



Franklin Middle School

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Dear Grade 7 Students and Families,

I have received many calls and emails over the last few days from parents who expressed legitimate concerns over the changes that were made to the Grade 7 Moving Up Day Ceremony. We understand the desire of both students and parents to celebrate the achievements of the Franklin Middle School Class of 2019 together. We have listened to these concerns and have decided to return to a more traditional ceremony. In the 2019 ceremony, we will:

- Conduct our Grade 7 Awards Ceremony.
- Call each individual student by name to the stage to receive a certificate.
- Invite all Grade 7 parents and significant family members to this ceremony.
- Still continue our tradition of displaying the 7th Grade video.
- Encourage our students to wear nice clothes for the ceremony and to bring a change of clothes for the field-day that will take place after the ceremony (weather permitting).
- Ask that parents and family members set great examples for our students by being solemn and respectful during this important ceremony.

The ceremony will still take place on **June 6, 2019 at 9:00 am**. This event has always occurred during the school day with the exception of last year, where the condition of our auditorium seats and a scheduling conflict required that we hold the ceremony at Kenmore East in the evening.

For this ceremony, we ask that family members enter through Door 1 (Main Auditorium Entrance). We also ask that the bus loop remains vehicle-free. We must keep the bus loop open because elementary students will be arriving to school at the same time that this ceremony begins. On-campus parking will be extremely limited for this event. Please abide by the directions of all posted parking signs on the streets near our complex.

I sincerely apologize for any confusion and dismay that our original plan may have caused. We remain committed to listening to feedback from our families and to providing our students with the best possible experiences.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Ginestre
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