

April 14, 2025

Dear Parents and Eighth Grade Students,

Graduation is approximately 7 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, May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

- **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](mailto:cwatson@nca.school).

- **Two pictures total**

### Commissioning Continental Breakfast- Tuesday, June 10, 2025 (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. Please plan to 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. **The dress attire for this event is Sunday's best. Please NO athletic wear, shorts, or jeans**

### Mandatory Rehearsal (Students and Staff) Rehearsal is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> right after the commissioning breakfast**

10:15am–12:00pm Graduation Rehearsal (for students and staff only, parents may pick up at 12:00.) 12:00pm Students are dismissed for the day and picked up in the front lobby.

### Graduation - Tuesday, June 10th

**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 a few days 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, door open at 6:00pm.

**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.

### **Graduation Events Timeline**

<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>
<b>June 9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8<sup>th</sup> grade students <b>Wear something that represents the High School you're planning to attend.</b></li> <li>8:30-9:30am put Life Boards in the Worship Center w/1st Period Teachers.</li> <li>8th Grade Send-off 3:25, front lawn</li> </ul>	<b>June 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Commissioning Breakfast: 8:30 – 10:15 am Worship Center <b>Wear your "Sunday Best"</b></li> <li><u>Closed Graduation Rehearsal 10:15 am - 12:00 pm</u></li> <li><b>GRADUATION</b> Arrive at 5:00 pm Group picture at 5:30 pm Ceremony begins at 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>June 11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Sponsored after Grad Event - Emails pertaining to this event have been sent.</li> </ul>

### **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 for the occasion.

**Boys**—Dress shirt, tie, dress pants and dress shoes. Suits are optional. Please NO tight or sagging pants/shorts. No skinny pants, which are fitted all the way to the ankle.

**Girls**—Dress, or skirt and blouse, and dress shoes. Here are some guidelines for you to keep in mind when you are dress shopping. Please NO

- 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
- Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than two inches above the knee

If you are in doubt about a suit or dress, please bring it in or send Mrs. Watson a picture of your daughter/son wearing their outfit to see if it is a good fit for the event. Thank you!



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