



Dear Parents of 8th Grade Students,

Graduation is next week. Below is the schedule of events and everything else you need to know.

Wednesday, June 13th, **Graduation Ceremony and Parties**

**Please note that there will be a mandatory graduation practice this day.** Students who are not there for the practice, will not be able walk in the ceremony.

- 8:20 Regular school day begins with 2:05 release
- 4:15 Graduates Arrive to Del Mar
- 4:15 Family Reception - blacktop
- 4:30 Official Class Photo- Amphitheatre
- 5:00 Graduation Procession and Ceremony- blacktop
- 6:15 Traditional Grad Parade through Tiburon
- 6:45 Grad Party at Secret Venue
- 6:45 Family Dinner at Tiburon Tavern (optional- see below details to purchase tickets)
- 9:30 Pick up Grads at party location (will be announced at ceremony)

Thursday, June 14th

- 8:15 Advisory Closing Activity and breakfast
- 9:15 Yearbook signing
- 11:00 Approximate time 8th graders may be dismissed with prior permission

**Graduation Attire**

Please be mindful of how your child dresses for the ceremony and party. We rely on the good taste and judgment of parents in this matter. Students are expected to adhere to our dress code policy.

**Reception**

While the 8th graders are taking their class photo we invite you to the pre-ceremony reception. Enjoy refreshments and light snacks.

**Graduation Seating/Admission**

The ceremony will be held outside on the blacktop. There will be assigned, ticketed seating. Each family will receive three tickets randomly assigned by computer. Your tickets will be distributed in advisory classes on Tuesday. Limited Overflow seating will be available. Wheelchair accessible seating will be provided at the end of the aisles. If you know you will not be using your three allotted seats, please let Missy Delnegro know. ([missydelnegro@gmail.com](mailto:missydelnegro@gmail.com)).

**Parade**

This is the 25th year of the Del Mar Graduation Parade. Please take 15 minutes after the ceremony to take Family photos with your graduate. The graduates will then be asked to load onto their pre-assigned cable car. Your tickets for your assigned cable car will be distributed in advisory classes the week of graduation. There will be a teacher and a parent checking the students as they load the cars. The parade will depart from the Del Mar parking lot and proceed downtown, loop around in front of the Tiburon Tavern, around Beach Road and Ark Row, and end up delivering grads to the secret party location. Your child must have a signed permission slip to participate. Parents, please depart ceremony quickly in order to view the parade.

### **Graduation Party - for graduates only**

Tradition dictates that the Grad Party theme and venue be a secret. Graduates will be driven in the Classic Cable Cars to the party. There, they will enjoy dinner, music, and entertainment. This party is chaperoned by Del Mar staff and 7th grade parent volunteers.

It is important that everyone understand these few rules:

1. Only Del Mar 2018 graduates are allowed. No visitors, including parent or siblings.
2. Students must remain in the designated party area throughout the entire evening.
3. Students may not leave before 9:30 pm.
4. The party is over at 9:30 pm sharp, so please arrive promptly to retrieve your child.

Chaperones will not be able to leave the party until all students have been picked up

### **Family Dinner at the Tiburon Tavern**

Immediately following the graduation ceremony, while our 8th grade graduates are at their graduation party, come celebrate with other parents and their families at the Family Dinner located at the Tiburon Tavern. It will be a time to see old and new friends, reminisce and appreciate the wonderful community that our graduates have enjoyed. Enjoy front row seats for the parade, fabulous food, drinks and an evening recalling fond memories with fellow grad families. This event has sold out in the past, so please reserve early. A buffet dinner will follow the parade. This is an optional, ticketed only event and is NOT open to the general public. There will be no admittance to the Tavern, including the patio area, unless you have a ticket. Seats are limited and are only available for purchase online. Prices are \$62/person for adults and \$30/child (kids' buffet for 12 and under). No-host, full bar will be available.

To purchase tickets please click on the link below.

[Adult Ticket](#)

[Child Ticket](#)

If you have any questions regarding the family dinner, please contact Virginia Tusher ([virginia.tusher@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.tusher@gmail.com)) or Jennifer Saavedra ([saavedra\\_jennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:saavedra_jennifer@hotmail.com)).

### **Official 2018 Class Photo and Ceremony Photos**

Photographer, Lara Martinez, a Del Mar teacher, will take the entire class photo prior to the ceremony as well as photos during the graduation ceremony, reception and parade. We strongly encourage you to use this option as attempting to photograph your own child can be extremely disruptive to other proud parents. Please be courteous to others by not leaving your seat during the ceremony for "photo opps". Thank you, Ms. Martinez!

Photos will be available online at:

<https://delmarschoolgraduation2018.shutterfly.com/>

### **Graduation Donation**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to graduation!

If you have not donated yet, it's not too late! The \$170 donation pays for the expenses of the ceremony, the graduate's party including dinner and entertainment, the teacher appreciation luncheon, a digital copy of the class slide show, the cost of the cable cars for the parade, and a link to graduation and party photos. This fee will also include entrance, transportation and lunch for the year-end field trip to Six Flags.

Please [click on this link](#) for easy online payment.

### **Parking**

Ceremony: The Del Mar parking lot is reserved for the Parade Cable Cars. Handicap spaces will be available on the blacktop and releases after the parade has cleared the circle.

Parade & Family Dinner: Parade and Family Dinner parking is available in the parking lot at the lodge at Tiburon. The Bank of America parking lot and the CVS parking lots are also available and convenient.

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2018 Graduation Committee Co-Chairs