

Dear 8th-Grade Parents:

Graduation is right around the corner and we are very excited to host our first outdoor ceremony! I would like to thank you all for your continued support and patience this year. I am asking you to extend your cooperation for one more event. GRADUATION!

Caps and Gowns

Don't forget to hang up your child's cap and gown this weekend. Also, please make sure you have a tassel! All Caps and Gowns must be returned immediately after the ceremony under the tent. Your child may also keep his/her medal.

Arrival - Entrance

Please do not arrive before 3:30 pm, to make sure the parking lot is cleared out. We are going to place yellow caution tape around the track to encourage parents to enter on the west side of the middle school. We will remove the caution tape at the very end of the ceremony.

Guests and Masks

- Six Guests per Student
- Masks are to be worn unless you are sitting with your group (similar to entering and exiting a restaurant).
- Please wear your mask when you get out of the car, line up to enter, when you are walking to your seats, going to the bathroom, etc. I know this might be overkill, but let's keep everyone safe!

Photos - Restrooms - Remain Seated

The ceremony will begin at 5:30 pm. We will have a photographer taking pictures during the presentation of diplomas and the pictures will be available on the school website shortly after graduation. We are asking all guests to remain seated during the entire ceremony. In the event a guest has to use the restroom, the back door near the lunchroom will be open.

Big Ideas:

- Guest arrival time - after 3:30 pm, seating begins at 4:00
 - Line up on the west side of the middle school
- Student arrival time - between 5:00 and 5:15 pm
 - Enter the main middle school entrance
- Please park in front of the middle school or the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange
 - If these lots are full, please park in the elementary lot
- Enter on the west side of the middle school parking lot or the North end of the track (59th St.)
- The ceremony begins at 5:30 pm
- Bring your lawn chairs/blankets
- Masks are to be worn unless you are sitting with your group
- Maximum of 6 guests per student
- Honors Day awards will be included in the ceremony
- Please applaud every graduate when his/her name is called!
 - This is not a typo, Yes, let's make some noise!

Inclement Weather

In the event the weather does not cooperate, we will host the ceremony in the gymnasium. I will communicate this change **as soon as possible**. An indoor ceremony will necessitate two sessions, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm. Each student will be allowed to **invite 5 guests for** the indoor ceremony.

- 5:30 pm A - Mar (students arrive at 5:00 in gym)
- 7:00 pm Mart - Z (students arrive at 6:30 in gym)

