



## IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2018!



Hello 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families!

It's hard to believe our students will soon be leaving Union Middle School and heading off to high school in just a few months. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grad Dance Committee is excited to plan a special night to recognize their hard work, celebrate friendships and make memories in one amazing evening. For those families experiencing their first graduation from Union, your student can expect this evening to be filled with fun, food, music, games, photo opportunities and entertainment options for everyone.

Here is some helpful information:

- Dancing will only be a small part of the evening and students do not need a date. There will be a variety of other activities for the students to enjoy throughout the evening.
- Students will wear their graduation clothes from the ceremony right into the dance. No gowns, tuxedos or gym clothes please. Students can dress up but should be comfortable and following all dress code guidelines.
- The dance will take place in the gym immediately following the graduation ceremony at approximately 8:15. After the ceremony, kids can meet their parents, take pictures, and then head into the festivities. The dance will end at 10:30 PM so please be ready to pick up your students at that time.
- While cell phones are permitted at the dance, we would like to remind all graduates that taking pictures of their fellow students and posting them on social media without their consent is not permissible. For example, don't take pictures of two students dancing and then post it on a site without asking BOTH of them first.
- Each child will be required to submit a permission slip in order to participate. **Students will not be allowed into the dance without a permission slip on file.** Please sign the attached form & return it with your voluntary donation to the UMS office in person or via mail to:

Union Middle School  
Attn: Grad Dance  
2130 Los Gatos Almaden Rd.  
San Jose, CA 95124

### Donations

The Graduation Dance is funded almost entirely from family donations, so please consider making a contribution. Donations can be made one of two ways:

- Via check - payable to UMS Home & School Club; please include in the memo section "Grad Dance" and deliver it to the front office with your student's Permission Slip
- Via Paypal:
  - Go to the UMS website [unionms.unionsd.org](http://unionms.unionsd.org)
  - Click on the Parents tab, then scroll down to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Information/Grad Dance
  - The Paypal button is towards the bottom of the web page

Donations are voluntary. We have suggested amounts of \$30, \$50, \$75 and \$100 through Paypal, but you may make a donation in any amount of your choice by check.

**Please turn in permission slips and donations by FRIDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you in advance for all your support! If you have any questions, please email me any questions at [graddance@unionhsc.org](mailto:graddance@unionhsc.org).

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