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## MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**“Home of the Mighty Mustangs!”**

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Greetings Memorial Parents and Guardians,

It is my pleasure to announce that this school year the Memorial staff will have the opportunity to offer our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders two commencement celebrations. We will provide a Mighty Mustangs Virtual Commencement Ceremony and a Mighty Mustangs Drive Thru Commencement Ceremony. The virtual ceremony will air at 7 pm on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through our district website. During this virtual event, we will have two wonderful speakers from the class of 2021 sending farewell messages to their classmates. I will also present parting words to our graduates along with Superintendent Dr. Schilling, School Board President Mrs. Mary Kelly, and members of the Memorial Administrative Team.

The Mighty Mustangs Drive Thru Commencement Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Participation in this event is not mandatory. It is an opportunity for students to take part in the roll call of graduates and receive their diploma in person. ***Any eighth-grade student who did not complete the academic or behavior expectations for this school year and is required to attend summer school, may not participate in this graduation ceremony.*** This event will take place outside in front of Memorial Junior High School. If we have inclement weather, the Memorial staff will make arrangements to move the ceremony inside the building. Due to our continued attentiveness and commitment to keeping our students, their families, and our staff safe, we will follow safety guidelines and precautions. ***All individuals entering school grounds must adhere to social distancing guidelines by wearing a mask over your mouth and nose, as well as staying six feet apart from each other.***

***Students who participate in our Mighty Mustangs Drive Thru Commencement Ceremony, will be allowed two guests in attendance.*** A photographer will be on site to take pictures of graduates receiving their diplomas. For anyone interested in purchasing this 4 by 6 picture the cost is \$10. Additional pictures can be purchased from the photographer (Vincent Harlston: [v2jeliteproduction.com](http://v2jeliteproduction.com)). The specific time for students to participate in this drive thru event will be based on students' last name (please see the schedule included with this notice). To accommodate all students in a safe and productive manner, students who wish to participate in this drive thru ceremony must attend during their designated time based on the first letter of their last name according to school student records.

## Mighty Mustangs Drive Thru Commencement Ceremony Student Attendance Schedule

<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>First Letter of Students' Last Name</u>
<i>12:00 pm</i>	A
<i>12:30 pm</i>	B
<i>1:00 pm</i>	C
<i>1:30 pm</i>	D-F
<i>2:00 pm</i>	G
<i>2:30 pm</i>	H
<i>3:00 pm</i>	I-L
<i>3:30 pm</i>	M
<i>4:00 pm</i>	N-Q
<i>4:30 pm</i>	R
<i>5:00 pm</i>	S
<i>5:30 pm</i>	T-V
<i>6:00 pm</i>	W-Z

The Memorial staff is excited for a joyful and safe celebration for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates. We applaud our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the successful completion of their time as junior high students and wish them the best as they begin their high school journey. If you have any questions or need assistance concerning your child's designated arrival time, please feel free to contact the main office of Memorial at 708-474-2383.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Keli N. Ross  
Principal  
Memorial Junior High School