

# **MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**



**“HOME OF THE MIGHTY MUSTANGS!”**

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Dr. Keli N. Ross

## **Associate Principal of Operations/ Assistant Principals**

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Greetings on Behalf of the Memorial Junior High School Staff,

Due to the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic, unfortunately our formal 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation held at the Serbian Center had to be cancelled. However, it is important for Lansing School District 158 to still honor our graduates for their commitment and arduous work, as they culminate their time as students at Memorial Junior High School. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we announce the production of our Mighty Mustangs Virtual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement Ceremony.

As our students make the important transition from grade school to high school, we want to celebrate the hard work and persistence that our students have exhibited to get to this point in their educational journey. The Lansing School District 158 School Board and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Schilling have very generously provided all our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates with a free cap and gown. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony had an opportunity to take part in a photo shoot to receive a free graduation picture, in commemoration of their graduation achievement. This of course was all done practicing our required social distancing guidelines.

The production of our virtual commencement ceremony will allow us to further acknowledge and celebrate our graduates, while observing the social distancing safety requirements. The Memorial 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Committee has been working diligently to organize this exciting venture to honor our students. The Mighty Mustangs Virtual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement Ceremony will be available for viewing on our district website ([www.d158.net](http://www.d158.net)) the same day and time as our original commencement time of Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm. During the program, we will have the following Mighty Mustangs present speeches to their classmates:

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Genesis Aguilera, Rheanna Cortez, and Shania Ticer*

### **Opening Statements**

*National Junior Honors Society President- Annika Biegel  
Student Council President - Zamyah Holmes*

### **Setting Goals Statement**

*Dawn Birkenfeld*

### **Farewell Address**

*Angel Urquizo*

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The virtual commencement ceremony will also include our graduates in their cap and gown, as well as some great images of events during this school year. We hope you will join us for our Mighty Mustangs Virtual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm, located on our Lansing School District 158 website ([www.d158.net](http://www.d158.net)). Let us continue to support and celebrate our graduates as they move towards a bright future.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Shawn Walsh, Associate Principal, Memorial Junior High School

Mr. Roberto Paredes, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal, Memorial Junior High School

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduate Acknowledgments**

### ***Straight A Students for the School Year***

Avaleen Correa  
Pricilla Martinez  
Angel Ruiz

Tyler Earmsmuth  
Leandro Morales  
Rebeka Whitfield

Ainsley Grant  
Joshua Moss

### ***State Science Fair Qualifiers***

Annika Biegel

Ainsley Grant

Angel Urquizo

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Baseball Regional Champions***

Rodrigo Arceo  
Moises Mata

Tyler Earmsmuth  
Hugo Rincon  
Jack Starceвич

Christopher Gales  
Jake Stachelski

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### ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Regional Champions***

Ramon Davis  
Christopher Gales  
Gakobie McNeal  
Cedric Tientchu

Tyler Earmsmuth  
Nathan Lewis  
Seneca Smith  
Emmanuel Ukagwu

Diar Fleming  
Michael Lumpkins  
Jake Stachelski

### ***National Junior Honors Society Members***

Annika Biegel  
Emily Dominiak  
Victoria Gonzalez  
Kimberly Jabaay  
Pricilla Martinez  
Abigael Popp  
Hugo Rincon  
Sierah Shelby  
Ariana Taboada  
Ezra Vitale

Carlos Cervantes  
Avery Flores  
Ainsley Grant  
Yulissa Macudzinski  
Angela Mendez  
Samantha Popp  
Donovan Rivera  
Shybria Starkley  
Abigail Vary  
Alexis Williams

Rheanna Cortez  
Juana Garcia  
Zamyah Holmes  
Jaila Martinez  
Camaryn Olsen  
Leah Reyes  
Angel Sanchez  
Brianna Sullivan  
Apollonia Villalpando