



**GSMS 2019 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet**  
**The Palms at The Wharf**  
**May 18, 2019 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

On behalf of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Banquet Team, we would like to invite all GSMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the 2019 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet. This is a special celebration for your child graduating to high school. We feel this is a special time for our children to be together as classmates before entering high school. This night will be filled with great food, music and dancing. We will have a slide-show celebrating our students on the big screen during the banquet. (Send three 'through the years' photos; to Ms. Weaver, [klweaver@bcbe.org](mailto:klweaver@bcbe.org) no later than April 30th)

Tickets for the event go on sale Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and will run through Friday May 10th. **They will be sold during your child's lunch period. The ticket price is \$15.00. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, May 10th. No tickets will be sold at the door!** Tickets include entry to the dance, dinner, and a souvenir t'shirt. Checks for the tickets should be made out to the GSMS PTSO with the student's name on the check.

**Attire for the banquet will be "Sunday Dress."** Students must adhere to the following dress code: All dresses MUST have at least one strap and should be no shorter than 3" above the knee. NO STRAPLESS DRESSES WILL BE ALLOWED. The young men may wear dress pants and a collared shirt. (NO TUXEDOS, JEANS, SHORTS, OR T'SHIRTS WILL BE ALLOWED!). Please keep the dress code in mind and be tasteful. **Violations of the dress code will result in the student being required to go home and change prior to entry.**

For the safety of our students, we will have chaperons at the door. Parents may drop their young men and ladies off at The Palms beginning at 6:00pm and must be picked by 9:00pm. **NO LIMOS ARE PERMITTED.** Once the student enters The Palms, he/she must stay inside for the evening until a parent comes to the door. This banquet is open to Gulf Shores Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers/chaperons ONLY – no exceptions.

*In order to keep our students safe, parents must come to The Palms to sign out students. Parents must bring a photo ID. If you are picking up more than just your child, you must bring a signed note from the other student's('s) parent(s)/guardian(s). No student will be allowed to exit The Palms without an adult.*

Parents, this letter MUST be signed by you and your child, acknowledging all aspects/rules for the evening. This letter must be turned in at the time of purchase. Your child will be turned away until this signed/dated letter is returned with payment - having it on file will act as their 'ticket/access' into the banquet. (No one will be able to purchase a ticket or attend the dance without a copy of this letter signed and dated.) Tshirts will be given at time of ticket purchase.

We look forward to seeing every 8th grader at the banquet!

Thank you,

PTSO Banquet Team

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date