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Grade 8 Graduation

Dear Grade 8 Graduation Families,

We wanted to share some items with you about this year's virtual Grade 8 Graduation.

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. The video will be shared on [HWDSBtv](#) and HWDSB student credentials are required to access it. Recipients will be discouraged from sharing the video with people who would not normally attend the ceremony.

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 as part of the commemorative video should contact their student's teacher by Friday, June 12, 2020.

If we do not hear back from you by June 12, 2020, we are assuming you are giving passive consent for sharing your child's name/photo/video in our virtual celebration.

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 Invitation

An invitation will be sent to you via your child's teacher by June 10, 2020.

Valedictorian

We are excited to share a new format for valedictorian. We are welcoming any student who would like to participate in a collective valedictory speech to share with their graduating class. Teachers have shared an invitation with their class via Google Classroom. All submissions are due back June 12, 2020.

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 by the end of the first week of July.

Graduation Awards (hardware)

In keeping the boards' direction of virtual ceremonies, the physical medals/plaques will not be available until the Fall. We will send out a message to families when they are available to us in the Fall.

Yearbook

Typically, students in grade 8 would be receiving a paper-bound yearbook. Due to unforeseen circumstances this year, students graduating in 2019-2020 will be receiving access to the virtual graduation and collective valedictorian messages which will act as an eYearbook for this year's graduating Grade 8 class.

Grad Photos

Edge Imaging's online ordering site remains open. Those who wish to purchase products are welcome to place orders at edgeimaging.ca/order; orders will be shipped to home with a reduced rate of \$4.99.

If a paper order was completed earlier and you chose the ship to school method, those orders are still currently waiting for schools to reopen. If you submitted a paper order and want to change it to ship to home, they just need to e-mail at customercare@edgeimaging.ca. There would be a small fee and the order will be processed and sent out to homes directly.

Edge Imaging's customer care is also available to assist parents via email at customercare@edgeimaging.ca; the more details you provide – full name, portrait codes, school codes, and student number – the more efficiently Edge will be able to assist you.

If you are looking to get your portrait code and passcode to order your images, please email customercare@edgeimaging.ca and they would be happy to assist you.

Report Cards

Parents/guardians and students will receive their report cards at the end of June. We will send report cards, as a secure document, using SchoolMessenger's email feature. When you receive the email, you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) to verify access to the report card. You can find your child's OEN on a previous progress report or report cards. If you are unable to find your OEN, please contact your child's school.

Please ensure that your current email is on file by logging into your SchoolMessenger account and registered with your child's school to receive the report card. If in doubt, please contact the school by submitting your email address through the contact form on your child's school website. For convenience, access your school's contact form [here](#). If you have questions, please call 905-527-5092 or email info@hwdsb.on.ca.

How to Access/View the Virtual Ceremony

As per our board direction regarding virtual ceremonies, we will be uploading it to [HWDSBtv](#) as an unlisted video so that it's not publicly searchable. Once it has been uploaded, your child's teacher will send a link so that you may view it on your own time (on or after June 17th). We ask that you only share it with family members that would have been physically present at the live ceremony.

We are looking forward to sharing SWO's virtual Grade 8 Graduation ceremony with you!

Sincerely,

SWO's Grade 8 Graduation Committee