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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that in a few short weeks our grade 8 students will be graduating from Winona. Now that we're closer to the date, there are more details that have been put in place that you need to be made aware of. To start, our ceremony will take place in the school gym on the afternoon of Tuesday June 25th at 4:30PM. There are 97 students graduating this year, so we anticipate the commencement to take about 75 minutes. Soon, information will be sent home about tickets. With fire code regulations, there are only so many people that we can fit into the gym. Stay tuned for more details.

After the ceremony, students will continue their celebration at Gizio Recreation and Banquet Centre. Gizio is located in Grimsby at 288 Kemp Road West: it's about a 10-minute drive from the school. Our sit-down dinner is scheduled to commence between 6:00-6:30. There will be a few different things for kids to do during our celebration. We have ordered a photo booth, which is always a lot of fun, and there will be a DJ playing music throughout the evening. We anticipate the evening will finish at 10:00 PM.

It's up to parents, guardians, and graduates to determine the type of dress for the evening. Traditionally, graduation ceremonies are semi formal affairs, yet this doesn't mean that kids have to wear suits and other kinds of formal attire. Ultimately, it's up to each individual family to determine what makes the most sense when it comes to preparing for this special evening.

We will hold a practice for our students on June Monday 24th. This is an important time for kids to see how their commencement ceremony will proceed and what they will have to do. If students are wearing a new pair of shoes for the evening, we ask that they bring the shoes to practice to help "break them in". The awards assembly for academic excellence will take place on the same day during the last block.

The grade 8 commencement trip will be on Thursday June 20th. This will be an extended school day for the students. New details about time have been sent out with students.

Your Grade 8 Team