



ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL
7607 Cortland St., Elmwood Park, IL 60707

March 21, 2019

Dear Parents of the Class of 2019,

The end of the school year is coming fast, and we are starting to prepare for all activities associated with the culmination of your student's middle school years. The following dates and information may prove helpful in your planning for the final weeks of the 2018 - 2019 school year.

Dinner Dance

The PAT sponsors the 8th grade dinner dance at Elmcrest Banquets, which is being held **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**. Detailed information and permission slips will be distributed after Spring Break. The cost is between \$40 or \$65 depending on which option you choose. Payments are due by May 1, 2019.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks must be pre-ordered no later than **March 22, 2019**. The cost is \$25 and is payable on Life Touch's website at ybpay.lifetouch.com using yearbook code 1810118 or the District webstore by credit or debit card. The student may bring in cash or a check made out to Elm Middle School. Please have your student check with Mrs. McNichols to verify that he has a record of your yearbook purchase. Yearbooks will be distributed the week of **May 14, 2018**.

PAT Breakfast for 8th Graders

The Parent & Teachers Association will provide breakfast for the 8th grade students on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. Academic Advisors will take the students to the cafeteria for a light breakfast.

Graduation Practice

We will have graduation practice on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. Eighth grade students will have an early dismissal after a successful graduation practice. Students can walk from Elm Middle, or buses will drop students off at Elmwood Elementary and John Mills Elementary for them to walk home from there. More information about the time and details will be sent home in May. Students must be in attendance at practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Photographs

We have arranged to have photographs taken by Lifetouch professional photographers at the time the diploma is awarded. A proof will be available on Lifetouch's website. At that time, you may choose the photo package that you want. More information will be provided in May.

Graduation Tickets

Graduation is **Wednesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** at Elm Middle School. Each family will be given **four (4)** tickets for the graduation ceremony. These tickets will be distributed **May 22, 2019** once we have determined who will be promoted to ninth grade. **Elm Middle School is unable to provide extra tickets for graduation. Every person, including children and babies, must have a ticket to be seated in the gymnasium.**

- All financial obligations to the school district must be paid before your student will receive their graduation tickets. This includes: school fees, field trip fees, library fines, all fess for lost or damaged books and other fees owed to the school.

Important Graduation Day Information Day is Listed Below:

- Students do not wear caps and gowns.
- Students should wear dress clothes for the ceremony. Jeans and shorts are not allowed.
- Students will receive a ribbon that will be pinned on them for the ceremony.
- Students should not bring personal possessions with them (cell phone, purse, etc.) to the ceremony. There is no place to secure those items.
- Parking will be available in the Elm Middle School parking lot. Street parking is available on the east and west sides of 76th Avenue, 76th Court and the North and South sides of Cortland and Bloomingdale.
- Entrance doors open at 5:45pm. Students should report to the cafeteria by 6:00pm.
- The ceremony begins at 6:30 pm.
- Admission to the gymnasium is by ticket only. ***Everyone, including children and babies, must have a ticket.***
- *Balloons and flower bouquets will not be allowed in the gym. Please leave these items in your car.*
- Parent and guest seating will be on a first come first seated basis in the gym. All guest seating will be in the bleachers and indicated sections of the gym floor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, family members are requested to please remain seated until the graduates have left the gym.

As a reminder, 8th grade graduation is a solemn rite of passage. As we honor the young ladies and gentlemen who represent the best of Elm Middle School, we would like to encourage a respectful and positive graduation experience for all participants.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to telephone me at 452-3550.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Siegel
Principal