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Special 8th Grade Newsletter

As we approach the mid-point of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some important information and reminders about upcoming activities and events for 8th grade students and their families.

8th Grade Graduation Pictures – Thursday, January 18, 2024

All eighth grade students will have their graduation picture taken regardless of whether or not you intend to purchase pictures. Each family will receive a proof package approximately three to four weeks after picture day. The proofs will be sent home with your child. Pricing and online ordering information will accompany the proof package. There is no need to send money on picture day.

Each student will be dressed in an OOJH graduation gown, provided by the photographer for their individual picture and four poses will be taken. Two will be taken in dress clothes and two in the graduation gown. Please make sure that your eighth grade student is dressed appropriately for these pictures. Bulky sweaters, sweatshirts and turtlenecks should be avoided. Pictures will be taken throughout the school day and your student will be given a specific appointment time from their teachers.

If you have any questions about picture day, please feel free to contact Ms. Johnson in the Main Office (Extension 7506).

8th Grade Graduation – May 30, 2024

Please be sure to mark Thursday, May 30th on your calendar for our 8th grade graduation. *The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Niles West High School.* It is tradition that the PTA sponsors a reception immediately following the ceremony at OOJH. More information on the graduation ceremony will be mailed home this spring.

Graduation Gowns

To participate in the ceremony all students must wear a graduation gown. All students will wear purple gowns. No caps will be worn. *The cost of these retainable gowns is \$20.00.* You may pay by cash, check or through your Infinite Campus account.

If you have any questions about the graduation gowns, please feel free to contact Ms. Johnson in the Main Office (Extension 7506).

High School Registration Activities

Preparation for high school registration with Niles Township District 219 is well underway. Several programs are planned during the winter to help acquaint you and your child with the high school program. Please be sure you have the following dates on your calendars:

NNHS Curriculum & Activities Night

Will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 - Parent Presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Counselor Appointments at NNHS

Registration appointments will be conducted in person on the dates listed below. Parents and guardians should have received an email with information on how to schedule an appointment.

- *Tuesday, February 6, 2024*
- *Wednesday, February 7, 2024*
- *Thursday, February 8, 2024*

Each student will receive an individual meeting time with their counselor on one of these days. Please stay tuned for more information!

Questions regarding Incoming 9th Grade Registration, please contact Denise French at denfre@d219.org or 847/626-2161

Academic Requirements

It is expected that students will put forth effort to meet the learner quality and academic standards. Students that are at risk of not meeting academic standards and not meeting learner qualities may not be able to participate in end of year activities and in the eighth grade graduation. Final decisions made regarding participation in activities and participation in eighth grade graduation are made by the administration in consultation with the teachers.

The second half of the 8th grade year goes by quickly. There are many exciting events for 8th graders in anticipation of their graduation from their elementary school years. We look forward to celebrating this occasion with you in May. If you have any questions, please contact us in the Main Office.