

February 6, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are well aware, inclement weather has forced a change in our graduation ceremony plans in each of the last several years. Throughout this year, we have explored a variety of options to avoid this issue.

After surveying our current senior class and discussing the issue at length with members of the graduation committee and the PTA, **we are going to move our graduation ceremony to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.** Since late spring and summer thunderstorms tend to arrive in the afternoon and evening, I am hopeful that this change will allow us to avoid Mother Nature's wrath once again. If we do experience inclement weather, we will move the ceremony to the gymnasium and hold it at the same time.

Even if we do need to move the event indoors, the climate in the gym and auditorium should be more tolerable. Under no scenario will we move the event back to the evening this year.

**The change in graduation time means that our school will be closed for all students on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.** Staff members will attend graduation and celebrate our students' accomplishments.

We will continue to explore our graduation options for next year, and I intend to conduct more discussions with students, parents, and staff. I am sensitive to the desires of parents who wish to continue to have the ceremony in our stadium, but I am also aware of the wishes of other parents to have a comfortable, dependable venue for the event.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this area. I look forward to our future discussions.

Sincerely,

Frank W. Drazan  
Principal

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