

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you to address a change in the upcoming Language Arts field trip. We will be taking all 8th grade students who turned in their permission slips to the Masonic Temple in Detroit to see performances of some of the short stories read in 8th and 9th grade. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved and we are all excited for the learning experience.

When we reserved our tickets, we were told the date of the performance was Friday, October 27. However, upon purchasing our tickets with the money collected, **our date was changed to Thursday, October 26. Nothing else about the trip will change.** The original dates were condensed due to a lack of participants for two shows. The company has decided to perform in Detroit for one day only.

We will be leaving the school around 9:30 AM to make the 10:30 AM show. We will return to the school around 1:00 PM. This means students will have to bring a bag lunch to eat when we return to school. Lunch will NOT be served by the cafeteria for the students on the trip.

Chamber Theatre Productions has also sent behavior guidelines that we would like you and your students to be aware of:

- Please leave any electronic devices, such as cameras, cell phones, and recording devices, at home. Any source of distraction will be removed by theatre management.
- Hats and bags should be left at school or on the bus.
- Due to potential accidents, no food, beverages, or gum are allowed in the theatre. If you have brought sack lunches, please leave them on the bus or at school.
- Talking and whispering are inappropriate and distracting to audience members and to the actors.
- Throwing objects or defacing theatre property will not be tolerated.

In addition to being removed from the performance, failure to behave in accordance with school expectations and theatre expectations will result in consequences through school administration. These consequences may range from being removed from the performance, community service, or being banned from all future 8th grade field trips, depending on the severity of the situation.

In terms of dress code, we expect students adhere to the O. L. Smith Dress Code. We also ask that students dress for success for the field trip. We are going to a full scale theatre and would love to present a well-dressed group of young adults at the show!

We are sorry for the mix up and thank you for your patience. Any questions about the trip can be directed to Ms. Timpf at [timpfm1@dearbornschools.org](mailto:timpfm1@dearbornschools.org).

Thank you,

O.L. Smith 8th Grade Language Arts Team