

May, 2011

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families,

It's that time of year and everyone has been awaiting the "GRADUATION LETTER"!!!

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner** for students and their teachers will take place on, Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Garden Chalet in Worth. In order to participate in this event, students **MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY.** The cost of the dinner is \$25.00. Please complete the attached permission slip and return it no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips and money must be turned in together. The evening will begin at 5:30p.m. and end at 8:45. Parents are invited to join us at 8:30 p.m.

Students may dress in casual attire following the school dress code. Music will be provided along with a family style dinner. Cameras are allowed and students are responsible for all of their belongings. Weather permitting, there is an outdoor patio where the students can take pictures. Parents are expected to pick up their child @ 8:45p.m.

**The Commencement Ceremony** will be held on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Evergreen Park Community High School located at 9901 S Kedzie in the gymnasium. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each graduate will receive three tickets. Graduates do not need a ticket. Students must report to the small gym at 6:00 p.m. No parents will be allowed in the small gym before the ceremony. Balloons are not allowed as they may obstruct the view of others. Please note, students will return to the small gym after the ceremony to receive their diplomas and final report card. The cap and gown will be yours to keep.

Caps and gowns as well as graduation tickets will be distributed on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. All debts must be paid and all books must be returned prior to this date. If you have any questions concerning outstanding fees, please contact the school office.

PLEASE NOTE, ONLY 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 2:00 ON GRADUATION DAY. **ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE FULL DAY.** We have taken into account the many last minute things you may want to do with your graduate and have adjusted the dismissal time accordingly. We ask that you respect this request and have your child in attendance until 2:00 on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

As in the past, each student will be photographed when his/her diploma is issued. These pictures may be purchased separately immediately after the ceremony.

We realize that there is quite a bit of information. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rita A. Sparks-Principal

Trayon J. Sallis-Assistant Principal

**Please return this form and \$25.00 no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to attend the Dinner Dance at the Garden Chalet, 111<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland, Worth, IL on June 8<sup>th</sup>. I have enclosed \$25.00. (Cash or money order only, personal checks will not be accepted). I understand my child must abide by all school rules at the Dinner Dance. If any serious infractions occur in school between now and June 8<sup>th</sup>, my child may not be allowed to attend the event. The Administration reserves the right to remove a student from any extra-curricular event for academic/behavioral issues.

I agree to have my child \_\_\_\_\_ picked up by a parent or a **responsible** adult (with parent permission) at 8:45 pm on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Garden Chalet in Worth. I understand that limousines are not allowed in accordance with District Policy.

My child will be attending the dance. I understand that I am responsible for transportation. I will be picking him/her up no later than 8:45 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

If someone other than you, please indicate the name and relationship to the student.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

