



Our Children, Our School
Our Future

Netcong Elementary School

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April 28, 2021

Dear 8th Grade Parents/Guardians:

We cannot believe that we are only a little more than a month away from graduation! Our staff is looking forward to celebrating and recognizing our graduates' achievements. As we approach the end of the 2020-2021 school year, we wanted to provide you with some important information so families can plan accordingly.

Graduation Pictures:

Mrs. Dilley will be reaching out to all of you with scheduled appointment times for May 17, 2021 so that your child can have his/her picture taken in his/her graduation cap and gown. A rain date of May 18, 2021 has been secured. Caps and gowns will be steamed and stored at the school until graduation day. Chris from C and K photography will be taking the pictures and will have information available for parents on packages and picture costs. Typically, the eighth graders have their class picture taken on the stairs in front of the school but unfortunately that cannot happen this year due to the COVID-19 crisis and the need for continued social distancing.

Eighth graders who have rented school locks may return their locks to Mrs. Dilley on May 17, 2021. Locks must be in working condition to receive a refund of \$4.00 per lock that was rented. It would be helpful if the students know their combination and write it down so that the combination may be shared with students next year.

Eighth Grade Breakfast/Picnic:

The eighth-grade breakfast/picnic is scheduled for June 9th, with a rain date of June 10th. The event will take place on campus. This year, the breakfast and picnic will be on the same day so that the students can enjoy each other's company and participate in some fun activities. Students will receive their eighth-grade tee shirts and yearbooks the day of the breakfast and picnic. More information will be forthcoming.

Graduation:

Based on the most recent guidance from the Governor's Office, New Jersey Department of Health, and New Jersey Department of Education, we will be able to hold an outdoor graduation to honor our students. Obviously, this is subject to change.

Cap and gown:

Payment is due no later than this Friday, April 30th. The fee is \$35.00. Please submit payment to the main office.

Graduation practices:

Friday, June 4th, 9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, June 8th, 9:00-11:00am

Monday, June 14th, 9:00-11:00am (outside dress rehearsal)

Graduation:

Monday, June 14th, 6:00pm

Restrictions on outdoor gatherings continue to be lifted. Families will be asked to identify how many people will be attending graduation and each family will be given tickets for the number of guests joining them. Families and their guests will sit together in pods at the graduation ceremony to ensure social distancing occurs to the greatest extent possible. At this time, masks must be worn at graduation. Tickets will be distributed to students during graduation practices. More information will be forthcoming.

Eligibility to Participate:

The administrative team has a duty to inform students and families that participation in school sponsored activities, including eighth-grade activities and graduation, is a privilege. Any pupil failing and/or not meeting the academic standards set forth by the school district may be ineligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, graduation pictures, as well as the eighth-grade breakfast/picnic. It is expected that all students display and model appropriate behavior. As noted in our student handbook, students who do not follow school policies and regulations, may be excluded from class trips and other extra-curricular activities. As written in Board of Education Policy 5412, "Disruptive behavior during the school year may result in an eighth grader having his/her privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony revoked."

In order to participate in graduation and eighth-grade activities, each student and parent/guardian must complete the attached participation form. This form should be returned to the main office no later than Monday, May 3rd. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

Sincerely,



Kathleen E. Walsh
Superintendent



Kurt Ceresnak
Principal

Eighth Grade Permission Slip

The staff and administration have organized what we hope will be memorable activities for the students as they celebrate the end of their elementary school careers and prepare to move on to high school. Participation in activities and commencement is a privilege to all eighth-grade students who have met district academic and behavioral expectations.

NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OR EIGHTH GRADE ACTIVITIES UNTIL A SIGNED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ON FILE IN THE MAIN OFFICE AND/OR WITH THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL.

- I have checked the Genesis portal and I am cognizant of my/my child's current academic standing. I am fully aware that a student must earn a passing grade in his/her courses to participate in graduation and other eighth grade functions. I also understand that the school administration recommends that every student and parent/guardian continually check the Genesis portal at a minimum of once per week to monitor academic standing.
- I understand that participation in any eighth-grade school sponsored activity, including but not limited to graduation and the breakfast/picnic, is a privilege. I understand that administration may revoke these privileges at any time with just cause.
- Before participation in the graduation ceremony will be permitted, students must complete all course requirements, all exams, meet all book obligations, return all school property, pay any outstanding fines, settle any cafeteria debts, and fulfill all requirements of the attendance and discipline policies.
- Rehearsal for graduation is mandatory for all participants unless excused, in advance, by an administrator.
- Any disruptive behavior exhibited during the 2020-2021 academic year may result in a student not being able to partake in the graduation ceremony and/or any of the eighth-grade activities.
- I have read and understand the contents of the Parent/Student Handbook which is located on the school website, www.netcongschool.org
- Clothing for graduation ceremony:
 - Girls – Caps and gowns must be worn. Neat garments such as dresses, skirt/blouse, dress slacks, skorts, and dress shoes. No casual wear such as jeans, shorts, bathing suits, sneakers, flip-flops, etc.
 - Boys – Caps and gowns must be worn. Neat garments consisting of a collared dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, and dress shoes. No jeans, shorts, T's, un-collared shirts, sneakers, flip-flops, etc.
- I understand it is impossible to list all regulations concerning all circumstances that may arise. In the event of an unforeseen situation, the school administration will render its final judgment in accordance with due process.

I/we have read the contents above and agree to abide by the guidelines indicated above.

Parent/Guardian Name: (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Name: (Printed) _____

Student Signature: _____

I grant permission for my son/daughter to attend graduation practices and eighth grade activities on campus if they are eligible to participate.

Parent/Guardian Name: (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____