Quakertown Community
School District

Strayer Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We will be taking the eighth grade to Hershey Park on **Monday, June 1, 2026**. This trip will work in conjunction with our Strayer Stronger PBIS program. This is a wonderful opportunity to culminate the 8th grade school year, the end of students' time at the middle school level, and moving on to high school. ***Student attendance on the trip is directly tied to responsible and expected behavior in school.***
The following information should be helpful for you to plan your child's trip:

Paperwork and Money Collection

- The student and parent chaperone cost is **$75.00 (non-refundable).**
- ***If a parent is choosing to chaperone, money is due during collection week.***
- All students must have a signed permission slip accompanied by payment.
- All students must sign/return the eligibility guidelines with parent/guardian and student signature.
- Payment may be made in the form of cash or check.
- Please make **checks payable to SMS 8th Grade Trip** with the child's first and last name on memo line.
- **Payments and permission slips will be collected for two weeks from April 7 - April 17, 2026**
- Check or cash must be in an envelope marked with the student's first and last name and ***period 1A teacher's name.***

Day of the trip information

- Students will be visiting Hersheypark in Hershey, PA in self-selected groups.There will be staff stationed throughout the park in marked locations. In the event that you need a Strayer chaperone, they will be in close proximity to get quick support.
- Students may visit the amusement park, waterpark, or Chocolate World. It is recommended that they bring a change of clothes if they plan on using the water park.
- On the day of the trip, after homeroom, students will report directly to the cafeteria/auditorium and sit with their homeroom at a location labeled with their bus number.
- Students will need lunch money. Hersheypark is now cashless. There are kiosks at the park where students can exchange cash for a prepaid debit card. In addition to credit and debit cards, the park accepts Apple Pay, Samsung Pay and Google Pay.
- Food at the park is EXPENSIVE and food lines can be LONG! Below are two suggestions to help:
    - All students are encouraged to order a lunch from Strayer cafe that can be taken along and eaten right before we go into the park. Cost will be what you typically pay for lunch deducted from your lunch account.
    - It is strongly recommended to bring snacks for the bus ride, especially for the way home. Make sure the snacks are non-perishable or packed with an ice pack.
- Students must wear a watch or carry something that keeps time to ensure promptness during the day. Cell phones are permissible on this trip, but students must be responsible when using their device. They are also responsible for the care and whereabouts of their phones throughout the trip.
- We will return to Strayer Middle School at approximately **7:15 P.M**. on Monday, June 1.

- **Schedule for Monday, June 1, 2026**

8:00 A.M.	Report to homeroom. Buses will be called for dismissal around 8:15.
8:30 A.M.	**Depart Strayer**
10:15 A.M.	Arrive at Hersheypark
5:15 P.M.	Depart from Hersheypark
7:15 P.M.	**Return to Strayer**

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Chaperone Information

If you are interested in being a chaperone for the trip, please pay for your trip when sending in student payment. As soon as possible, please register on School Gate Guardian. This must be done in advance. Please allow plenty of time to go through this process. We would like all chaperones finalized by Friday, May 1, 2026. This means all paperwork and clearances should be completed and submitted prior to this date.

- Volunteer clearance information is on the QCSD website at:

https://www.qcsd.org/page/volunteer

- You must be registered in School Gate Guardian before you can volunteer to chaperone the trip.

Any questions should be directed to Michelle McMaster (mmcmaster@qcsd.org) or Jeanne Caputo (jcaputo@qcsd.org).

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew Crater (Principal)

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