

May 14, 2021

Hello SEMS Families,

Students have been working this week on their **i-Ready testing** for ELA. I would like to thank our History and English teachers who were conducting the majority of testing throughout the week. Science and Math classes will be conducting the math portion next week. Thank you to all those departments who are trying to keep kids motivated at a time when many are ready for the year to end. Students who do not have these classes during Quarter 4 will be pulled out of Period 2 classes to complete testing.

Many of our 8th grade students are starting to feel the reality of finishing their middle school career as **Promotion is only 3 weeks away**. This week, families finalized their promotion preference with 451 families choosing the traditional in-person option on June 9 from 9-10 a.m. and 86 families preferring a drive through promotion on June 7 from 12-1 p.m. We are very excited to celebrate the hard work, resilience, and perseverance of our 8th grade students. I will be sending more information regarding Promotion in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

**2021 8th grade Promotion lawn signs** are now on sale for \$10 each in the PTO Webstore, <https://semspto.square.site>. Signs are 24" x 18" and come with a metal stake. Orders must be placed by May 24 and signs will be available for pick up starting June 2. Additional details regarding pick up times and locations will come at a later date.

**SEMS will be offering Summer Programs** for June 14-25 and August 2-13. These programs will be offered to students who may be interested in academic remediation, enrichment, self-guided academic support, physical activity, social-emotional learning, and the arts. We are in the final stages of planning for these programs and hope to get more information and applications out to families by the end of the month. We encourage our current 6th and 7th grade students, including our LEVs students, to sign up for these programs.

Thank you,  
Mr. Zeait