



Central Middle School
Community Consolidated School District #146
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Eighth Grade Culminating Activities Class of 2017

- **GENERAL INFORMATION**

In order to participate in graduation activities, students are required to meet our eligibility requirements. Students must have a minimum cumulative 1.75 grade point average during their 8th grade year, as well as a minimum cumulative 1.75 grade point average overall for their years at Central, in order to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Students who behave inappropriately may become ineligible for any or all of the culminating activities, pending a final review by the administration. Proper student behavior includes showing respect for peers and staff at all times. Central's administration makes the final decision for any and all student participation in graduation activities, including the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony.

All district and school fees must be paid prior to the ceremony.

- **GRADUATION GOWN MEASUREMENT: Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

Students will be measured by the E.R. Moore Company during their lunch time. In the event that any student is absent on gown measuring day, s/he will be measured by office personnel at a later date. The gowns will be distributed on May 19th. The girls will receive a collar with their package. NJHS members will receive an honor stole to use if they have achieved the requirements necessary to merit this recognition. Information on the care of the gown is included with the package. Students do not wear graduation caps. The gown's color this year is Navy.

- **GRADUATION PACKET & FEE**

The graduation fee of \$40 covers the cost of the graduation gown, 8th grade t-shirt and the 8th grade breakfast cost. Diplomas, diploma covers and all printing costs are provided by the Board of Education. Each graduate will receive a packet containing their gown and graduation tickets on May 19th.

- **RECOGNITION NIGHT: Monday, May 22, 2017
6:00 pm in the CMS Cafetorium**

The 8th grade Recognition Night will be a celebratory evening to honor and recognize Central's top students in the areas of academics, service, citizenship and athletics. This event will be by invitation only. Invitations will be given to students no later than Friday, May 5th.

- **8TH GRADE DINNER DANCE: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 5:00-8:00**

This year's 8th grade will celebrate with a Dinner Dance. Students will dine/dance at CD&ME 23320 South La Grange Road, Frankfort, IL 60423.

Students must be in attendance on May 23rd to participate in this event. Should any students not be permitted by administrative decision to attend the trip, attendance at school on the day of the trip is an expectation. The cost of this year's trip is \$45.00 due by Friday, April 28th. (Permission slip is included in this packet.)

- **8th GRADE TRIP TO CHICAGO: April (TBA) During the school day**

This year the 8th grade will be taking a trip to Chicago during the school day. The estimated cost of this trip is \$50. More information will be sent home in November. The payment will be due on February 17, 2017.

- **GRADUATION CEREMONY: Wednesday, May 24th, 2017**

***6:00pm in the CMS Gymnasium**

****If snow days occur, this date is subject to change**

The last day of 8th grade student attendance is Wednesday, May 24, 2017. Students will be dismissed at approximately 10:30 am. Students must be in attendance at the May 24th graduation practice in order to participate in the evening graduation ceremony.

Door #3 and #7 (south end of the building) will open at 5:30 p.m. for graduation. Admission is by ticket only. Students are expected to report to the Central Middle School main hallway by 5:30 p.m. for line-up and will remain there until the ceremony begins. Students should leave personal belongings (cell phones, cameras, etc.) with their family members.

Graduation will be held in Central's main gym and students will each receive four blue tickets which will get you into the gymnasium. You will also be given two red tickets which will get you into the cafetorium to watch the ceremony live on the big screen. **It is impossible to honor requests for extra tickets and we will not keep a waiting list for extras.** However, many families do not need all of their tickets. It would be wise to make your needs known to friends prior to the week of graduation. Each student receives these tickets on the same day that the gowns are issued. It is the student's responsibility to give these tickets to parents. Lost tickets will not be replaced.

A photographer from Tom Killoran Photography will be available to take each student's picture as they receive their diploma on stage. These pictures will be printed with our logo on them as a 5x7. These framed pictures will be available for purchase at the end of the graduation ceremony for 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$20. (Additional pictures can also be printed) We will also be providing an 8th grade class panoramic picture. Order forms for families at the cost of \$15 will be available. You are welcome to take your own photos in the gym and outside after the ceremony. *No photos in graduation seating area.

Appropriate attire under the graduation gown is expected. A collared shirt and tie for boys looks very nice under the gown since boys' gowns have no collars. The girls will receive a collar with their gown package. Girls should wear shoes which are easy to walk up and down stairs in. Flip flops are not allowed to be worn at the ceremony due to distractions from the general appearance of the graduate. Flowers, balloons, noisemakers, and other public displays that single out particular students during the ceremony are not allowed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Central Middle School Dates to Remember

December 9, 2016	The Graduation Activities form and <u>payment due</u>
January 24, 2017	Graduation Gown Measurements taken at lunch
February 17, 2017	8 th grade Trip permission Slip and <u>payment due</u> (Make checks payable to CCSD 146)
April (TBA)	8 th grade Trip to Chicago
May 1, 2017	Dinner Dance Permission Slip and <u>payment due</u> (Make checks payable to CCSD 146)
May 19, 2017	Graduation Ticket and Gown Distribution
May 22, 2017	Recognition Night (by invitation only) – 6:00 pm in CMS Cafetorium
May 23, 2017	Dinner Dance at CD&ME in Frankfort Approximate Departure: 4:30 pm Approximate Return: 8:30 pm Attire should be semi-formal to formal
May 23, 2017	Graduation Practice during part of the school day Yearbook Signing
May 24, 2017	Graduation Practice 8 th Grade Breakfast Early Dismissal (approximately 10:30 am) Graduation: Doors Open- *5:30 pm (Enter at Door #3 or #7 only) Student Line-Up Time- *5:30 pm in Main Hall Ceremony- *6:00 pm in Larry I. Anderson Gymnasium

- All district fees must be paid prior to graduation on May 24, 2017