

May 1, 2020

Hello Spring Wood 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families,

We all hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy. It has been nice to see all of the students participating in our E-learning, both through their work as well as during their zoom classroom meetings. It is great to see all of our teachers working hard to put lessons and activities in place as well as refreshing to see the students do their best despite the current circumstances.

We have received several questions regarding end of the year activities and events regarding our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and I wanted to take this time to address those questions and hopefully provide you with some clarifying answers.

**Question 1. Will we have a promotion ceremony?** Yes, we will be having a virtual promotion ceremony this year. **It will be pre-recorded.** All students' names will be read and their pictures will be displayed. We will still have our student speakers give their speeches, students awards will be given, and the band and choir will perform. We will be having a couple of other speakers as well. This event will be sent out via our website, social media, and email on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We are excited that our students and families will be honored in an appropriate and celebratory way given our current circumstances.

**Question 2. How will we get materials for promotion such as: certificates, tickets, brochures, awards, gowns?**

Every family will still get two tickets and two promotion brochures to keep as keepsakes for you and your family. Gowns will still be available for purchase if you choose, but is not required. The pictures that we will use for the promotion ceremony will be the ones we took at school with the students wearing the gowns, so the students will not need them unless you want it for a keepsake. A week before the promotion ceremony, we will be delivering these materials to your home, as well as bringing a sign of congratulations to put in your yard for your student. We will let you know ahead of time when we are coming so if you are home, you and your child can step out and wave from a distance to say hello. Also, if they have won an award, we will need to get a picture of your student for the promotion ceremony!

**Question 3. What about yearbooks and class T-shirts?** The yearbooks will delivered to your house when they come in late May/early June. If you ordered a class T-shirt and paid, you will get them delivered on the date when we deliver all of the other materials for promotion listed in question two. If you have not paid, we will still deliver on that date, but will collect the \$8 payment at that time.

**Question 4. What about the boat trip and the end of the year class party?** The boat trip has been cancelled for this year. We will be mailing home refund checks starting next week. The end of the year party is also cancelled, however depending on state guidelines on social distancing this summer and **if** we are allowed to gather, I would like to have an 8th grade BBQ where students can see their friends and teachers as well as sign yearbooks and such. A lot will be determined if this can happen so more information will follow.

**Question 5. What about returning books, chrome books, getting stuff out of lockers, and end of year grades?** These are all important items that are being discussed at the district level. More information regarding these items will be coming out in the near future.

**Question 6. Is Lake Park still hosting the May 4<sup>th</sup>, Incoming Freshman Transition Night program?** Yes, they are through an online program delivery of several videos to mirror the exact program incoming freshman families would have received in person. The program will be linked to their Incoming Freshman website: <https://www.lphs.org/domain/158>. The program will be available at 6:00 PM on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you and if you have any additional questions, please feel free to ask. We are thinking of you all during these times!

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