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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE 8TH GRADE PROMOTION CLASS OF 2022

On Friday, June 24th at 1:00 pm, you will be promoted at the Union County Performing Arts Center located at 1601 Irving Street - Rahway, NJ. You will receive your certificate immediately after the ceremony. All students are to arrive by 12 noon sharp.

Each student attending the Promotion Exercise must agree to and abide by the following rules:

- Exhibit proper behavior. (Anyone displaying inappropriate behavior will result in you not participating in the Promotion Exercise.)
- Attend scheduled (mandatory) rehearsals unless excused *by a physician or the School Principal*. **NO EXCEPTIONS. PROMOTION REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD TWO DAYS DURING THE UPCOMING WEEK OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND (DURING THE AFTERNOON PERIODS) AND THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD (DURING THE MORNING PERIODS).**
- **DO NOT** bring balloons, fireworks, confetti, noisemakers, etc. to the ceremony. It will be confiscated by security, staff, or administration.
- Students are not allowed to throw their caps in the air after they have been formally recognized during the commencement. This is a hazard and possible injuries may occur.
- Students may decorate their caps if desired, however, the decorations should not include any hanging items nor anything that may cause injury to/obstruct other students.

APPAREL FOR PROMOTION DAY

- GIRLS – Dresses, skirts & blouses. **NO SHORTS**. Shoes should be dress shoes (*low* heels). Stilettos are not recommended because girls will be walking on the carpet. **NO SNEAKERS, BOOTS OR SANDALS**. Refrain from wearing exaggerated jewelry.
- BOYS - Must wear a nice shirt and slacks or shorts. **NO T-SHIRTS**. Slacks should be neatly pressed. Dress shoes – solid color, low cut. **WEAR SOCKS**. **NO BOOTS OR SANDALS**. Jackets are not required.
- Cap and gown must be worn throughout the ceremony.

Any student who does not adhere to the aforementioned standards will not be allowed to participate in the Promotion Exercises. This is a distinguished occasion.

TO ALL PARENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Please exhibit good behavior throughout the promotion exercises.
2. **Please refrain from any noise/talking while speeches are being made.**
3. Wear proper attire.
4. There will be reserved sections in the Auditorium for only the school personnel, select VIP and the graduating class of 2022. The other remaining seats are for parents, legal guardians, and family members. **Number of tickets** per student will be issued for the ceremony (to be determined and announced at a later date), **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Seating is on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**.
5. Please remain seated throughout the ceremony.
6. Please refrain from applause or shouting until **ALL** students have received their certificate so **the name of each student is heard clearly**.
7. Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the ceremony.

This is a very dignified and special moment for your child. Your attendance and exemplary behavior will be much appreciated.

FINES

- Anyone with outstanding book fines/did not turn in books cannot participate in the promotional exercise or receive their 8th grade diploma. All book fines/returned books must be paid off prior to graduation (NO LATER THAN JUNE 3, 2022).
- Please see your homeroom teacher for any additional information.

8th GRADE DISCIPLINE

- Students will be notified if they are not eligible to participate in one of the end of the year events. ***If a student is unable to participate in one of the end of year events due to the disciplinary consequences/intervention, they will not be refunded any money.***

8TH GRADE DANCE

- On June 17, 2022, students are allowed to be picked up by a legal guardian or parent (**name must be on emergency card**) as early as **12:45 pm** in order to get ready for the dance the same evening.
- Any student who is absent/tardy on June 17, 2022, he or she **CANNOT ATTEND** the dance. Attendance is mandatory.
- Showcase will start at 6:00 pm **sharp** and the dance/prom at 6:30 pm, both at The Westwood, Garwood, NJ.

8th GRADE TRIP

- The 8th-grade trip will take place all day on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. **STUDENTS MUST BE AT SCHOOL BY 7:00 AM, THE BUSES WILL LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 7:45 AM (T-shirts and backpacks will be distributed prior to loading the buses at 7:30 am, therefore it's imperative that all students arrive at school by 7 am).**
- Buses are scheduled to arrive back at Grace Wilday Jr High School by **6 pm**
- Since this is a school activity, all bathing suits must be school appropriate:
 - **NO TWO-PIECE BATHING SUITS ARE ALLOWED** (examples: bikinis, tankinis, string bikinis, or any other bathing suit that is considered inappropriate) can be worn on the trip. A **ONE PIECE BATHING SUIT** is mandatory without long necklines or inappropriate cutouts.

- If a student is caught wearing this type of inappropriate attire, they will be removed from the promotional exercise as a form of insubordination.

If you have any questions regarding suitable swimwear, please contact the PTO at PTOGraceWilday@gmail.com.

Students prevented from participating in any of the activities due to behavior or insubordination WILL NOT receive a refund.

2022 8th Grade End of Year Package Information

8th Grade Trip: Dorney Park - Allentown, PA, June 15, 2022, from 7 am to 6 pm.

8th Grade Dance: The Westwood - Garwood, NJ, June 17, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 10 pm.

8th Grade Moving On Ceremony - Union County Performing Arts Center on June 24, 2022 1:00pm.

We are offering the following packages: (Please circle your preference)

Package #1	Package #2	Package #3	Package #4
Trip, Dance & Cap and Gown	Trip & Cap and Gown Only	Dance & Cap and Gown Only	Cap and Gown Only
\$200	\$130	\$130	\$60

Please note: A deposit of \$60 is required by Friday, March 25th

All payments **MUST** be made via **money order**, completed as follows:

Payable to: **Grace Wilday PTO**

Memo: **End of Year Activities and the student's name**

Important: Your Money Order stub serves as your receipt, *please do not lose it.*

All payments are non-refundable.

Please complete and return the permission slips (on the following pages) and your money order(s) to the main office.

8th Grade Dance Permission Slip

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Friday, June 17, 2022 the PTO is sponsoring a dance for all Grace Wilday Junior High 8th grade students that have elected to participate. The dance/prom is scheduled to take place between the hours of 6:00pm to 10:00pm at

The Westwood

Garwood, NJ

The showcase/red carpet will begin at 6:00 pm. Students must be picked up by 10:00 pm **SHARP**. Students who do not attend school on June 17, 2022, will not be permitted to attend the dance/prom. Students must have an invite in order to be admitted to the dance, which they will receive on the day of the dance.

DANCE RULES:

- ALL GWJHS school policies are in effect at the 8th-grade dance
- NO outside students are permitted to attend
- NO bags of any kind are permitted with the exception of purses
- Music will be appropriate
- ALL students must check in upon entering the dance
- Cell phones are permitted, but are not the responsibility of the venue, PTO, or chaperones if lost or stolen
- ALL students are expected to dress appropriately or will be turned away
 - Girls: Tasteful outfits that are not revealing
 - Boys: Slacks, and dress shirts, no sneakers
- Adults who are not chaperoning the dance/prom will not be allowed to stay
- Once admitted inside, a student may not leave the premises until the dance ends or picked up early by a parent or guardian
- **Inappropriate behavior and disrespectful** conduct **will not** be accepted, this will result in the **immediate removal** of the student and the parent will be notified
- No type of dirty dancing or behaviors that would endanger the student will be acceptable
- All students are expected to be picked up immediately at the conclusion of the dance (between 9:45 & 10:00pm)

8th Grade Dance Permission Slip

****PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 27th, 2022 TO YOUR HR TEACHER or
PTO REPRESENTATIVE****

My child is permitted to attend the 8th Grade Dance at
The Westwood in Garwood, NJ on Friday, June 17, 2022

STUDENT NAME

(PRINT): _____

STUDENT

SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT NAME

(PRINT): _____

PARENT

SIGNATURE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ PARENT CELL: _____

8th Grade Trip - Permission Slip

The 8th grade students will have a field trip on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Students will receive a voucher for lunch. Additional food items will be the sole responsibility of the student. Please note: Dorney Park is cashless. Kiosks will be located throughout the park where cash can be converted into a prepaid debit card that can be used anywhere, not just inside the park, with no fees.

Location: Dorney Park - 3830 Dorney Park Rd, Allentown, PA 18104

By signing this document, you are giving permission to have your child attend the field trip and have his/her photo or visual image potentially included in the positive news coverage.

Students **MUST** have a permission slip in order to participate in this trip.

Return to the HR teacher/PTO Representative by May 27, 2022

Print Student Name: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

I give my child permission to attend this trip. I am aware that the school is not responsible for any after school transportation after this event. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless each of the “releases”, (Dorney Park, Academy Bus Company and Grace Wilday Junior High School), from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor’s account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “releases” and further agree that if , despite this release, I , the minor, or anyone on the minor’s behalf makes a claim against any of the “releases” named above, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the “releases” from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim.

_____ I will pick up my child at the school

_____ I give my permission for my child to walk home

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cap and Gown Permission Release Form

I _____ give or do not give (Please circle one) my son/daughter _____ permission to pick up his/her cap and gown on **Thursday, June 16, 2022.**

I acknowledge that I am responsible for the Cap and Gown until graduation. I also acknowledge that there may not be any replacements if it is lost or damaged while in my child's custody. Also, if damaged or lost my child cannot participate in the graduation ceremony.

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form by **May 27, 2022** to your child's homeroom teacher or PTO representative.

If you do not give permission for your child to pick up the cap and gown, they will be available for pick up on **Friday, June 17th between 12 noon and dismissal** by the main entrance.

YEAR BOOK ORDERS:

If you'd like to purchase a yearbook, please complete the info below and provide a **SEPARATE MONEY ORDER** for \$25 made payable to: **Grace Wilday Jr High School**. Payments for yearbooks will be given to **Mrs. Loux** and the GWJHS Yearbook committee.

Student Name: _____ # of yearbooks: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ \$Amt Paid: _____