

Dear 8th Grade Parents / Guardians,

It's hard to believe how quickly time flies. It seems like just yesterday your student was putting on their backpacks, looking at their schedule, and entering middle school as a 6th grader. Now, the time has arrived to begin the transition from middle to high school. This is an exciting time for all of us. It is important to be informed of the events planned for the remainder of the year and the requirements for students to attend those events.

Students must remember, however, that the priority for the remainder of the year is to master our learning objectives and prepare for End of Year testing. We want the end of your student's experience at Quail Hollow to be positive and fun, but our academic goals are the number one priority.

Here are important dates for you to keep in mind:

February

27-28 ***Progress Reports***

March

- 1 ***CMS Early Dismissal students dismissed at 1:15***
- 2 ***South Mecklenburg High School Counselor Presentations to Students - 9:20 - Science and Math, 10:00 - Social Studies and Language Arts***
- 3 ***South Meck Permission Slip due, signature page from this document due***
- 6 ***South Mecklenburg High School Tour - 2:30 to 4:00 - Science, Math & Cummings - 3rd block***
- 6 ***Parent Night with Dr. Furr (Principal at South Mecklenburg High School) at QHMS in MPR at 6:00 PM - (5:30PM EC high school transition meeting in media center, 7:30 Spanish speaking parents Q&A about Dr. Furr's presentation in media center)***
- 7 ***South Mecklenburg High School Tour - 2:30 to 4:00 - Language Arts & Social Studies - 3rd block***
- 10 ***7th and 8th Grade Meet and Greet with Science teachers - 8:00 to 8:30 - QHMS Media Center***
- 10 ***9th Grade Registration Meetings with South Mecklenburg High School Counselors.***
Students will meet individually with SMHS Counselors in media center during social studies class, students must have completed registration cards.
- 11 ***International Festival - 1:00 to 3:00 in Quail Hollow Cafe***
- 27-30 ***3rd Quarter Interim Exams***
- 30 ***Carowinds Field Trip Money and Permission Slip Due***
- 30 ***End of 3rd Quarter***

April

- 3 ***Start of 4th Quarter - Eligibility for End of Year Events Start***
- 7-16 ***Spring Break***
- 13 ***Quarter 3 Report Cards Distributed***
- 20 ***Sabre Showcase at SMHS 6:00-8:00pm***
- 26 ***CMS Early Dismissal students dismissed at 1:15***

May

- 5 ***Last Day of PLT classes***
- 9 ***QHMS Band Concert***
- 11 ***QHMS Orchestra Concert***
- 16 ***QHMS Dance Performance***
- 18 ***QHMS Chorus Concert***
- 22 ***QHMS Athletic Awards Program***
- 25 ***End of Grade/End of Class Testing Begins***
- 26 ***Talent Show - During the School Day***
- 29 ***Memorial Day Holiday***

June

- 2 ***Student vs Staff Basketball Game - During the School Day***
- 2 ***8th Grade Social (6:30 to 8:30 QHMS Cafeteria) - Only Quail 8th Grade Students may attend***
- 5-7 ***Block Painting***
- 6-8 ***8th Grade Disney Trip - a few seats are still available, please contact Ms. Robinson if interested***
- 8 ***Carawinds Field Trip***
- 9 ***8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – Forest Hill Church***
- 9 ***End of 4th Quarter***

Note: If times and dates change we will notify students and parents. Please utilize the calendar on the school's website for any changes.

Please take time to discuss with your students the importance of . . .

- Finishing the year with a focus on academic achievement. We still have a lot of academic objectives to cover before the year is complete.
- Maintaining appropriate behavior that contributes to their individual success and that of their peers.



We appreciate your signing this letter and returning it along with all completed attached forms by **March 3rd**. Forms should be turned into student's homeroom teacher unless otherwise stated.

Sincerely – The QHMS Teaching Team

I acknowledge reviewing this information and discussing event requirements with my student.

Student Name

Homeroom Teacher

Printed Guardian Name

Signature

Date

FIELD TRIP STUDENT PERMISSION FORM

2901 Smithfield Church Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28210

Dear Parents:

We are excited that the Quail Hollow 8th Grade students will be touring South Mecklenburg High School on Monday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 7th. In the event we need to cancel due to weather, we will make-up the field trip on Tuesday, March 8th.

Date & Time:

- March 6th - 2:20 - 4:00 - Science & Math 3rd block
- March 7th - 2:20 - 4:00 - Language Arts & Social Studies 3rd block
- March 8th - 2:20 - 4:00 - Make-up day

Qualification:

- Students must be in good academic standing with no discipline issues between now and the field trip.

Mode of Travel:

- Walking across the street to SMHS

Cost of Trip:

- NONE

Permission:

The signature of a parent/guardian is required in order to allow your child to participate in this off-campus trip. Please sign the bottom portion of this form and return it to their third block teacher by **Friday, March 3rd**.

I have read the field trip description.

I ☐ give permission

I ☐ do not give permission

for _____ to go on this trip sponsored by Quail Hollow Middle School. *Print Student's Full Name*

Signature _____

Date _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Number _____

To make our trips possible, we must have parent chaperones.

☐ ***I can volunteer as a chaperone for the trip.***

Name _____ ***Phone #*** _____

Dear Falcon Families,

Carowinds

The 8th Grade team is pleased to announce an 8th grade incentive trip to Carowinds Amusement Park! The trip is planned for 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 8th. This trip is meant to serve as an incentive for excellence in behavior throughout 4th quarter. This trip will be a full day trip, and many requirements will need to be met in order to participate in this awesome opportunity. Students will receive a discounted rate of \$40.00 for access to the park and transportation to and from the park. Students may use Carowinds passes for a discounted rate of \$5. This money needs to be turned in to QHMS staff by Monday March 30th, 2017.

The school will send a bag lunch to the park with the students, but we highly recommend that students bring extra money to be able to eat in the park. Please keep in mind that whole meals inside the park run upwards of \$15.00.

The following conditions must be met in order to attend the Carowinds trip. If these conditions are not met, your student will not be allowed to attend and **will not be eligible for a refund**:

- Student must not have had ISS/OSS or Bus Suspension for 4th Quarter
- Student must have few behavior issues throughout 4th quarter
 - No more than 2 assignments of ICS and no more than 5 lunch detentions. After 3 lunch detentions, home will be contacted to stress this rule
- Student must not be a safety concern in a public open space. No child will be considered a concern unless there is a formal parent conference.
- End of year testing must be completed or the student cannot go.
- Student must have transportation plans in place for getting home after the trip (See Below)



Participation (Please check one)

- ☐ My student may participate in this event (Cost = \$40 for Ticket + Transportation)
- ☐ My student may participate in this event and they have an active 2017 season pass (Cost = \$5 for Transportation)
- ☐ My student may not participate in this event and will stay behind to complete in-class work

Lunch Option (Please check one)

- ☐ My student will eat the school provided bag lunch (Please fill in student lunch number below)
- ☐ My student will bring their own lunch (Cannot be taken into the park and will be left with the bag lunches)
- ☐ My student will bring money to buy a meal inside the park (Meals in the park cost approx. \$15.00 a plate)

Transportation (Students MUST have transportation home. School buses will NOT be running. Please check one.)

- ☐ My student will be picked up by a family member at QHMS upon return from the trip between 5PM and 6PM
- ☐ My student will get a ride from _____, another falcon who is attending the field trip.
- ☐ My student will take the city bus home from QHMS
- ☐ My student will walk home upon return to QHMS

Student Name: _____

Lunch #: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____

Phone #: _____

Chaperone

To make our trips possible, we must have parent chaperones.

I can volunteer as a chaperone for the trip

Donation

I would like to make a scholarship donation in the amount of \$ _____ to help send another student on this trip.