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Hamlin Upper Grade Center Eighth Grade Graduation Activities Informational Packet – Read Carefully

January 26th, 2022

I. Eligibility

We hope that every eighth-grade student will participate in all of the events that are involved in Graduation 2022. Activities are planned as a reward for nine years of academic efforts and to provide special times for the eighth-grade students to celebrate the end of elementary school together. Students who do not attend events are expected to attend school or to have parent contact with the school office.

Participation in all of the Graduation 2022 exercises is a **privilege** which must be earned three ways: following school rules, completing required course work, and by completing 10 service hours.

In addition to other disciplinary measures, severe or repeated violation of school rules will result in exclusion from, participation in, and attendance at Graduation 2022 exercises. By accruing 6 or more demerits during the year, students lose out on graduation activities (see student handbook for details). Students who do not complete required course work with satisfactory academic performance (as outlined in our promotion policy) will not participate in Graduation 2022 activities.

II. Tentative Schedule for Graduation 2022 events:

Awards Ceremony & Dinner Dance – Thursday, May 19th, 2022

Thursday, May 19th will be an early dismissal day (11:15 a.m.) for **8th grade** Hamlin students only. Eighth grade students will return at 5:00 p.m. for their Awards Ceremony. After the Awards Ceremony & Dinner (approximately 6:00 p.m.), the 8th graders will have their Dance which will conclude at 9:00 p.m.

The success of the celebration will be dependent on cooperation from parents, students and the school. It is very important that we agree to the following guidelines:

- No limousines
- No dates
- No bare shoulder dresses (jacket must be worn)

Proper Attire - All students are expected to follow the school dress code outlined in the Hamlin Parent/Student Handbook and Discipline Policy. The Dinner Dance is considered a formal occasion.

Expected Behaviors - This event is a school-sponsored event and is a privilege to attend. Students who fail to follow school rules at the dance may be asked to leave.

Softball Game/Picnic – Friday, May 20th, 2022

Eighth grade students will *attempt* to beat the staff in their final game of the year ;-) We will have the all-school picnic at lunch followed by the softball game in the afternoon (weather permitting).

Graduation Practices - May 23rd, 25th, & May 27th, 2022

Eighth graders will have graduation practice on - May 23rd, 25th, & May 27th, 2022 . We will begin practice at approximately 8:30 a.m. each day. It is very important that students be present during the limited rehearsal times we have scheduled. Please avoid doctor appointments on this date.

Locker Cleanout/Yearbook Party - Monday, May 23rd, 2022

Student lockers will be cleaned out from 8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m. All textbooks must be returned to classroom teachers. If there are any lost or damaged textbooks, students will bring home a Fine Notification Letter. **Please make sure to return book fines promptly to allow participation in Graduation 2022 events.**

Great America Class Trip – Tuesday, May 24th, 2022

▪ Students will arrive at school at the regular time. The dress code for the outing is the same as for a regular school day. Eighth graders may wish to bring a change of clothes, rain gear, or personal items in a backpack; however, items normally banned on a school day are also banned on the outing. *Cell phones, cameras, and iPods **will be allowed; however, you are responsible** if anything should happen to them.* We will load the buses as close to 8:15 a.m. as possible.

- Eighth grade teachers will serve as chaperones on this trip. Students will be required to check in with their assigned chaperone at lunchtime and other designated times. For safety reasons we will not be able to release students to stay additional time, even with parents, at the park. Students who do not follow check-in times, display proper behavior, or adhere to park safety rules may be removed from the park to wait on the school bus under supervision. In only extreme cases would parents be contacted to pick up their child.
- **We will depart Great America at 6:00 p.m.** We hope to return to Hamlin Upper Grade Center at approximately 8:00 p.m. Students will only be released to parents for transportation home, unless other arrangements have been confirmed in writing with the school. Parents are asked to be at Hamlin at 7:45 p.m.

Graduation Packets – Wednesday, May 25th, 2022

At the conclusion of the school day we will distribute the graduation gowns, a keepsake tassel, report cards, and graduation tickets. Each family will be issued **six tickets**. **Any family needing additional tickets must make a written request to the Graduation Committee between May 16 - May 20, 2022.** If the request is honored, a **maximum** of **up to** 3 additional tickets will be issued. **We will call you to let you know if you will be awarded any extra tickets by May 23, 2022.** **Admission to the ceremony will be by ticket only (*this includes infants as well*).**

Graduation Day! Friday, May 27th, 2022 - 11:15 a.m. Dismissal (8th gr only)

- Students will arrive at the regular time. We will have a graduation practice at Marist High School from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with the HUGC Band. Eighth Grade students will be dismissed from Hamlin at 11:15 a.m. Buses will be provided for our bus riders.
- **GRADUATION** All graduates should report to the Marist H.S. cafeteria at **5:15 p.m.** for line-up. Students must bring their graduation gowns to the ceremony. The graduation ceremony will begin **at 6:00 p.m.** SHARP! Boys should wear a dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, and dress shoes (no gym shoes). Girls should wear a skirt/slacks, blouse or dress (no long gowns please). **Students will not be permitted to wear flowers or carry bouquets until AFTER the ceremony. NO flowers, gifts, or balloons are permitted INSIDE the school. Please leave them in your car. You may present them to your child as they come OUTSIDE to take pictures.**

- **Pictures** – You are free to take photographs of your child before, during, and after the ceremony. However, you need to take pictures during the ceremony from your seats. The front of the gym, where the band and graduates sit, will be cordoned off. You will NOT be allowed to approach the stage or graduate’s area at any time.
- **Video Taping** – Video taping may be done from the balcony of the Marist H.S. gym.
- **Masking** - Anyone over the age of 2 attending graduation must be masked at all times.

Cost

The cost of the Graduation 2022 activities for this year will be \$125.00. This includes the Great America Trip, the Eighth Grade Ceremony/Dinner Dance, a copy of the 2022 Yearbook, and the Graduation Ceremony (caps, gowns, diplomas, tassels, certificates...etc). The total cost of the events is divided equally among all of the graduates regardless of attendance. **Students who are ineligible to attend the events due to behavior or academic difficulty might be eligible to receive a partial refund IF we have time to change our final counts and get a refund.**

Graduation Etiquette

Parents and/or Guardians are responsible for making sure that anyone receiving a graduation ticket from them will follow the etiquette rules that are expected at Hamlin’s Graduation Ceremony. These rules are also copied and sent home with the tickets. **If these rules are not followed, your child’s diploma will NOT be handed out after the ceremony and will be kept in the possession of school officials.** Graduation ceremonies have special meaning for all of us. Noisemakers of any kind (e.g. air horns) are **not allowed** and any guest using a noisemaker will be removed from the ceremony. **Students, parents, and/or any guests who create a disturbance** at the Graduation ceremony will be removed from the ceremony and diplomas will be withheld.

Hold your applause until all graduate’s names have been called.

NO balloons, flowers or gifts at the ceremony. You may get them from your car after the ceremony and present them to your child outside.

NO noisemakers whatsoever.

NO yelling or shouting from your seats.

Violators will be escorted from the ceremony and diplomas will be withheld. District 125 Board of Education passed this ruling on August 28, 2012.

**Tear off the next page
and return with the
Graduation fee. Keep
the first 6 pages for
your reference.**



Hamlin Upper Grade Center
Graduation 2022 Fees

Please remit **all or half** (\$62.50) of the payment with this permission form on
or before **March 11, 2022**

The final balance will be due on **April 14, 2022**.

Make checks payable to Hamlin Upper Grade Center

Amount Due \$125.00

Reminder: If you owe any registration fees from the beginning of the year, they must be paid in full in order for your child to graduate.

I have received the informational packet outlining all graduation activities for the Hamlin Upper Grade Center Class of 2022. I have enclosed the graduation fee of \$125.00. I understand the etiquette rules and will make sure all of our attendees will follow the etiquette rules described within this packet. **I understand that my child's diploma will be withheld if any disturbance is made. In addition, anyone causing the disturbance will be removed by the authorities and may be subject to arrest (Board of Education approved August 28, 2012).**

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

**Hamlin Upper Grade Center
12150 South Hamlin Ave.
Alsip, Illinois 60803
708-597-1550**

I give permission for _____
to attend the **8th Grade Awards Ceremony/Dinner Dance** on Thursday, May 19th, 2022. This activity is open to students who have earned a minimal passing academic average and who have demonstrated a level of conduct which reflects responsibility and trust as outlined in the Hamlin Upper Grade Center Parent/Student Handbook. Students are expected to demonstrate behavior that is appropriate to a school activity. It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation for their children to and from the dinner dance.

The following arrangements have been made to pick up our son/daughter at 9:00 PM from Hamlin Upper Grade Center.

_____ a member of the family will be
there at 9:00 p.m.

- ___ father
- ___ mother
- ___ brother/sister
- ___ other*

*Name _____
has our permission to pick up our
son/daughter at 9:00 p.m.

In the event of an emergency, we can be reached at:

Phone number

Parent/Guardian's Signature

I give permission for _____

to attend the 8th Grade graduation trip to **Great America** on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022. Students will be leaving the Hamlin Upper Grade Center at 8:15 a.m. and returning at approximately 8:00 p.m. This activity is open to students who have earned a minimal passing academic average and who have demonstrated a level of conduct which reflects responsibility and trust as outlined in the Hamlin Upper Grade Center Parent/Student Handbook. Students are expected to demonstrate behavior that is appropriate to a school activity along with following the security and standards for dress and behavior set forth by the theme park.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date