



Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners. We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.

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Special 8th Grade Newsletter

As we approach the mid-point of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some important information and reminders about upcoming activities and events for 8th grade students and their families.

8th Grade Graduation Pictures – Friday, January 26, 2018

Enclosed with this letter, please find information regarding graduation pictures that are scheduled for Friday, January 26th. All eighth grade students will have their picture taken regardless of whether or not you intend to purchase pictures. Each family will receive a proof package approximately two to three weeks after picture day. The proofs will be sent home with your child. Pricing and online ordering information will accompany the proof package. There is no need to send money on picture day.

Each student will be dressed in an OOJH graduation gown, provided by the photographer for their individual picture and four poses will be taken. Two will be taken in dress clothes and two in the graduation gown. Please make sure that your eighth grade student is dressed appropriately for these pictures. Bulky sweaters, sweatshirts and turtlenecks should be avoided. Pictures will be taken throughout the school day and your student will be given a specific appointment time from their teachers.

If you have any questions about picture day, please feel free to contact Ms. Johnson in the Main Office (Extension 7515).

8th Grade Graduation – May 31, 2018

Please be sure to mark Thursday, May 31st on your calendar for our 8th grade graduation. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Niles West High School. It is tradition that the PTA sponsors a reception immediately following the ceremony at OOJH. More information on the graduation ceremony will be mailed home this spring.

Graduation Gowns

To participate in the ceremony all students must wear a graduation gown. All students will wear purple gowns. No caps will be worn. The cost of these retainable gowns is \$18.00. See enclosed letter for more information.

If you have any questions about the graduation gowns, please feel free to contact Ms. Johnson in the Main Office (Extension 7515).

High School Registration Activities

Preparation for high school registration with Niles Township District 219 is well underway. Several programs are planned during the winter to help acquaint you and your child with the high school program. Please be sure you have the following dates on your calendars:

Wednesday, January 31st 6:00 p.m. NNHS Curriculum & Activities Night
Course books, counselor assignments, and course recommendations will be distributed. Students are invited to attend and must be accompanied by a least one parent. Families will also receive their counselor appointment at this event.

February 6th & 7th all day Counselor Appointments at NNHS
Parents and students meet with their counselor at the high school at an assigned time during the day to register for classes. Parents must pick up their children from OOJH, signing him/her out. Your appointment time will be assigned by NNHS and provided to you at the January 31st "NNHS Curriculum and Activities" program.

More information will be sent to you by NNHS. If you have any questions regarding these programs please call NNHS.

Academic Requirements

Students are expected to pass their academic classes. Students who fail two or more classes in a single trimester may be required to participate in the After-School Program which meets three days per week throughout the next trimester. Students who fail two or more academic classes in the regular school year do not meet the academic requirements. Eighth grade students not meeting academic requirements **will not** be allowed to participate in the 8th grade graduation ceremony. Please help us ensure that your child is successful in school by working with your student and his/her teachers. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress during the year, please contact his/her teachers directly.

The second half of the 8th grade year goes by quickly. There are many exciting events for 8th graders in anticipation of their graduation from their elementary school years. We look forward to celebrating this occasion with you in May. If you have any questions, please contact us in the Main Office.