



Mendham Township Middle School

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Dear Mendham Township Eighth Grade Parents / Guardians,

As I am sure you are aware, on Friday, May 11, at 6:00 pm our entire eighth grade school community will participate in a culminating activity representing weeks of hard work and practice - the Shakespeare Festival. Our students, parents, and faculty have worked vigorously to make this year's Festival a truly educational, inspirational, and memorable event. I am looking forward to Friday's festivities.

Yesterday, I learned that West Morris Mendham High School will be holding its annual eighth and ninth grade dance on the same evening as our Shakespeare Festival. I immediately contacted the appropriate high school personnel and was informed that despite their best efforts and consideration, the conflict is irreconcilable. Unfortunately, our event includes vendors/caterers and logistical components, which certainly prevent us from postponing our Shakespeare Festival.

Although some of our students may be disappointed, please note that the high school guidance department reassured me that Friday's dance is strictly social and is NOT IN ANY WAY a component of the freshmen orientation process.

Even though the scheduling of high school events is outside the scope of my principalship here in Mendham Township Middle School, I deeply apologize for this unfortunate predicament.

Moving forward, I will suggest to office of the Dean of Student Activities at the West Morris Mendham High School that they contact us prior to solidifying plans for activities that involve our students. This will ultimately strengthen our abilities to most appropriately transition our students from the middle school to the high school. I certainly remain committed to this endeavor.

If you have any questions and or concerns, please contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Patrick J. Ciccone

cc: Dr Christine Johnson, Superintendent of Schools