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Greetings Parents & Guardians of the Wood Oaks Class of 2023:

As you know, we will be celebrating the end of your child's education in District 27 at Glenbrook **SOUTH** High School at 6 pm on Thursday, May 25, 2023. We are so excited to be able to celebrate the end of your child's elementary school education with all of you. Below is all of the information you should need to be prepared for this very special event.

Gown and Ticket Distribution

Parents/Guardians of graduates will be able to pick up their child's graduation gown, the ribbon to be worn, and a Class of 2023 yard sign (if ordered) at Wood Oaks from 8:00 am - 10:00 am on Saturday, May 20. The gowns are usually somewhat creased from their packaging and should be hung up and/or steamed to remove those wrinkles. The green and white ribbon should be pinned on the gown on the graduate's upper left side. Tickets are not necessary for graduation. While there is ample seating, we ask for your assistance by reminding those attending to act in accordance with following a respectful ceremony.

Graduation Practice & Early Dismissal

Graduation practice will be held for all 8th grade students on Thursday, May 25 at Wood Oaks. We would like all students participating in the evening ceremony to be present for this practice. If your child is unable to make it to practice day, but is planning on coming to graduation, please let Mrs. Beake know as soon as possible. Your child will be ordering a boxed lunch from Josh's in the next couple of weeks during homeroom. This lunch is complimentary from Wood Oaks and District 27. Pre-ordered yearbooks will be distributed to students prior to **leaving for the day at 2:00pm**. Students who normally ride the bus will be able to take the bus home at 2 pm as there will be special routes that day for 8th grade only.

Graduation Awards

Our graduation awards will be revealed to students on May 25 during a student/staff only assembly. Those students receiving graduation awards will also be recognized at the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony on May 25

Students should arrive at Glenbrook South (GBS) High School no later than 5:30 pm.

Parking at GBS is available in both the west and north parking lots. Entrance to the building will be through doors O and OO. Upon entering, graduates will meet in the GBS cafeteria to line up for the ceremony.

Seating is not reserved. We request that you do not save large blocks of seats, but allow the seats to go to anyone present first. Accessible entrance and seating will be available. Please be mindful of keeping those seats available for guests that may need that seating. The ceremony will start promptly at 6 pm and will last about an hour.

This event is a ceremony honoring the students' completion of school in the elementary years, Kindergarten through grade 8, and an important event in your child's education. Please help to make this a dignified graduation ceremony. We ask that you and your guests refrain from cheering for individual graduates; enthusiastic applause will be welcomed after the entire class has received their diplomas. We want each student's name to be heard by every family member and friend who has come to see that special person graduate. Please allow individual graduates their moment to receive their diploma with dignity, honor, and esteem.

There will be limited hard copies of the program available to guests at the ceremony, so please only take no more than one per family. The program for the ceremony will be online and accessible by taking a picture of a QR code with a smartphone. Please ensure someone in your party has a fully charged smartphone for this purpose. QR codes will be available at the entrance to the auditorium. Diplomas are not in the folders graduates receive on stage. Graduates will be handed their diplomas by a teacher as they exit the auditorium.

If you have family members who are unable to attend the ceremony at GBS, the event will be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/gbstv>. Thank you to the GBS Broadcasting students and staff for their assistance with this service.

Thank you

We are excited to celebrate this wonderful event with you. Thank you so much for your partnership, not just during this year, but throughout your child's years here at Wood Oaks. The Wood Oaks community is truly like no other, and every staff member feels fortunate to be able to serve such amazing students and families. Best of luck to all of you as you venture into Glenbrook North and your child's high school years.

Sincerely,



Cari Beake
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