

May 10, 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students,

It is with awe and delight that I write to you today regarding your child's graduation activities. This year has been chaotic to say the least. Our students, specifically our 8th Graders, have to come to the realization that they are going to be "missing out" on some of the activities which make 8th grade so special. However, this pandemic will produce a generation of young adults strong and resilient in so many ways. I cannot stress enough the pride I feel in their accomplishments. My biggest source of sadness comes from knowing that I could not spend quality time with this 8th grade class on activities, trips, high school sessions, planning meetings and fun lunches. I miss hearing their laughs, seeing their smiles and problem-solving their concerns. I know in my heart they will all thrive because we have given them a solid foundation, despite the craziness of this Covid-19 pandemic. We acknowledge the challenges these guidelines may present to your family. I assure you, every decision we make is in compliance with the State-mandated Covid-19 guidelines. Our collective safety and well-being depends on your cooperation. If you choose for your child not to participate in the ceremony, rest assured that your child will still be celebrated and their name will be called. You and your family will be able to watch the ceremony live from the comfort and safety of your home.

GRADUATION

I am pleased to announce that our Graduation ceremony will be held on
JUNE 24th, 2021 at 1:00pm

at:

**Hudson Catholic Regional High School
790 Bergen Avenue
Jersey City, N.J. 07306**

All Graduates must be at Hudson Catholic by 12:15pm. All guests will be asked to wait outside until the doors open

- **TICKETS:** Due to Covid-19 restrictions, each graduate will be allowed TWO guests. No exceptions will be made. No one without a valid ticket will be allowed to attend the ceremony. We are being held to strict guidelines, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

- **HEALTH SCREENING:** Each guest will be required to complete (morning of graduation) and bring with them, a completed “Health Screening.” Additionally, all guest will have their temperature checked upon arrival by the School nurse.
- **LIVE STREAM:** For your convenience, the ceremony in its entirety will be live-streamed on YouTube. Your family will be provided a link in advance and anyone not attending will have the ability to watch live from the comfort of home or work.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING and FACE COVERINGS:** All state regulations will be strictly observed. Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- **BALLOONS:** Balloons will not be allowed in the School’s gym due to fire code regulations.
- **ATTIRE:** All students will wear their caps and Gowns. They are allowed to decorate their caps ☺ appropriately. Any negative or inappropriate messages will result in the cap being confiscated and replaced with a plain one. This decision is entirely up to the staff of Golden Door. Students should “dress up” for this celebration.
- **QUARTER ENDING:** June 16th (only for 8th graders) Please make sure all work is completed and handed in before this date. You will not be able to hand in anything after this date.
- **STAFF APPRECIATION/RECOGNITION:** We will be purchasing a small token of appreciation for our 8th grade staff. Should you wish to purchase anything additional for the staff, please feel free to do so.
- **DIPLOMA AND REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:** Will be on June 30, 2021.
- **GRADUATION INVITATIONS:** Invitations, along with three copies of the Health Screenings (One for graduate and two for guests) and TWO numbered tickets will be available for pick-up from the main office during the week of June 1st-June 4th. Please do not misplace these. No one will be allowed in without the health screenings and the tickets.
- **GRADUATION PRACTICE:** All graduates will be required to attend an in-person graduation practice during the week of June 21st. Exact date to be announced.
- **PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONY:** All students who meet the graduation requirements and pass the “Health Screening” will be able to participate in the ceremony. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this School Policy.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, I will be hosting a ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, 5/12/21 at 6pm to review and answer any of your questions. I will also be available to discuss questions regarding end-of-the-year and high school questions. I encourage you to attend. Link is attached below.

Join Zoom Meeting Wednesday, 5/12/21 6pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84686963532?pwd=NUIlSRW1CWW94eFBHcTF6TmdoaDkvUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 8696 3532

Passcode: 585285

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me. I look forward to seeing you all on the evening of May 12th.

Warmest Regards,

Fanny Lopez
Assistant Director
Golden Door Charter School