



The Walnut Ridge School

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Dear Walnut Ridge Families,

I am writing to ask your opinion on our Moving Up Ceremony. HOLD ON! I know what you are thinking. It is December, you have shopping to do, events to attend, and here comes Mr. Piccirillo asking about an event in June. Nonetheless, I hope you can provide me with some input as these events take time to plan. This year we have tentatively scheduled our Moving Up Ceremony for all of our Walnut Ridge students (100+ students) for Tuesday, June 4. Last year we had our event outside and paired it with the WR 60th Anniversary. Last year's event was very successful but having it outside runs the risk that it might rain and need to be rescheduled. Because of the many events district-wide at that time of year, having a rain date that doesn't conflict with another district event is nearly impossible. For those of you who have attended our events inside our school, you understand that we could not fit 100 students with guests in our All Purpose Room if it rained. Additionally, parking becomes an issue for us when we have major events and was difficult last year, leaving us to consider other venues outside the district for this year's ceremony.

It was suggested that I consider St. Francis de Sales church. The church is located directly across the street from the school which is convenient for our students to rehearse and for our families to attend. We would have the event in the social hall/event space of the church and would enter from the rear parking lot and rear entrance. I think the venue is beautiful, spacious, convenient, and there is plenty of parking. For many of you, moving our event to the church is not a concern. Others may have reservations. I am reaching out today to get your input. Please email me: jp Piccirillo@vtsd.com over the next week or two and let me know if you would be in favor or opposed to having our Moving Up Ceremony at St. Francis. If you don't get in touch with me, I will assume that you are neutral on the topic. I respect your opinion and appreciate your input.

Thank you!

Best,

Joseph S. Piccirillo, Principal