

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Graduation is coming very quickly and we are excited for this important moment and experience for your child and family. If you have attended a MCS graduation in the past you will recall one of the beautiful pieces of the ceremony is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation video that includes a picture of each graduate at a young age and now. It's a favorite piece of the ceremony for students and parents alike.

It is now time to begin preparing that video and for that we need your pictures! Please see the important details below regarding the two pictures that must be submitted as well as the parameters for the size, quality, and criteria for picture choice.

Both pictures are to be submitted at the same time and the **submittal deadline is no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Meeting this deadline is extremely important so we thank you in advance for your timely submittal.

Submittal Details:

**THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL...**

**If your student is graduating, s/he is in the video and your pictures are required!**

1. **Student's Name**

First and Last (as you would like it to appear in the video)

2. **Two (2) Photos** (horizontal/landscape only)

A) **One photo age 4-6**

- the student ALONE ( a pet is okay, another person is not)
- high resolution (unlike the yearbook, these will be displayed on a large screen so quality matters as to avoid poor image quality)
- landscape/horizontal NOT portrait (if it's not horizontal, it will be cropped and the quality will suffer.

B) **One Current/Recent Photo (from 8th grade year)**

- same rules as above apply
- School dress guidelines preferred
- with Evening of Honor coming up, now may be the perfect time to capture a current photo of your child

3. **How to Submit:**

Email [kniles@marinerscs.org](mailto:kniles@marinerscs.org) (the photos should be so large they fill your screen- do NOT compress them) and include the name information above.

4. **Hints and Criteria:**

- iPhone photos CAN be clear enough BUT do NOT zoom, crop, or take in shadows
- Outdoor photos are great BUT make sure your student doesn't blend into the background
- No sunglasses
- No shirtless, bathing suits, low cut - you know the drill...
- You CAN take a photo of an older photograph if you are not able to scan it but do be sure to take it out of the frame first.
- It can take multiple back and forth to get the right photo. The earlier the pictures are submitted, the better.

**Submittal Deadline: March 20, 2019**  
(BUT did we say, the sooner the better?)

Additional details regarding graduation will be provided soon. Stay tuned for more specific information.

Thank you,

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Principal

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