

8th Grade Graduation/Awards Assembly will be held 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 11, 2020, in the school parking lot outside the FEMA entrance. Due to Covid-19 social distancing recommendations, we strongly suggest a maximum of 4 guests per 8th grade student. A seating area will be designated allowing space for 4 guests per student. We understand that some families may have more who want to attend; however, we hope that you recognize all families are experiencing the same difficulties, so we ask that extra guests remain outside the flagged area or choose not to attend. Please bring your own lawn chairs as we only have a limited number of folding chairs available.

Wingard photographers will be taking graduation pictures before the ceremony. If you choose to order picture packets, use the following link for ordering information.

<https://galleries.photoday.io/gallery/richards-8th-grade-> code ric2019; or you may call their office at 866-517-7469 or 870-435-7427 Mon.-Thurs. from 9:00 am to 1 pm. For personal pictures of graduates, a backdrop will be available outside for individual student use after the ceremony for a limited time only as all guests will need to depart by 7:45 to allow time for cleaning and disinfecting purposes.

\*If you are ordering pictures, students must arrive at 5:30 as photographers will begin promptly at 5:45. Otherwise, students must arrive by 6:00 to prepare for the ceremony - only graduates and ushers will be allowed in the building, must enter through the Fema doors, and report directly to the Bunch Gymnasium.

\*Due to Covid-19 safety precautions regarding spacing and microphone cleanliness, there will be no student speeches this year, students will be walking in single file, and will be seated 6 feet apart. - If you choose for your child not to participate in the ceremony, their diploma will be available for pick-up at the front office or will be mailed upon request.

\*For necessity only, restrooms will be available in the Fema lobby.

Thank you for your consideration of others and understanding the need for an adjusted ceremony.

Mrs. Cody Lovan and Ms. Jean Dickson, 8th grade class sponsors  
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