

DARTMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

May, 2017

Dear Parents:

The following information pertains to graduation:

PLACE: Dartmouth High School, 555 Bakerville Road, Dartmouth, MA
DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2017
TIME: 6:00 P.M. (Doors open at 5:15 P.M. Ceremony ends at approximately 7:00 p.m.)

Seating: Seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no limit to how many may attend.

Rehearsal: During the day on June 20th, graduates will attend classes as normal until notified as to when the exact rehearsal time will be (approximately 10:30 A.M.). Graduation rehearsal will take place at the Dartmouth Middle School gymnasium. *Students will be able to leave after rehearsal only if they bring in a note from a parent giving the student permission to leave.*

Student arrival: Graduates are to report no later than 5:30 P.M. to the Dartmouth High School gymnasium. Teachers will be there to assign graduates to their proper place.

Dress: We do not want parents to feel that special clothing should be purchased for this occasion. However, we would like the graduates to look presentable. With over one thousand guests in attendance, we do not want students to feel embarrassed by being inappropriately dressed for the event. In the past, most youngsters have dressed as if they were going to a nice social function.

Awards: Seven sets of awards will be presented during the ceremonies:

- 1. Dartmouth Rotary Club Essay Awards** – Three students will be chosen. The Winner and 1st runner-up will each receive a plaque for the winning essay “Making a Difference- What Community Service Means to me”. In addition to the plaque the winner will receive a gift certificate and the 2nd runner-up will receive a certificate. The nonprofit organization of the winner’s choice will receive a donation as well.
- 2. Dartmouth Police Athletic League** - Given to the equivalent of one student per homeroom who is judged by his/her teachers to have shown outstanding citizenship throughout the year.
- 3. Dartmouth Middle School Teachers’ Awards** - Given to the equivalent of one student per homeroom who is judged by his/her teachers to have shown outstanding effort during the year.
- 4. Principal’s RARE Award** - Seeks to recognize those students who, by their daily actions, best exemplify the traits we value -- Respect, Accountability, Responsibility and Esteem.
- 5. Presidential Academic Education Award** - Given to each student who has a final average of A or A- in each academic subject in each of the last three years.

6. **Mildred D. Berkowitz Book Award** - Named after a former Middle School teacher, this award is given to the equivalent of one student per homeroom who exemplifies Mrs. Berkowitz's love of the English language and appreciation for literature.
7. **Karen A. Marchand Award** – Named after a former Middle School Guidance Counselor, this award is given to one or more graduates who have demonstrated commitment, caring and perseverance as judged by teachers and counselors.

Handicapped Parking and Seating - Parking will be available for those with handicapped permits. If anyone in your party requires special seating or parking arrangements, please contact Mrs. Costa by June 14th.

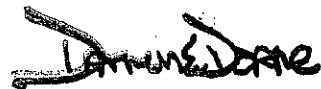
Attendance - If your child is not able to attend the ceremonies, please notify his/her homeroom teacher with a note to that effect, signed by a parent, prior to June 12th.

Class Party – The class party will take place in the Dartmouth Middle School dining areas.

Grade 8 Class Party Friday, June 16, 2017, from 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

A buffet will be served at 5:30 P.M. Students will enter the Dartmouth Middle School via the back door by the Town Hall. This party is for our invited grade eight graduates only. For those students who returned their forms and money will receive a party ticket with their name on it and will be passed out by the homeroom teacher the week of the party. Each year we have requested that youngsters dress appropriately for this party, but we do not want parents to buy special clothes. Our intention is to have our graduates look nice for this last get together, without causing the parents any great expense. This is NOT a prom, but a party. **Tuxedos and limousines are totally inappropriate for this type of event.** We encourage you to support our efforts in **not having youngsters dress to excess. They should look nice--but should not overdo it.** The theme has been selected for the purpose of decorations and so that youngsters do not overdress.

Sincerely,



Darren E. Doane
Principal