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Dear Frank Panabaker's Grade 8 Graduation Families,

We wanted to share some items with you about our virtual 2020 Grade 8 Graduation presentation.

Parental / Passive Consent

As part of our recognition of graduating Grade 8 students, we will be creating and sharing a commemorative video/presentation with congratulatory messages from the principal and teachers, as well as sharing the names of graduating students and acknowledging those who have received awards. Posting publicly, including social media, is prohibited although it is important to know that HWDSB cannot guarantee that recipients will respect this requirement. Parents/guardians who do not want their child recognized in the video should please contact jfairley@hwdsb.on.ca or bknauer@hwdsb.on.ca no later than Friday, June 19th, 12pm. If we don't hear back from you, we will assume that you give passive consent for sharing your child's name/photo/video in our virtual celebration.

Viewing the Ceremony

On Wednesday, June 24th, the graduation ceremony for all of our grade 8 families to watch can be viewed on HWDSBtv. We anticipate the entire ceremony will be approximately an hour long. As for uploading it, families will receive a SchoolMessenger alert saying that "the video is now live at this url". The video will be available afterwards for 1 week on HWDSBtv as an unlisted video so that it will not be publicly searchable, as per our Board's direction regarding virtual ceremonies.

Digital Citizenship

We encourage all students and families to practice respectful digital citizenship when viewing, sharing, commenting on the digital content of the virtual graduation. You are encouraged to share the virtual graduation with family members that would typically be present at a live graduation (ie.grandparents, siblings).

Graduation Certificates

At this time, the school board is handling all the printing of the grade 8 graduation certificates. They will be mailed out to your home address during the last week of June. You may expect it delivered early July.

Graduation Awards (hardware)

In keeping the boards' direction of virtual ceremonies, unfortunately the physical medals/plaques will not be available until the Fall. An email message will be sent to families/recipients when they are available for pickup.

We wish all our graduates a fantastic summer and a great start into high school.

Frank Panabaker Elementary's 2020 graduation committee.



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