



Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students,

We are excited to announce the upcoming 8th-grade field trip to celebrate the completion of your child's middle school journey! This year's trip will take us to **Busch Gardens Tampa, Florida**, for an unforgettable day of fun and adventure.

Here are the details of the trip:

- **Date:** May 9, 2025
- **Departure:** WCMS at 8:00 AM
- **Stop:** Gainesville, FL, The Oaks Mall at approximately 12:00 PM (lunch stop)
- **Arrival:** Busch Gardens at approximately 4:00 PM
- **Park Hours:** The park closes at midnight (departure will occur shortly after closing)
- **Return:** Approximately 5:00 AM the following morning to WCMS

The total cost of the trip is **\$250 (non-refundable)**. This price includes:

- Round-trip travel
- Park admission with meal and drink options
- A commemorative t-shirt
- A drawstring bag to carry personal items

We are offering a **suggested payment plan** to make this trip accessible to all families. The payment plan is as follows:

- **Initial Deposit:** \$100 (due by February 1, 2025)
- **Second Payment:** \$75 (due by March 1, 2025)
- **Final Payment:** Remaining balance to be paid by **April 1, 2025**.

All payments can be made at the **WCMS front office** or sent in with your child. Your child's spot will not be secured until the first payment is received.

To ensure the success and safety of the trip, the following stipulations must be met for your child to attend:

1. **Attendance:** No more than 10 days absent during the second semester.
2. **Behavior:** No more than 3 disciplinary referrals during the second semester.
3. **Academics:** Passing all classes for the second semester (semester average).

Additional Information:

- Students will need to carry some form of money to pay for their lunch, souvenirs, or other personal items during our rest stop in Gainesville.
- A communication channel will be set up through **Remind** to notify parents of our location and updates throughout the day.
- At this time, we will not be requesting parent chaperones for the upcoming event. Instead, we will be utilizing our dedicated staff members to ensure the safety and well-being of all students during the event. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

This trip is a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements and create lasting memories with their peers. **Please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 912-287-2341** if you have any questions or need additional information.

We look forward to an exciting and rewarding experience for our 8th-grade students!

Sincerely,

Dr. Adriuna Johnson
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