



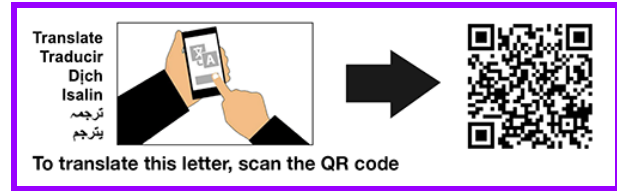
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Oliver McCracken Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:



We hope this letter finds you and your family well! We are in the process of planning multiple ways to celebrate our eighth grade graduating class of 2025. Understanding this is an important milestone to our students and families, we will continue to find meaningful ways to celebrate student accomplishments as our eighth grade students prepare to transition to high school. We are excited and grateful to partner with our PTO and 8th grade parent/guardian volunteers to plan our end of the year celebration!

We currently have our graduation date reserved with Niles North High School on **Wednesday, May 28th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Students are expected to maintain academic and behavior expectations in order to fully participate in all graduation events. There will be more information regarding graduation events in the upcoming months which will include the process for securing tickets to the ceremony. Please review any additional information which will be shared with families through email and in our Weekly Newsletter.

At this time, we are asking parents and guardians to submit student diploma names and review gown and tassel purchase options. Please check your email to access the forms below.

- ❖ **Student Diploma Names** (Please submit your child's name **EXACTLY** as you would like it to appear on the diploma) **Student names must be submitted on this [form](#) by February 7th.**
- ❖ **Graduation Gown and Tassel Purchase Options** (Families can purchase a graduation gown and tassel individually or as a package- there are no graduation caps) **Complete this [form](#) by February 7th.**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser** ~ January 29th - February 2nd
- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures ~ Thursday, January 30th (Picture Retakes March 13th)
- Niles North High School Counselor Appointments ~ Thursday, February 6th at NNHS (*individual appointment times are communicated to families by NNHS*)
- Diploma Cards & Gown/Tassel Orders Due ~ Friday, February 7th
- 8th Grade End of the Year Celebration ~ Friday, May 16th (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Graduation Ceremony ~ Wednesday, May 28th at NNHS 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (*We expect the ceremony to start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 - 1 1/2 hours*).

We are looking forward to celebrating the many accomplishments and achievements of our graduates this year and appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ariola, Principal

Marty Behm, Assistant Principal

Trevor Dykes, Assistant Principal