



"Working Collaboratively, Thinking Critically, Achieving Academically"
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8th Grade Graduation Activities

September 2021

Plato Families:

We are excited for the prospect of returning to our normal 8th grade graduation activities this year. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, we are approaching this year with caution and thus will divide our associated fees accordingly.

Graduation Package

The basic item that our grads purchase each year is the graduation package which includes a cap, gown, a 2021 tassel, graduation ribbons, a personalized autograph book, a diploma cover, a basic photo package, and an autographed hoodie. The cost for this package is \$120 per student.

We ask that \$60 of this package be paid no later than Monday, November 1st. We ask that the remaining balance be paid no later than Friday, December 17th. These deadlines will allow us to place the necessary orders with enough time to receive all items before graduation. Last year, we experienced extensive delays in production and we want to be sure that we do not have any issues this year.

Luncheon and Ribbon Pinning Ceremony

We have traditionally held both a luncheon and a ribbon pinning ceremony and have recently merged the two into a family event where we recognize our students' accomplishments and celebrate together. The plans for this year's ceremony are being finalized as we would like to house the event off-site. Please know that students are limited to two guests each. An additional cost will be associated with this activity. Typically, this cost is approximately \$30 per person.

Graduation Trip

Our students have had a graduation trip to an agreed upon location for the past several years. While this has traditionally been to Great America, we have also traveled to Cedar Point. We will be discussing options while monitoring the ongoing pandemic to determine if we will be able to take a trip. An additional cost will be associated with this activity. Typically, this cost is approximately \$50 per person.

Graduation

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at 3:00 PM in the hall of Assumption Church located next door. The number of tickets students will receive will be determined by the physical distancing requirements in place at that time.

Expectations

All costs associated with graduation are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. When we purchase items in advance, we are unable to return them and thus are unable to refund your money. If a trip or activity is cancelled, families will be refunded less any costs associated with the event that we are unable to recoup (ie. cancellation fees).

Students are expected to meet all graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation. Please see the attached form for additional information. If a student is in jeopardy of not meeting these requirements, families will receive several notifications prior to a final decision being made. If a student is deemed ineligible to participate in graduation, no refunds will be issued.

We want our students to understand that their participation in graduation activities is a privilege and thus needs to be maintained through their behavior as well meeting the academic requirements as outlined by CPS. A rubric will be shared with you that will outline these expectations so that you and your student can ensure all guidelines are being met. If a student becomes ineligible to participate in graduation activities, no refunds will be issued.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Truly,

Charles Williams

Charles Williams, Principal