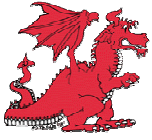


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April, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The highlight of the school year for eighth grade students is Graduation. This year we will be conducting our Graduation Exercises on Thursday, June 12th, at 4:00 p.m., at Oakcrest High School, on the football field. There will be unlimited seating for those wishing to attend. Seating will begin at 3:00 p.m.

In the event that there is inclement weather, we may need to reschedule Graduation until the following day, at 4:00 p.m. If this occurs, we will know by dismissal time on Thursday. Both Thursday and Friday will be half days for our students. In addition, this year another possible conflict could cause our Graduation to be moved to Friday. Oakcrest High School's Graduation date is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th. Unfortunately, their rain date is the day of our ceremony (the 12th). Therefore, we will need to pay particular attention to the weather on that date also.

In order to eliminate the question of dress standards and to add to the dignity of the event, we are once again requiring that students wishing to participate in our graduation wear gowns. The Board of Education will provide the gowns free of charge to all graduating students. We will send them home with your child prior to the day of graduation, so that you may take pictures of him/her in advance, if you wish. They will be collected immediately following the ceremony.

To ensure that there is proper decorum during the ceremony, we are requesting that all parents refrain from standing within the seating section (bleachers) during the ceremony. This will allow all spectators to view their children graduate. (If you or a member of your family requires handicapped accommodations, please contact the school.) **We are also asking that parents and friends refrain from cheering while the students' names are being called.** The acoustics outside sometimes make it difficult to hear the speakers. We appreciate your cooperation and your consideration for others.

In addition, on Monday, June 9th, we will hold a special awards ceremony for our students. This will take place in our cafetorium at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. We also ask that you take note of the dates for this year's graduating class. They are listed on the reverse side of this letter.

In closing, I would like to thank you for all of your support and cooperation during the past three years. It has been a pleasure to professionally serve you, and we hope that your child's time with us has been educationally rewarding. If you have any questions, please call us at 476-6241.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Muldoon
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