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MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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June 15, 2023

Dear Eighth Graders and Parents:

After closely monitoring the weather, it has been decided the Eighth Grade Class of 2023 will take place on Friday, June 16th at 6:00 P.M regardless of weather. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 PM. A notification will be sent tomorrow at 12:00 PM if the ceremony will be held indoors or outdoors.

If the ceremony is moved indoors, each graduate will be given 2 parent tickets to view the ceremony in the auditorium. Three guest tickets will be given to view the ceremony via live stream in the middle school gym. The ceremony can also be viewed from home using the link below from any internet-connected device with access to YouTube.

[Elmwood Park Memorial Middle School - 8th Grade Class of 2023 Graduation](#)

In the event of technical difficulties or if the stream goes down for any reason, we will live-stream the remainder of the graduation on the following [backup link](#):

[Backup Link:Elmwood Park Memorial Middle School - 8th Grade Class of 2023 Graduation](#)

If weather permits, the ceremony will take place outside on the field. Both students **AND** parents will be seated on the athletic field. Students will be on one side of the field and parents on the other side of the field ([Graduation Diagram](#)). Each student will receive two (2) parent/guardian tickets for field seating access. All other guests may sit in the bleachers. Siblings/children will not be permitted on the field in the parent section.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL:

1. Graduates will receive their graduation tickets after graduation practice tomorrow.
2. Eighth graders must arrive for commencement exercises on the day of graduation one hour before the ceremony (5:00 pm on Friday, June 16th).
3. As stated above, each graduate will receive 2 parent/guardian tickets for the field or auditorium and 3 guest tickets for the middle school gym (if indoors).
4. **Parents should arrive at 5:00 P.M.** with their tickets to the auditorium or field entry gate dependent on weather. Please leave enough time to ensure that parking will not cause you to miss the start of the ceremony. Parents and guests may park in the school lot or

utilize public street parking around the field. The lot on Speidel Avenue near Gilbert Avenue School can also be used that evening.

5. All participants are to wear caps and gowns. Graduates are not to wear jeans, athletic wear, sneakers, casual shorts, or flip flops. High heel shoes should not be worn as they will become stuck in the turf. Wedges are encouraged instead.
6. Individuals will be excluded from the ceremony and removed from the premises for the following:
 - Failure to attend any commencement practices.
 - Unacceptable behavior during commencement practice and/or commencement ceremonies.
 - Use and/or abuse of any controlled substance during commencement practice and/or commencement ceremonies, which will result in prosecution to the fullest extent of the law under board of education policy.
7. Following the commencement, parents and guests will be directed to the the Middle/High School parking lot on Gilbert Avenue where they will be able to pickup the graduates.
8. Diplomas will not be given out at the ceremony. Graduates will receive their diplomas in school on Tuesday, June 20th.
9. Balloons are not permitted as they can block the view of other guests.
10. For safety reasons, please refrain from moving into the aisles, while taking pictures.

With the cooperation of everyone in attendance, the day promised to be a memorable experience. The board of education, middle school administration, and middle school staff look forward to seeing all of you at the 8th grade graduation.

Sincerely,

Corinne DiMartino

Mrs. Corinne DiMartino
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cc: Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools
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