

Thursday, April 13th

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It seems like just a short time ago that we were welcoming your child into their Grade 8 class, and now it is hard to believe that there are only a few weeks remaining in the school year before they move onto high school. To celebrate the end of the school year, we will be holding our grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony at the **United Pentacostal Church** (2031 Main Street, Stittsville) on **Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 8:30 am.**

All families involved in the 2017 Leaving Ceremony will receive a maximum of **two** tickets. The fire regulation codes do not allow us to fill the hall beyond capacity. Therefore, we kindly request that you respectfully adhere to the guest ticket limit. If you would like an extra ticket, please make note on the attached form. The only additional tickets that will be available are from families who do not require their tickets. A lottery will be held for those who have indicated an interest in additional tickets *should* they be available. Following the ceremony, students and guests will be invited to a **small reception** sponsored by our School Council at the Church.

The ceremony will include the presentation of various individual awards, as well as a certificate to each student who has successfully completed the Grade 8 program. A number of guests, including our 'Class of 2017' Valedictorians have been invited to speak at the ceremony.

After the Leaving Ceremony, students may return to GMS as of 10:30 AM and congregate in the Library; or if parents have decided to treat their child to lunch, we ask that you please indicate so on the attached form. Students returning to school in the afternoon are kindly asked to arrive prior to 12:30 PM.

At GMS, we have scheduled Periods 5 and 6 for the exclusive Grade 8 Dance. The cost of the dance is \$5.00. We are asking students to pay for their tickets in advance as we need to ensure that we have the minimum number of students required to secure our DJ. Any additional funds amassed, will go towards the ceremony. Should we not obtain the minimum of 70 students required to cover the cost, refunds will be offered and an alternate activity will be planned for the students who return to school after the ceremony.

If you wish to take your child out of school at any time during the day, please remember that he/she must be signed out on the appropriate form in the office and/or attached to this sheet. It is essential for safety purposes that we know where the students are at all times.

Please note that there is no transportation provided by the school to and from the ceremony. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are therefore encouraged to attend the ceremony to celebrate with their child. Tickets must be presented to Ms Darragh and Ms Eddy at the main church entrance to gain admittance. Tickets will be sent home electronically closer to the date of the *Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony* to avoid misplacing them.

Kindly take a moment to remind your child that this is a semi-formal ceremony and, as such, appropriate dress is required. Keep in mind, however, that it is not necessary to purchase new clothing specifically for this event.

We look forward to the *Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony* and a smooth ending to the school year.

Sincerely,

The Grade 8 Team

Please complete and return ASAP to your child's homeroom teacher by April 28th

Name of student Class

In the interest of safety, we need to know where your child is at all times. Please check off the appropriate boxes. Thank you for your support.

- My child will be absent the day of the Leaving Ceremony.
- My child will be returning to school after the ceremony (dropped off by parent after 10:30), will participate in the dance and I have included \$5.00.
- My child will be signed out for lunch, return to school prior to 12:30, participate in the dance and I have included \$5.00.
- My child will not be returning to school after the Leaving Ceremony.
- My family requires 2 tickets for the Leaving Ceremony.
- My family requires 1 ticket for the Leaving Ceremony.
- My family does not require any tickets for the Leaving Ceremony.
- Should there be any available tickets, my family would like to have our name put in the lottery for 1 additional ticket.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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