

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Question and Answer Sheet

### Dates & Times:

Eighth Grade Graduation, Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7 pm

### Day of Graduation Timeline:

4:00 pm	Student performer's sound check
4:30 pm	Practice begins <i>(It is mandatory that all students attend!)</i>
5:45 pm	Clear gym of all guest (not students or staff)
5:45 / 6 – 6:30 pm	Students' break for snack, bathroom and changing
5:50 - 6pm	Ticket window opens
6:30 pm	Line up for the group photo
6:30 - 6:45 pm	Group photo
7:00 pm	Graduation begins
<i><b><u>Students are not allowed to leave the premises from 4:30 pm until after the graduation ceremony is over!</u></b></i>	

**Location:** Waterford High School Gymnasium, 121 S. Reinway Ave. Waterford, CA 95386.

The Waterford High School gymnasium is a beautiful facility and since we are one of the schools in the Waterford Unified School District, we are able to use this facility at no cost to our school.

### Participation Forms:

Eighth Grade Graduation Form: <http://www.connectingwaters.org/CWforms/8thgradpart.pdf>

### Letters to the graduates:

Eighth Grade Graduation Letter: <http://www.connectingwaters.org/CWforms/grad8ltr.pdf>

### Cap & Gown:

No cap and gown for eighth grade graduates

### Comment Cards:

Parents of students and / or students will need to complete this portion of the participation form "Achievements & goals" *(Please try to keep it approximately 25 words or less)*

### Incomplete participation forms:

Will not be accepted by the school office and returned to family if incomplete!

### Funding:

In order to cover basic graduation needs \$25.00 will be deducted from each participating graduates instructional funding.

*If you choose not to have this deducted from the student funding you will need to let us know by calling Mary Vinnedge by Dec. 10, 2010 at 800-808-9895, Ext. 5, followed by 2.*

### Performances/Speeches

We are providing the opportunity for one or more of the graduates to give a short 3 - 5 minute speech during the graduation ceremony. **All speeches must be received by 4:00 pm on March 11, 2011 at the School Office to be considered.** We would also like for our students to share their talent at graduation. In the past, students have played musical instruments, sang, and given a ballet performance. If you are interested, performances will need to be submitted in CD or DVD and in PC format. Please notify Mary Vinnedge at 209-874-1119 Ext. 5, then 2 or e-mail [mvinnedge@connectingwaters.org](mailto:mvinnedge@connectingwaters.org) prior to March 11, 2011 if you wish to

give a speech or perform at the graduation. The graduation committee will choose and approve the speech(s) and performance(s) that will be given during the ceremony.

### Eighth Grade student Attire:

Boys – Dress or collared shirt and slacks (no blue jeans), Girls – If wearing a dress, please have modest lengths & coverage **Please follow the CWCS Dress Code and no flip flops!**

### Tickets:

Eighth Grade Graduation- Amount of tickets requested for attendees. (Maximum 10) *The number of tickets could vary depending upon participation.*

Tickets are necessary for each person (including toddlers and infants) to enter the graduation! (with the exception of the graduate)

**If we do not exceed more than 100 participants, no tickets will be necessary. To be announced March 2011.**

Parents or guardians can pick up tickets at the ticket window starting at approximately 5:50pm! They will be given the amount of tickets that you have already requested. There may be extras tickets available at the ticket window, on a first come, first serve basis.

### Photographer:

Leonard Photography will be at both the ceremony to take individual graduation pictures, if you should want to purchase a package. A group graduation picture will also be taken and may be added to a picture package. Packages start at approximately \$25.00. For more information, please contact them directly at 209-824-0204.

### Food/Snack:

Sandwiches cut in fours, small bags of individual chips, individual snacks, fruit, cookies and waters. If you are bringing snacks for the graduates-Please keep in mind that there is no refrigerator for storage of any kind, no area for food preparation, and no sink or running water nearby (except the restrooms). So the food should arrive no later than 5:30 and be ready to serve. To volunteer to help out please notify Mary Vinnedge at 209-874-1119 Ext. 5, then 2 or e-mail [mvinnege@connectingwaters.org](mailto:mvinnege@connectingwaters.org)

**In order to help us achieve our goal there are some important dates that you will need to remember:**

Dec. 10 - 8th grade graduation participation information forms due

Jan. 4 - Graduation announcements order forms due to Academic Affairs

Feb. 4 - 8th grade graduation participation information forms due for late enrollees

Mar. 11 - Deadline to have student graduation speeches or performances due to the school office

May 17 - 8th grade graduation required practice 4:30 pm and 8th grade graduation at 7:00 pm

May 19 - Senior graduation required practice 4:30 pm and senior graduation at 7:00 pm

### Graduation Etiquette

We would like the graduation ceremony to be memorable for you and your family.

- ✓ Please turn off cell phones and pagers.
- ✓ Please hold your applause until after the graduate's statement is read.
- ✓ Please be courteous and do not talk until the graduation ceremony is complete.
- ✓ Please remain seated throughout the entire ceremony.
- ✓ Please keep your children in their seats during the ceremony.
- ✓ Please give gifts and flowers to graduate after the ceremony.

- ✓ Please check in balloons and flowers at the table in the back.
- ✓ Please keep seat next to you clear of items for others to be seated.
- ✓ Please do not use any party horns.
- ✓ Please do not use any confetti in gym or school property.
- ✓ Please do not bring any food or drink in to the gym, with the exception of bottled water.

**Direction:**

**From Manteca:** Take South 99 to the Briggsmore exit in Modesto. From the exit turn left onto Briggsmore. Take Briggsmore to Claus approximately 6 ½ miles. Turn right onto Claus. Take Claus to Yosemite approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 8 ½ miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right.

**From Turlock:** Take Geer Road north to Yosemite Ave. Turn right onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right. Approximately 25 minutes from downtown Turlock.

**From Modesto:** Take Briggsmore Ave. East to Claus. Turn right onto Claus. Take Claus to Yosemite approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Yosemite. Take Yosemite to Reinway Ave. in Waterford approximately 8 ½ miles. Turn right onto Reinway. The High School will be immediately on your right.

**From Merced:** Take North 99 to the Shanks / Delhi Exit. Turn right onto Shanks. Take Shanks to Vincent. Turn left on Vincent. Take Vincent to East Ave. Turn right on East Ave. Take East Ave. to Hickman Road. Turn left on Hickman Road. Take Hickman Road to Yosemite Ave. in Waterford. Turn left on Yosemite Ave. Take Yosemite Ave. to Reinway Ave. Turn left on Reinway Ave. The High School will be immediately to your right. Approximately 1 hour from Merced.

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