



Park Forest – Chicago Heights School District 163

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Superintendent

May 23, 2022

Dear 8th Grade Families,

This letter is an update to families regarding our in-person graduation plan for Thursday, May 26th. On May 18th I shared a letter updating you regarding our health monitoring and potential changes to our in-person plan for 8th Grade Graduation. We are continuing to monitor the health of our school community in light of the shift in our Community Status to “medium.” Nurse Porter updated all 8th grade parents on Friday, May 20th of our plan to facilitate COVID testing today. I am happy to share that today's health monitoring affirmed that our school community does not present an increased concern for an in-person graduation plan.

We will proceed with our plan for an in-person graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts gymnasium. All students will receive two (2) tickets. All guests will be required to present proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test along with identification upon entry. Our health staff will be available between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th and Thursday, May 26th if you are unable to secure a test at another location.

Our current mitigation strategies include universal masking, health monitoring and efforts to social distance. All guests and graduates will be required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our in-person 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 26th. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our school community.

Be excellent.

Dr. Caletha White
Superintendent of Schools

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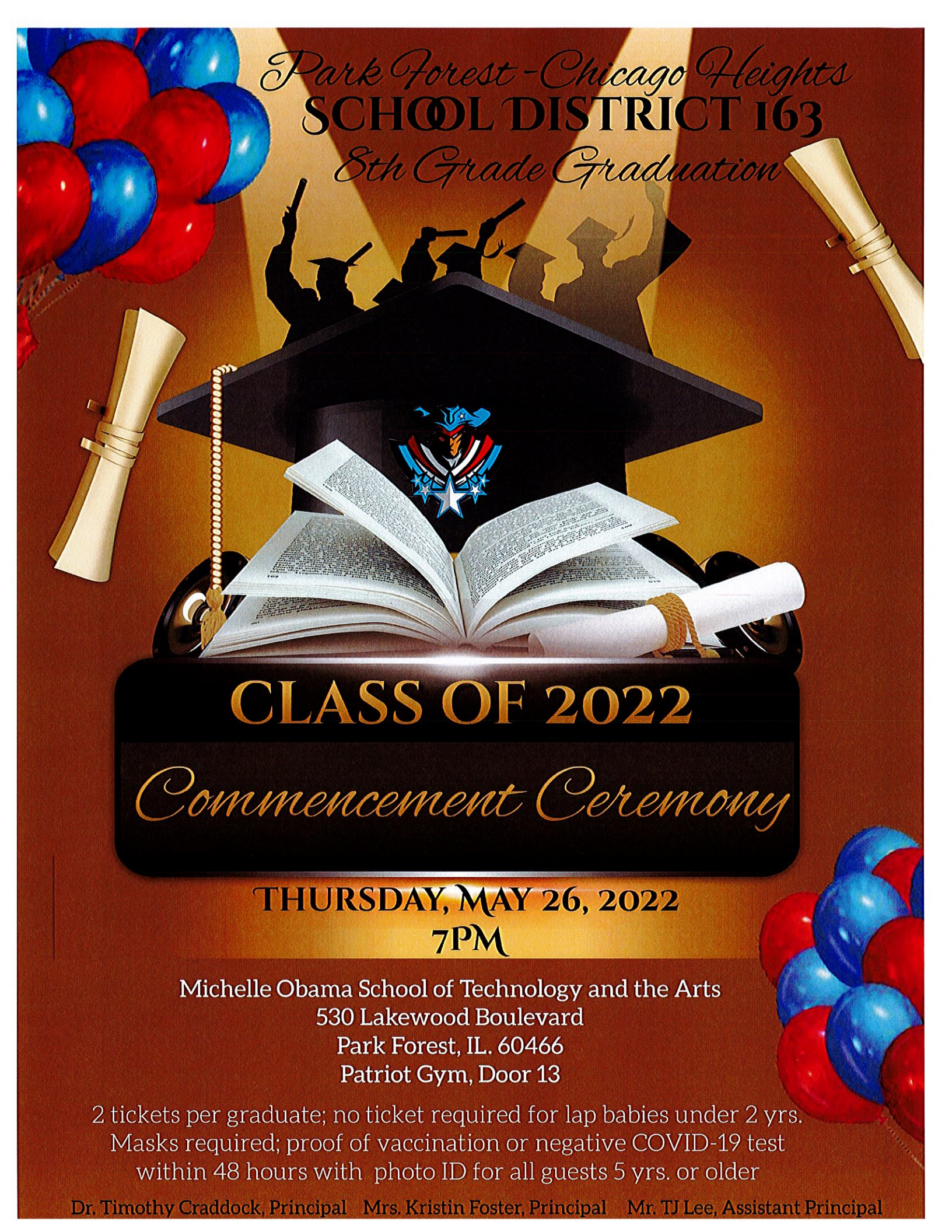
Barack Obama School of
Leadership and Stem
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Chicago Heights, IL 60411
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Blackhawk Primary Center
130 Blackhawk Drive
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Mohawk Primary Center
301 Mohawk
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Michelle Obama School of
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“Intelligence plus character, that is the true goal of education.” Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

A central image of a black graduation cap with a gold tassel, an open book with text on the pages, and two rolled-up diplomas. The cap features a crest with a star and stripes. In the background, silhouettes of graduates in caps and gowns are visible against a warm, golden light. Red and blue balloons are scattered around the scene.

Park Forest - Chicago Heights
SCHOOL DISTRICT 163
8th Grade Graduation

CLASS OF 2022

Commencement Ceremony

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022
7PM

Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts
530 Lakewood Boulevard
Park Forest, IL. 60466
Patriot Gym, Door 13

2 tickets per graduate; no ticket required for lap babies under 2 yrs.
Masks required; proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test
within 48 hours with photo ID for all guests 5 yrs. or older

Dr. Timothy Craddock, Principal Mrs. Kristin Foster, Principal Mr. TJ Lee, Assistant Principal