

**Hawthorn Middle School North**  
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**Robert Collins**  
*Principal*

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April 27, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardian of Eighth Graders:

Please read this page and the reverse side of this letter for important information relevant to eighth grade events. Please discuss the enclosed information with your student to ensure positive, successful, and fun-filled end of the year activities. We thank you for your help, support, and cooperation throughout the Middle School years. Students must be in good academic standing, (no "F's") and must be in good behavior standing to attend any of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year events. Congratulations to the Class of 2018 for their successful completion of elementary and middle school!

Sincerely,

  
Robert Collins  
Principal

  
Charity Trowbridge  
Assistant Principal

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**CLASS TRIP**

On Tuesday, May 22, the Class of 2018 will be taking a trip to Rec Plex in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. Students will be leaving Hawthorn at 8:00 a.m. and returning at 2:00 p.m. This field trip includes activities such as swimming, ice skating, open gym and lunch. The cost of the trip is included in the Promotion fee.

**EIGHTH GRADE/PROMOTION RELATED FEES**

Fees cover the cost of the end of year activities: class trip, promotion dance and promotion ceremony. Fees are to be paid in full by **Tuesday, May 01, 2018**. Please make checks payable to **Hawthorn School District 73**. In cases where a family has difficulty with the promotion fees, parents should contact the District Office to discuss a payment plan or other options. Students must have all other fees (i.e. lunch, library, registration, athletic) and any other outstanding fees paid in order to participate.

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### **DANCE AND PARTY**

The Promotion Dance will take place on Friday, May 04, 2018 in the gym of Middle School North from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Only eligible Hawthorn Middle School North eighth graders are invited to attend. Parents must provide transportation to and from the dance.

***Parents must pick up their eighth grader promptly at 8:00 p.m. Students will not be allowed to walk home.*** For safety reasons, once students arrive at the dance, they will not be permitted to leave early. All students must stay for the entire dance, unless picked up by a parent.

### **DANCE ATTIRE**

The purpose of the dance is to allow students an opportunity to share the milestone celebration of completing eighth grade in a positive, social setting with their fellow peers. The dance is not a date activity; therefore, we do not allow limousines or flowers. Girls should wear appropriate dress length, not floor length gowns or dresses that are too short. Although strapless, backless or low cut dresses will not be allowed, spaghetti straps are permissible. Boys should wear a collared shirt with a tie, dress pants, and dress shoes. No jeans or gym shoes are allowed. Students inappropriately attired will not be admitted.

### **CELL PHONE AND CAMERA USE**

Cameras and cell phones are permitted during the dance. However, students must follow and obey the guidelines outlined in the student/parent handbook. Students are responsible for their own property. The school is not liable for any lost items.

### **PROMOTION CEREMONY**

The promotion ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Vernon Hills High School gymnasium, located at 145 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills. Students should arrive at 7:30 p.m. and report to the field house. Guest seating will begin at 7:35. Please park in the lot on the south side of the school.

### **ATTIRE FOR PROMOTION CEREMONY**

All students participating in the ceremony will be required to wear blue gowns. Gowns will be distributed to students on May 21, 2018. Under the gown, boys wear a collared shirt with a tie, dress pants, and dress shoes. The girls should wear a dress or a skirt. No floor length dresses or formal gowns. Neither boys nor girls should wear jeans, gym shoes or flip-flops.

### **PREFERENTIAL SEATING ON MAIN FLOOR**

If seating for disabled and/or elderly is required, please fill out the attached form. Chairs for Handicapped seating are located on the gym floor and space is very limited.

### **PROMOTION CEREMONY/ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY**

Students must demonstrate appropriate behavior and continue academic performance, (no grades of "F" during the final trimester to earn the privilege of participating in the end of the year activities; class trip, promotion dance, and promotion ceremony. Additionally, students must have all school fees and/or fines paid in full to be eligible. Failure to meet any of these expectations will prevent student participation in the aforementioned activities.

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## **REQUEST FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED SEATING**

Hawthorn Middle School North Promotion Ceremony  
Vernon Hills High School Gymnasium  
Tuesday, May 29, 2018  
8:00 p.m.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

List name(s) of individuals requiring disabled and elderly seating and their relationship to the student. One assisting adult may accompany the individual(s) and be seated in this area. Handicapped seating is located on the floor of the gymnasium and is very limited. In order to park in Handicapped spaces, a plate or placard must be displayed.

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Please have your student return this form to the North Middle School office no later than **Friday, May 18, 2018.**

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