



# Forest Park Middle School

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade Panthers and Parents,

2020 has been a year for the record books. COVID-19 changed the way the world operated for every human being. As we sheltered in place with our loved ones to remain safe, we were forced to teach and learn from our living rooms, kitchens, and bedrooms. I recognize that the 2019-2020 school year came to end without the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-the-year activities that we were all looking forward to (such as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade week, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trips, and of course, my favorite, our Moving On Ceremony). Social distancing guidelines prevent us from commemorating the end of your middle school journey the traditional way. But that will not stop the FPMS administrative team and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade instructional team want to see from celebrating you and all that you have worked for as you complete this educational milestone. **On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM, we will hold our first ever FPMS Parade of Stars!** I am asking that all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in this experience. Since you will not be exiting your vehicle during the parade, we are not asking you to dress up. It would be great to see you show your school spirit by wearing a school spirit t-shirt; your uniform shirt, or casual dress shirt.

We have grouped students by their last names and assigned them to a staggered start time to keep the traffic flow moving. All participants would drive down Finley Drive and pass by the front of the school. Each car will then turn right onto College Street, then make a right on Forest Avenue, and then into the back gate of the school. Along the route, you will be able to feel the Panther PRIDE from FPMS educators, students, and community members. As you drive around the back parking lot, your 8<sup>th</sup> teachers and the admin team will be there to present you with your Moving On certificate and gift bag. Please see the attached map. The map is not drawn to scale. Please pay attention to the direction of traffic that we want participants to follow (all right turns once the Parade of Stars begins). Cars exiting the back gate will be directed to turn right only.

To help us keep the process moving, I am asking each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to create sign with his/her name on it and display it on a window so that we can have your certificate and bag ready for you when you enter the back gate. This is a great time to decorate your car and get the attention you deserve. If you live nearby and you want to walk to the school, there will a tent for you inside the gate where you can pick up your certificate and gift bag. **It important that everyone do their best to adhere to social distancing guidelines and wear a mask/face covering.** Our faculty and staff will have their masks and gloves on and stay the recommended six feet apart too.

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If you have an instrument, textbooks, library books or anything else that needs to be returned to the school this would be an ideal time. Please make sure that your name is on the item so that we can maintain accurate records.

Please see the student groupings and prepare to start the route at your designated times.

<u>Starting Letter of Student's Last Name</u>	<u>Parade Time Slot</u>
A through C	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
D through G	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
H through J	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM
K through O	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM
P through R	7:00 PM – 7:30 PM
S through Y	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [monique.drewry@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:monique.drewry@clayton.k12.ga.us) or call/text me at 470-705-4898.

Your FPMS family is extremely proud of each and every one of you! We can't wait to see you on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Your Very Proud Principal,

  
Monique Drewry

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