

## Graduation Information

**Graduation Pictures:** A group picture will be taken on the day of graduation practice (Wednesday, May 20th, 2020). **All graduates should bring their gowns and the shoes they plan on wearing during the ceremony to school that day for the picture.** Individual pictures will be taken on the day of graduation (Thursday, May 21st, 2020) beginning at 1:00 p.m. Picture envelopes will be handed out to the students at school prior to this date.

**Graduation Practice Wednesday, May 20th, 2020:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are not graduating will **not** need to come to school on May 20th. Graduation practice will start at 8:15 and will last approximately until lunch. **\*If you are going through the ceremony it is mandatory that you be at practice.\*** We will then have a pizza party in the commons. **Students will be expected to turn \$4.00 into the office by May 19th,** which will help offset the cost of the pizza and drinks. We will then dismiss all 8<sup>th</sup> graders by 12:15 p.m.

**Graduation Day Thursday, May 21st, 2020:** Graduates do not need to be at the Jr. High any earlier than 1:00. Pictures will begin at 1:00. Graduates need to be in their gown and in line by 2:30. The ceremony begins at 3:00.

**Student Dress:** All graduates will be wearing a gown. However, we ask that each graduate dress appropriately for the ceremony. Please have your student wear nice clothing and shoes that will be safe when going up and down stairs. **Please, no shorts, jeans, flip flops, tennis shoes, cowboy boots, or decorating of gowns. The principal will have the final say over what is considered appropriate dress for the ceremony. If you have questions, please contact me early in the year and not as we get closer to the ceremony in the spring.**

**Slide Show Presentation:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade slideshow will be shown to the graduates on the day of practice so they can view it together as a class. Parents and family will see the slide show beginning at 2:45 the day of graduation. The slide show will be on sale for \$10 and can be purchased in the commons the day of graduation. The ceremony will begin immediately after the presentation.

**Seating: Parents will not be able to enter the gymnasium earlier than 1:00 p.m.** If you have ever been to an LJHS graduation, you know that seating is limited. There will be chairs for the graduates and teachers on the floor. Other chairs for the public will also be on the floor. The bleachers will be available as well. There is minimal standing room available. You will not be allowed to stand in areas to which the graduates need access. Specifically, that is the back of the gym and at either entrance to the stage. **There is no saving of seats. Handicapped persons and school personnel with children graduating will receive preferential treatment. Please call the school ahead of time if necessary.**

**Parking:** There is handicapped accessibility from the front of the building. However, there will be parking available in the alley behind the building for handicapped persons only. Ushers will be attending the backdoor to allow entrance to the school.

**Picture Taking:** Parents and friends are allowed to take pictures of the graduates as they receive diplomas or awards. Please be respectful of everyone and do not interfere with the ceremony. We appreciate your cooperation very much.

**After the Ceremony:** Report cards will be in the diploma envelopes. The graduates will be dismissed and completely finished after the ceremony. They do not need to return to school.