

# GRADE 8 NEWS

June 2025 | Commencement

## Tickets

In order to meet fire-code regulations, we cannot allow an unlimited number of guests to attend the ceremony at Westdale. We have allotted each student 4 tickets for their family and/ or close friends. Please fill in the attached ticket request form to ensure you receive the amount of tickets your family needs. If you require more than 4 tickets, please note that we will try to accommodate your request but due to limited space, not all requests are guaranteed to be fulfilled. Please submit your ticket requests by June 6, 2025.

Students will receive their tickets on the Thursday prior to the ceremony, at the end of the rehearsal.

Guests will not be able to enter the auditorium without a ticket.

## Date/ Time/ Location

**Date: June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

Students need to arrive at 5 pm and go directly to the Lower Gym where they will line up and wait for instructions.

**Location: Westdale Secondary School**

## Reception

There will be a dinner/ dance reception at Kanetskare School beginning at 7 pm. This is for graduating students only.

Light buffet dinner will be provided to the students. Students are expected to remain at the school for the entire reception.

The reception will end promptly at 9 pm. Please arrange ahead of time how your child will be getting home and complete the form below.

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## Rehearsal

Our commencement rehearsal will take place at school on June 18, 2025. It is important that students are in attendance as they will rehearse important ordering and seating placement for the ceremony.

## Cell Phone Use

Students are permitted to use their cellphones at the reception to take photos. Graduates are reminded that they need to have consent from their peers. In addition, they should not be accessing social media while at school.

## Lawn Signs

HWDSB will be providing lawn signs for each graduating student. These signs should be available for pick up during the final week of school by a parent/guardian. These will not be sent home with students.

Please stay tuned for further communication regarding the lawn signs.

## Dress Attire

- This is a “formal” celebration, so it is important to be tidy
- Please remember that this is a celebration of an entire class of grade 8 students and not everyone can afford to shop at top boutiques
- Students are encouraged to choose something that they will be comfortable in (nice shirt/ pants, dress, etc.)