

8th Grade - Class of 2028 Class Trip to New York City Monday, June 24, 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to announce an upcoming field trip for our 8th-grade students to New York City! This educational excursion promises to be an enriching experience, offering students the opportunity to explore one of the most vibrant and culturally diverse cities in the world.

Destination: New York City Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 Departure Time: 6:45 am from Maple Hill JrSr High School Pick Up Time: ~10 pm at Maple Hill JrSr High School

During this trip, students will have the chance to visit the United Nations, Ellis Island, and the Statue of Liberty. These historical landmarks provide valuable insights into American history and culture.

The safety and well-being of our students are our top priorities. Students will be accompanied by a team of teachers and chaperones throughout the trip. Students will be assigned into small groups at each site with a chaperone. Students will be required to stay with a chaperone at all times.

The total cost of the trip, including transportation, admission fees, and dinner, is **\$165.00**. We understand that this may be a significant expense for some families, so we encourage you to reach out to Mrs. Stilson or Mrs. O'Leary if financial assistance is needed.

Permission Slips and trip payments are due **Friday, May 3rd**. Payment and forms can be turned in to Mrs. Sweet or Ms.Gonzalez. We kindly request that all payments be submitted by **Friday, May 3rd** to secure your child's spot on the trip.

- Payment can be in the form of <u>exact cash</u> or check.
- Checks should be made payable to Student Activities Account -Class of 2028.

Trip Details:

Buses will be leaving the school at 6:45 am and will be returning at approximately 10:00 pm. Students should plan to arrive no earlier than 6:30 am. It is imperative that we leave the school parking lot at 6:45 am to make our first reservation at the United Nations. Don't be late!

Students will need to bring their own bagged lunch or use the attached order form and lunch will be prepared by the school cafeteria and charged to the student's lunch account. <u>Please</u> <u>do not send students with glass containers.</u> Students may bring spending money if they want to purchase souvenirs or snacks.

Students must be in school-appropriate attire for this field trip. We suggest that students wear Maple Hill clothing. We will be doing a lot of walking, so proper footwear is encouraged. We will be taking a 30-minute ferry ride from Battery Park to Ellis Island. We won't know for sure until close to trip time but students should be prepared for all temperatures and <u>rain or shine</u>. We will try to advise students before we leave for anticipated temperatures and weather. Students should bring a small backpack or string bag to hold their belongings.

We will be having dinner with entertainment at Ellen's Stardust Diner before we board the bus for our return trip home. Students will be advised to call for pick up at JrSr HS when the bus is approximately 30 minutes from the school. Please make arrangements to pick up your child promptly.

Please complete the permission slip attached to this letter and return it to Mrs. Sweet or Ms. Gonzalez by May 3, 2024.

We believe that this field trip will be a valuable educational experience for our students, allowing them to broaden their horizons, deepen their understanding of the world, and create lasting memories. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sweet and Ms. Gonzalez

8th Grade Class Advisors Maple Hill JrSr High School