

March 2, 2023

Dear Parents and Eighth Grade Students,

Graduation is approximately 15 weeks away! This year is going by way too fast and the big day will be here before we know it. I want to give you a guideline of what graduation looks like.

This letter is full of important information for graduation: all aspects of the festivities. Pictures, rehearsal, and the Commissioning Breakfast. This letter will be posted on our website for your convenience.

Please Submit Pictures

Every year at graduation we have a slideshow to feature the students when they were younger, placed side by side with a current picture. Please start going through your pictures. We would prefer to have a digital copy of those as soon as you can. We have a lot of events at the end of the year and we need to give our media department plenty of time to get this done.

- **Graduation slideshow pictures are due Friday, April 14th.**

- **One baby/toddler picture**

- **One current picture, digital photos are preferred**, but we will accept hard copies. Clearly label all photos with the student's first and last name. Hard copies will be returned. Submit to Corlyn Watson

cwatson@nca.school or Rachel Diede rdiede@nca.school

- **Two pictures total**

Commissioning Continental Breakfast-June 13, 2022 (for parents and student)

We desire to commission our 8th grade graduates with words of encouragement and prayer as they transition from middle school to high school. Join us for a continental breakfast with a special message and NCA Alumni. We will close with a time of prayer over the 8th grade graduates.

Tuesday, June 13th` Commissioning breakfast- Auditorium 8:30-10:30am

students will be in graduation rehearsal from 10:30-12:00pm (no parents)

Rehearsal (Students and Staff) Rehearsal is scheduled for **June 13th right after the commissioning breakfast**

10:30am–12:00pm Graduation Rehearsal (for students and staff only, parents may pick up at 12:00.)

12:00pm Students are dismissed for the day.

Graduation June 13th

Arrival Time: **All graduates need to arrive by 5:00pm, gowns will be put on then, we will meet in A2.** We will have a group photo promptly at 5:30 pm. If you are late, you will not be in the picture.... don't be late :) After the group photo, students are free to participate in individual photos and socialize until the meeting time.

Pictures: Pre-order forms for the group picture, by Dorian Studios Photography, will be sent home 2 weeks prior to graduation. **A group photo will begin at 5:30 pm.** Parents are not allowed in the auditorium during the group picture.

☺ At 6:15 pm students will meet in A-2 in preparation for the ceremony.

Seating: Doors to the auditorium will remain CLOSED until the group photo is completed. Afterwards, the doors will open for families to be seated. Reserved seats are *only* for graduates and for the family who purchased priority seating at the school auction. All guests' seating, including graduates' families, is on a first-come first-seat basis. No tickets required and all are welcome.

Ceremony Starts: 6:30 pm

Reception: Approximately ½ hour in length immediately following the ceremony. The reception will be held in the main foyer / atrium area. Grads and families are free to leave at any time during the reception to attend to other family festivities.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
June 12 8 th grade students Wear something that represents the High School you're planning to attend. 8:30-9:30am put Life Boards in Worship Center w/HR Teachers. Set up for Comm.Breakfast	June 13 8 th Grade Commissioning Breakfast: 8:30 – 10:30am Worship Center Wear your "Sunday Best" Rehearsal 10:30am 12:00pm GRADUATION Arrive at 5:00pm Group picture at 5:30pm Ceremony begins at 6:30pm	June 14 Parent Sponsored after Grad Event - Meeting on March 20th via zoom any parent wanting to help plan this event should attend. Email with link sent separately today. (3/2/2023)

Graduation Attire

As some of you are getting a jump start on buying graduation attire, here are the requirements: This is a ceremonious and dressy event, so the expectation is that your student will be in attire suitable to the occasion.

Boys—Dress shirt, tie, dress pants and dress shoes (no athletic shoes). Suits are optional. **Girls**—Dress, or skirt and blouse, and dress shoes.

Here are some guidelines for you to keep in mind when you are shopping. The following dress styles are not good candidates for this event:

- Strapless dresses
- Dresses or blouses with plunging necklines
- Dresses with spaghetti straps
- Dresses with one shoulder strap
- Dresses with cut-outs
- Dresses with see-through lace.
- Dresses/skirts/blouses that are excessively tight

The shortest part of dresses or skirts should be no shorter than two inches above the knee. If you are in doubt about a dress, please bring it in or send Ms. Diede a picture of your daughter wearing the dress to see if it is a good fit for the event. You may text Ms. Diede at 425-754-0109.

Sample styles that meet NCA's Dress Code for Graduation



Sincerely,
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