the promotion ceremony activities are finalized and schedule for the last week of school is set, we'll contact you with this information.

For our 6th and 7th grade students and parents, applications are now available for AVID, ASB, VEX Robotics, and Yearbook. The online application, online teacher recommendation, and introductory video is available on our website at <https://www.westside.k12.ca.us/jw/student-life/special-program-applications>. Applications and teacher recommendations are due May 10th with virtual interviews scheduled for the week of May 10-17.

Have a great weekend.

Steve Wood
Principal