

# BROOKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

BETHANY A. LINDSAY, PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents / Guardian:



Spring fever is here! Students are ready for Spring Recess. Our **Spring Recess** is just a few weeks away and begins on March 25<sup>th</sup>. We are asking parents for their continued support. Students still need to devote at least one half hour per day reading at home. Remember, **“READERS ARE LEADERS”!** Also, students need to know that parents expect them to behave and give 100% in school. Reinforcing this at home helps teachers as they plan and deliver effective lessons to students.

Our students need to be involved in constructive, supervised activities. We have a wide array of extra-curricular clubs for which your child can participate.

Your child can choose to participate in the following activities after school:

- ✓ Cooking Club
- ✓ Step Club
- ✓ Robotics Club
- ✓ Art Club
- ✓ Video Club
- ✓ 3D Printing Club
- ✓ Anime Club

Additionally, this month we have a **“Family Math and Reading Activity”** that all students and their families can attend. It takes place on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Also, on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 we are sponsoring a **“Parent Teacher Conference Day”**. Our hours will be 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Students will not be in session. However, every student is encouraged to attend with his/her parents.

***Parents Do NOT Need An Appointment To Attend And Participate In Conferences.***

Thank You For Your Continued Support!!!

Sincerely,

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## IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR! GRADUATION AT BROOKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

### GRADUATION INFORMATION

With graduation, certain expenses are necessary. The following list will be the total cost for graduation and should be paid in the office. All payments must be made in **CASH** and paid in full by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**REQUIRED ITEMS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ANY OPTIONAL ITEMS MAY BE PURCHASED.**

#### 1. REQUIRED EXPENSES

Cap (includes tassel), gown, and medallion.....\$42.00

#### 2. OPTIONAL EXPENSES

A. Autograph Books.....\$5.00

B. 4" Graduation Bear.....\$5.00

C. Graduation –Formal Dinner/Party@ Glenwoodie Golf Course –  
Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.....\$38.00



#### **FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT/RESERVATIONS FOR PARTY WILL BE MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The graduation party will be held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Glenwoodie Golf Course. The dinner will be served family style, consisting of tossed salad, soup, fried chicken, Italian sausage, mostaccioli, vegetable, dessert, and soft drinks. Parents should pick-up their students at 9:00 p.m. **If parents (parents only, no siblings, etc.) would like to attend and have dinner with the students, the cost will be \$25.00 for each parent.** Boys should wear dress pants and sport

coats. Girls should wear dresses, gowns, or pantsuits (low-cut, or revealing dresses are not allowed). Limousines, tuxedos and formals are not appropriate because they place undue pressure on parents and students to spend more money than is necessary for such an occasion. Students not following these guidelines will not be permitted to attend the dance.

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT RESERVATIONS AFTER MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
WE HAVE TO GIVE OUR FINAL COUNT TO GLENWOODIE GOLF CLUB.**

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## 3. TICKETS



Each eighth grade graduate will receive four (4) tickets. **No extra tickets will be issued.** This is due to safety & occupancy codes. Admission to graduation exercises will be **BY TICKET ONLY! EVERYONE** entering must have a ticket (except the graduate). All tickets will be distributed to the graduate at the end of our last practice.

**REMINDER – ANY SCHOOL FEES INCURRED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR MUST BE PAID BEFORE GRADUATION FEES CAN BE PAID.**

## 4. PUPIL RECORD FOLDERS

All the graduates' temporary records will be sent to either Bloom High School or Homewood-Flossmoor High School (Homewood-Flossmoor for students living in Glenwood Manor, or Bloom High School for all other graduates) unless a transfer is signed in our office by a parent or guardian advising us to send their records to another school. Please come to the Brookwood Junior High School office to sign this student transfer form before May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Again, this is only if students are going to a school other than Bloom or Homewood-Flossmoor. Even if the test was taken at Marian or any other private school parents must still sign release papers.

## 5. TIME SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

6:00 p.m. Graduating students enter building through the northwest door (by Room 10) and report to assigned rooms. Students should report to school dressed in their caps and gowns.

6:00 p.m. Main entry doors will be open to ticket holders only!

**EVERYONE ENTERING MUST HAVE A TICKET, INCLUDING SMALL CHILDREN.**

6:30 p.m. Processional starts (promptly).

7:00 p.m. Doors will be locked.

Caps and gowns will be worn. As you know, these caps and gowns may be kept by the students. Flowers should **NOT** be presented during the ceremony please wait until the graduates are out of the gym after the ceremony. **No balloons or distractive items will be allowed in the gymnasium.** We would like to maintain the dignity of the ceremony and minimize distractions. Additionally, for safety purposes, no limousines/buses will be allowed to come through the parking lot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at (708) 758-5252.

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The class of 2016 has had an outstanding year and I have enjoyed working with them. Although we are sending students to high school, we are not saying goodbye. We hope our students come back to visit and share their success with us.

Thank You For Your Continued Support!!!

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

## Illinois 5Essentials Survey

Organizing Schools for Improvement

You have an opportunity to participate in the fourth annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by U Chicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains.

### These Five Indicators That Affect And Predict School Success Are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction



Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials. All teachers and 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in May 2016 and will also be included in the State

School Report Card.

Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional 5Essentials parent survey. If at least 20 percent of Brookwood Jr. High School parents complete this survey, a parent supplement will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. The Illinois 5Essentials Survey can be completed no later than March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at (866) 440-1874 or [5essentials@uchicago.edu](mailto:5essentials@uchicago.edu).

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