



# PAUL R. SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

1410 Sweetbriar Drive • Holiday, Florida 34691

(727) 246-3200 • Fax (727) 246-3291

Joel Di Vincent  
Principal

Monique Garrison-Saylor  
Assistant Principal

Jen Bermudez  
Assistant Principal

Jimmy Rodriguez  
Assistant Principal

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Eighth Grade End of the Year Activities 2019 – 2020

Eighth grade activities are an exciting time for your child to make lasting memories with their friends and teachers before they continue their academic journey to high school. In order to make these activities as enjoyable as possible for every student, we would like to share some important information with you.

As part of our drive to meet our school's goal of preparing students to become successful in High School and in life, we have implemented strict eligibility requirements for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities **beginning Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Although these events are an important part of being an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at PRSMS, they are in reality a privilege that needs to be earned rather than a right that all students can enjoy. We are providing you with this information, so that you can assist your student in meeting these eligibility requirements. All students will be informed of these expectations at the beginning of second semester. Our desire is that every student in 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to earn the privilege of participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities for the end of the school year.

### 1) Students must meet all academic promotion requirements

- Pass the four core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies) for each of the 3 years in Middle School.
- Students with 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade course failures and/or current 8<sup>th</sup> grade course failures are not eligible for promotion and are therefore **not eligible** for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities. These students may participate in our Course Recovery program. A student must complete **all** Course Recovery courses and/or have a passing grade in **all** 8<sup>th</sup> grade core courses before they can become eligible to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities and promotional ceremony. Students taking online classes for their core subject areas who have **not** completed the required three years, must be on track for completion by the end of the school year.

### 2) Students must meet behavior expectations

- Students who receive O.S.S. **beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>** are **not eligible** for **any** 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.
- Students who receive I.S.S. **beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>** are **not eligible** for the following 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Referral w/ISS = No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Referral w/ISS = No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip and No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Referral w/ISS = No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, and No 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day

### Please Note:

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities will be entitled to participate in any and all events of their choice. Students who are initially eligible will need to maintain their grades and their disciplinary success in order to remain eligible. **Students who become ineligible due to academic difficulties or disciplinary issues will forfeit their participation and fees paid in whatever 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities remain on the calendar. Please note that No Refunds can be given.** Students, who currently do not meet the academic eligibility requirements, may become eligible for promotion by raising their 8<sup>th</sup> grade class grades to passing or by completing any 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade Course Recovery courses for courses failed in the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades. If the student recovers all previously failed 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade courses and improves all of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade core academic class grades to passing, then the student would meet the eligibility requirements for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities. **Any student with outstanding balances with PRSMS, must be paid in full prior to 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities payment. We will not be taking 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities payments until these balances have been paid. Please contact our school bookkeeper to inquire on any outstanding balances.**

### Eighth Grade Field Trip

Location: Universal's Islands of Adventure in Orlando, Florida  
When: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, 7am-7pm (Return to PRSMS)

**Note: Dress Code still applies & students must wear the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirt on the trip.** \$125 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirt AND Trip – Due by March 27<sup>th</sup> - Includes transportation to/from, admission to, as well as one meal voucher while at the park.

### Eighth Grade Dance

Where: PRSMS Cafeteria  
When: Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
From 6:00 – 8:00pm  
Cost: \$10 (No tickets will be sold at the door)

### Promotional Ceremony

When: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9:30am to 11:30 am (Seating will begin at 9:00am and is on first come first serve basis)

### Eighth Grade Field Day

What: Students enjoy a cook out and field day with games; (Bounce House, Water Slides)  
Where: PRSMS Back Fields  
When: May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Dress Code: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirt  
Cost: \$22 Field Day and Cook Out (this includes price of T-Shirt)  
Students who attended the field trip already have paid for their class T-Shirt. These students will pay a reduced price for the remaining 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Event

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Order Form

**This form must be turned into your Team Pod Area Representative Teacher with money for the activities. Any student with outstanding balances with PRSMS, must be paid in full prior to 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities payment. We will not be taking 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities payments until these balances have been paid. Please contact our school bookkeeper to inquire on any outstanding balances.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PACKAGES/ACTIVITIES	PRICE	SHIRT SIZE	TOTAL
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP W/ T-SHIRT <b>*Payment Due by March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020*-</b>	\$125.00		
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE T-SHIRT <b>*Payment Due by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020*</b>	\$10.00		
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE DANCE <b>*Payment Due by May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020*</b>	\$10.00		
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD DAY <b>*Payment Due by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020*</b> <b>Note: students will need to purchase a t-shirt to attend this activity</b>	\$12.00		
	<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		

- PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED STARTING ON JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Parents may pay in installments of their choice.** The school will keep record of any payments made toward the activity. For example, since the field trip costs \$125, you may wish to pay all at once, OR you can pay it off until the deadline (i.e. one payment of \$50, one payment of \$50, one payment of \$25).
- Please make sure your student delivers the payment to the staff member responsible for his/her team.
  - Thunderbirds: Jennifer Reynolds, [jreynol@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jreynol@pasco.k12.fl.us)
  - Infinity: Tracy Constantine, [tlconsta@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:tlconsta@pasco.k12.fl.us)
  - Cambridge: Lisa Crosby, [lcrosby@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:lcrosby@pasco.k12.fl.us)
  - Seals: Kristyna Orth, [korth@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:korth@pasco.k12.fl.us)
  - Flying Tigers: Katelynn Towne, [ktowne@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ktowne@pasco.k12.fl.us)

**\*If writing a check.** Please make checks payable to Paul R. Smith Middle School. All checks must have name, address and phone #. In the memo area please include your child's name and student id #. Thanks!

**\*\*No REFUNDS** will be given for any 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity. Prices are set. Tickets purchased for the field trip are only valid on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Once field trip tickets are ordered on March 27<sup>th</sup>, students must govern themselves in a way that will allow them to remain eligible. If your child receives any **disciplinary actions beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>** resulting in their not participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, there will be **no refunds** given.

I acknowledge my understanding that **Students must meet all academic promotion requirements**

- a. Pass the four core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies) for each of the 3 years in Middle School.
- b. Students with 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade course failures and/or current 8<sup>th</sup> grade course failures are not eligible for promotion and are therefore **not eligible** for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities. These students may participate in our Course Recovery program. A student must complete **all** Course Recovery courses and/or have a passing grade in **all** 8<sup>th</sup> grade core courses before they can become eligible to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotional ceremony.

I acknowledge my understanding that if my student receives a discipline referral that results in O.S.S. **beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>**, my student will NOT be allowed to participate in any further 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities and that I will NOT receive a refund for any activities for which I have paid. **\*\*\*Students who receive O.S.S. during the time of their promotional ceremony will not be allowed to return to school for the promotional ceremony as this constitutes a school activity.**

I acknowledge that if my student receives a discipline referral that results in I.S.S. **beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>** my students will not be allowed to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Referral w/ISS = Loss of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Referral w/ISS = Loss of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Referral w/ISS = Loss of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_