

AGAWAM JUNIOR  
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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, Parents and Guardians,

The end of each school year brings an array of emotions ranging from the excitement of completing junior high school to the nervousness of beginning high school. To celebrate these successes, we will again be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> annual semi-formal at Crestview Country Club.

Agawam Junior High School wants to stress that this is an event that is both celebratory and a rite of passage into high school. We do not want this to become "another prom" where costs and expenses get out of hand. This is a "SEMI-FORMAL" where students gather to celebrate their accomplishments with their classmates in a more sophisticated manner and setting. Crestview Country Club has been extremely generous in helping host and creating this event for our students. **The \$30 cost of the social includes dinner, dance, DJ, decorations, and use of the facilities. This event is for currently enrolled Agawam Junior High School Grade 8 students only and will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. Students should plan on arriving at 5:45 PM with dinner service beginning shortly after 6:00 PM. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the event. All school rules are in effect for this event. Students are expected to maintain good behavior for the remainder of the school year or may risk losing this special privilege.**

In addition, some of the AJHS teachers have reached out to some of the high school clubs and local salons to ask for their assistance in helping our young ladies get prepared for the evening. During the early afternoon of June 17<sup>th</sup>, AJHS staff and community stylists and volunteers will be available to help students do their nails, prepare their hair and even offer dresses for those that may need assistance or do not want to be burdened with shopping for the right outfit. There is a consignment shop in the library for students to visit and pick out items and accessories. **We want to stress that this is not a prom. We do not want limousines, tuxedos, or expensive prom dresses to make this event cost restrictive for students and their families.** Students should dress as if they are attending a wedding or a nice family holiday event. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear dress pants, a nice dress shirt and tie (optional). Ladies should wear a nice summer dress/skirt or suit, keeping in mind that whatever they wear should be comfortable enough to dance in. Tickets must be purchased in advance, CASH ONLY, during lunch time from June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> as we need to give Crestview a final head count by Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Students may use credits earned from PTO fundraising to offset the cost of the semi-formal. **Absolutely no tickets will be sold after June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

We hope that you are equally excited about continuing this tradition for our students and should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (413) 821-0542.

Sincerely,

Norman C. Robbins  
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