

Gurrie Middle School

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Gurrie Middle School: Empowering students to make a difference in our world by assisting them to be self-directed, passionate, lifelong learners.

Greetings, Gurrie Eighth Grade Families.

I am excited to share more detail regarding our upcoming 2024 graduation ceremony. Our commencement ceremony marks the beginning of our students' movement to high school and the end of their time here at Gurrie and in District 105. We want to ensure that we make this a special occasion for our students, their families, and our staff.

- Our ceremony will take place at the Local 150 banquet hall, 6200 Joliet Road in Countryside, on Tuesday, May 28, at 5 p.m.
- There will be a stage set up with a professional sound system.
- Students will be seated in front of the stage in chairs. Staff and Board of Education members will be seated in a reserved area.
- Each family will receive *five tickets* to attend, and seating is available on a first come, first serve basis starting at 4:30. We cannot make any exceptions to this and the office cannot be a broker for unused tickets.
- This will be a traditional ceremony with speakers, graduation awards, and students coming to the stage to receive their diploma.

While we want everyone to be able to recognize the accomplishments of their student(s), it is vital that those in attendance follow our expectations for the ceremony.

- If you feel the need to bring balloons to the graduation, you will be asked to store them along the back wall during the ceremony and you can pick them up after as these will block the view of some audience members.
- No one should get up and/or approach the stage for pictures during the diploma distribution or during the ceremony.
 - You may take pictures while staying seated.
 - We will have a professional photographer on the stage taking pictures of each student as they receive their diplomas.
- If you have a need for handicap seating, please call the office at 708-482-2720 or email jfulgencio@d105.net with your request.

Please contact me with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the ceremony and celebrating our eighth-grade students.

Respectfully,

Ed Hood

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