
PRAIRIE VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
8500 West 175th Street
Tinley Park, Illinois 60487

Eighth Grade Culminating Activities Class of 2012

- **GRADUATION PICTURES:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Proofs will be sent home when we receive them. At that time, you will be able to select the pictures that best suit your needs. All checks are made payable to Lifetouch. The photographers will also assign a re-take date. The re-take is for students who were absent and for those who desire a second photo session. Proofs must be returned when an order is placed or a retake is needed. The graduation picture re-take date will be announced later this month.

- **CAP AND GOWN MEASUREMENT:** Thursday, January 26, 2012

Students will be measured by the E. R. Moore Company on January 26th. In the event any students are absent on cap and gown measuring day, they will be measured by office personnel. The cap and gowns will be distributed several days before the ceremony. The girls will receive a gold collar with their package. NJHS members will receive an honor cord if they have achieved the requirements necessary to merit this recognition. Information on the care of the cap and gown is included with the package. The gown is black, and the tassels are black and gold. Gym shoes or athletic shoes should not be worn at the ceremony due to distractions from the general appearance of the graduate.

- **CLASS T-SHIRTS**

The PTO has assumed this expense. We are grateful for their generous support. Students will complete an order sheet with size preference during the week of February 6, 2012. We encourage the students to wear the class shirt with pride to Great America. The shirts will be distributed sometime in May.

- **GRADUATION FEES**

Graduation fees for the Class of 2012 are **\$35.00**. Checks should be made payable to Kirby School District 140 and are due no later than **March 19 2012**.

- **DIPLOMAS**

It is necessary to fill out the attached form to indicate how you want your child's name to appear on the diploma. The due date for this form is January 30, 2012. After this date, the name on the diploma will appear as it appears in the District 140 database.

- **GRADUATION DANCE:** Friday, May 4, 2012

The PTO hosts this dance, and your support is needed. There is no fee for the dance. Attendance requires acceptable academic standing. The administration reserves the right to exclude students from this or any activity if there are circumstances that indicate negative citizenship or poor grades. Prairie View teachers will chaperone the dance, and we will have a police officer on site for security purposes. The dance is for Prairie View graduates only. The dance is from 6:30-9:00 p.m. **This is not a prom.** Dress for the event should be in good taste and suitable for a nice evening. (Proper attire is as determined by the administration and must follow the guidelines listed in the student handbook). Students must attend school on the day of the dance, or they will be unable to attend.

- **EIGHTH GRADE RECOGNITION NIGHT:** May 10, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Awards will be presented on this evening to **invited** 8th grade graduates. Invitations for Recognition Night will be mailed during the last week of April.

- **GREAT AMERICA TRIP:** Thursday, May 24, 2012 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The cost of the trip is yet to be determined. We are waiting to receive a signed contract from the bus company before we can set the price. Students who do not attend the field trip with their class are expected to attend school on this day. **If your child is excluded from the trip or chooses not to attend with the class and they show up at Great America on that day, they are considered truant, will be excluded from the Graduation Ceremony and are subject to disciplinary action.** Field trip permission slips and fees are due **April 18, 2012**. After the due date, the transportation portion of the fee cannot be refunded.

- **GRADUATION CEREMONY: Thursday, May 31, 2012
7:00 p.m. at Andrew High School**

Students are expected to report to Andrew High School at 6:30 p.m. for line-up. Graduation will be held in the Andrew High School gym. Due to the large number of graduates in this year's class, and the limited seating, students will receive six tickets. It is impossible to honor requests for extra tickets. 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 cap and gown are issued. It is the student's responsibility to give these tickets to parents. Flowers, balloons, and other public displays that single out particular students during the ceremony are not acceptable. Your cooperation is appreciated. A photographer will be available to take each student's picture during the ceremony. You will receive this proof in the mail. You are welcome to take pictures after the ceremony. The last day of 8th grade student attendance is Wednesday May 30, 2012.

Additional information regarding the graduation ceremony will be forthcoming.

- **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Students are required to have a minimum grade point average of 1.0 and no current or pending disciplinary actions in order to participate in graduation activities. Students who express disregard for their peers or adults during the final weeks of school will be excluded from any or all the activities.

All district fees must be paid prior to the ceremony or the student will not be included in the graduation ceremony.

- **Andrew High School Dates**

January 20, 2012: Step Up Day
January 30, 2012: 7 P.M. Open House/Explore Test Results Discussed
February 4, 2012: Freshman Registration at AHS

- **Prairie View Dates**

January 10, 2012: Graduation Pictures
January 26, 2012: Cap and Gown Measurements
March 19, 2012: Graduation Fees Due
May 4, 2012: Graduation Dance
May 10, 2012: Recognition Night
May 24, 2012: Great America Trip
May 31, 2012: Graduation Ceremony

