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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In just a few months, your students will have completed the eighth grade and will become high school freshmen! Due to restrictions and contingencies for social distancing provided by the Board of Education, the New Milford Health Department, and state & local government all activities and events are subject to change as per the COVID-19 guidelines. We look forward to planning and implementing as many possibilities to celebrate the DEO class of 2021! Please review the following updated information below highlighted in green.

This year's schedule for the students includes the following:

- ❖ **Promotion Exercise** - Held at the **New Milford High School field, Monday, June 21, 2021, at 10 am.** More information will follow on ticket quantity.
  - Your student's stole and gown must be ordered through the graduation source portal on the following link:  
<https://gs-davideowensmiddleschool-2021-160390.itemorder.com/sale>.  
This link will also be available on the 8th Grade page found on the DEO website, as well as the 8th Grade Activities Page on Google Classroom. All orders must be in by **April 19, 2021.**
  - As part of the ceremony, there will be a PowerPoint presentation that will include your student's toddler picture. This is a very heartwarming part of the evening and we encourage 100% participation. Pictures can be either color or black and white. This image must be a digital copy **TURNED IN** on the **8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES** page connected to your student's Language Arts Google Classroom. Starting on December 15th, students will be responsible for turning their toddler picture in on the 8th Grade Activities page, **ASAP!**
- ❖ **Yearbook** - Buying a school yearbook is a great way for students to remember their time here at DEO. To purchase a yearbook please visit <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09873564> **There are limited available, please make sure to order ASAP!** Any questions can be directed to Ms. Tiamsic at [rtiamsic@nmpds.org](mailto:rtiamsic@nmpds.org).

**"DEO: A Great Place to Grow"**

- ❖ **8th Grade Movie Drive-in Night** On Friday, **April 23rd, 2021 at 6:30 pm**, the 8th-grade will have their first annual Drive-In movie night to celebrate with family and friends.
  - You must stay in your cars as you watch the movie, student-voted Avengers: Endgame, and wear masks and keep socially distant if you exit the vehicle you arrive in (you do not need to wear masks in the car while viewing the movie). **Parents CANNOT drop students off to view the movie.**
  - A school nurse will not be present for the event, the parent or guardian is responsible for any medical needs.
  - Tickets are now available (link below), \$35 per car (EVEN CHEAPER THAN THE THEATER!) with an option to purchase a pre-made snack bag. Refreshments and snacks will also be for sale at the event. Get your tickets fast, only 100 car capacity available!
  - Drive-In Movie Night Ticket Link: <https://www.nmps.org/domain/599>
  
- ❖ **8th Grade Dance** - The dance is scheduled for **June 4, 2021, at David E Owens Middle School**. More information to follow within the next month. As in the past, we hope that this will be an exciting event for the participants. Please be advised that this event is contingent on COVID-19 restrictions. Social distancing and mask guidelines provided by the Board of Education, the New Milford Health Department, and state & the local government must be followed to hold this event.

Kindly be reassured that information regarding these events and changes will be distributed to each student and family in a timely manner and as it becomes available in this current climate. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the main office at 201 265-8661 ext 3000 or e-mail Ms. Catalano, [Ccatalano@nmps.org](mailto:Ccatalano@nmps.org), or Ms. Joyce, [Kjoyce@nmps.org](mailto:Kjoyce@nmps.org). Thank you for all your support and understanding throughout the year and trust in us to make this year special for the class of 2021. #NMUKNIGHT

Sincerely,

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