

To: 8th grade students and parents

From: Mr. Trager, principal; Mr. Klover, assistant principal;
Mrs. Kaufmann and Mrs. Kuykendall, 8th grade class sponsors

Re: 8th grade end of the year activities, information, and permission

Date: January 8, 2019

GOWN PICTURES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019, during PE class

Boys will need to wear a dress shirt with a collar and a tie. Girls will need to wear a shirt or blouse and jewelry that they would like to have visible in a head and shoulder image wearing a graduation gown. Students will bring home a proof sheet that is required to be returned to school. There are several picture package options for purchase, but you are not obligated to buy them. Checks should be made to IMAGE GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY. **ALL PROOF SHEETS MUST BE RETURNED TO MRS. KAUFMANN or MRS. KUYKENDALL. A \$15.00 CHARGE IS ASSESSED FOR LATE OR LOST PROOFS.** Re-takes are scheduled during lunch on Wednesday, February 6th. No re-take pictures will be allowed if the original proof sheet has not been returned.

GOWN ORDERS

\$25.00 due by March 8, 2019

All 8th grade students will be measured for their gowns the week of January 14th. The cost of the gown package (gown and commemorative ribbon) is: **\$25.00**. Any student that wishes to wear a sibling's gown from a previous year needs to bring the gown in for approval by Mrs. Kaufmann or Mrs. Kuykendall (when requested). In addition, the cost of \$3 is payable to RCMS for a commemorative ribbon.

8th GRADE CELEBRATION

Friday, May 3, 2019

6:00-9:00 PM

\$10 due by March 8, 2019

Students will be honored with a semi-formal dinner and dance celebration in the Reed-Custer Middle School Commons from 6-9 PM on Friday, May 3rd. Parents should drop off students no earlier than 5:45 PM and pick up students by 9:00 PM in front of the middle school. Cost for the dinner and dance celebration is: **\$10**.

Parent volunteers are needed for set-up, serving, and clean-up. Please contact Mr. Trager or an academic booster member to volunteer. (815) 458-2868

PROMOTION SPEECH TRYOUTS

Tuesday, May 7th

Students interested in delivering a speech at the promotion ceremony must attend the try-out event on Tuesday, May 7th. Tryouts will be held immediately after school in the middle school gym. Interested students should see their language arts teacher for more information.

CLASS TRIP

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

School arrival - 7:45 PM

\$80.00 due by March 8, 2019

The 8th grade class trip to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois will be on Tuesday, May 21st. The cost for the trip and picnic lunch will be **\$80.00**. The cost covers the price of the charter bus, a ticket to the park, and an "all-you-can-eat" picnic lunch. Students will be responsible for souvenir money. (Any student that holds a season pass to Great America, may use the pass but will owe \$36.00 to cover the price of the charter bus and "all-you-can-eat" picnic lunch.)

Students that do not pay for their ticket by the due date will have to purchase a ticket directly from Great America the day of the trip. The cost will be significantly higher since the group rate will not apply. The student will still be required to pay the lunch cost and charter bus fee in order to attend the trip.

On the day of the class trip, the students should arrive at school at the regular time (they may ride their usual bus). Busses will depart from RCMS by 8:15 AM. Rides should be in the front parking lot of RCMS no later than 7:45 PM.

Students are expected to follow all conduct rules outlined in the student handbook, those requested by chaperones, and those requested by the charter bus drivers. Any disciplinary problems with Great America will be handled by the Gurnee Police Department.

The 8th grade trip is a privilege earned by the 8th grade students. Those 8th grade students who break critical rules during the year (including, but not limited to: theft, fighting, gross misconduct, truancy, vandalism, chronic classroom disruptions, substance abuse) will lose the trip privilege.

A student assigned to an alternative placement due to behavioral issues is prohibited from attending the RCMS 8th grade celebration and class trip. Any student not eligible for promotion from Reed-Custer Middle School by the date of the class trip will not be permitted to attend.

All behavior expectations set forth by the administration of Reed-Custer Middle School and signed-off by the 8th grade students and parents will be held to determine eligibility to attend the class trip. Any students earning 6 misconduct detentions (any length of time) and /or 1 out-of-school suspension will lose the privilege of attending the 8th grade celebration and class trip. The principal and assistant principal have the final discretion to determine eligibility or disqualification from the celebration and class trip.

ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO REED-CUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL MUST BE PAID BEFORE A STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE CLASS TRIP.

- Gown fee
- Great America ticket
- 8th grade celebration
- Picture proof fee (if applicable for not returning the proof form)
- Cafeteria charges
- Additional fees (such as, but not limited to: library, office, locker, PE, book damages)

8th GRADE BREAKFAST AND PROMOTION CEREMONY PRACTICE

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

8:00 -10:00 AM

A mandatory practice for the Promotion Ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 22, at 8:00 AM. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 to all 8th grade students participating in the promotion ceremony. Students may arrive at school by normal means, but promotion practice will end at 10:00 AM. All 8th grade students will be dismissed from the Reed-Custer High School gymnasium at 10:00 AM. Transportation home is not provided.

Promotion ceremony practice is mandatory. Students that do not arrive for the practice will not be permitted to participate in the promotion ceremony.

8th GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

7:00 PM

RCHS Gymnasium

The Reed-Custer Middle School 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:00 PM, in the Reed-Custer High School gymnasium. All 8th grade students participating in the promotion ceremony must report to the Reed-Custer Middle School Commons by 6:20 PM. It is recommended that students arrive carrying their gown, so as not to overheat prior to the ceremony.

All students must follow the dress code. No jeans, tennis shoes, flip flops, or slides will be permitted. Boys will need to wear a dress shirt with a collar, tie, dress pants, and dress shoes. Girls will need to wear a dress or dress slacks and blouse, and dress shoes. All students will be uniform in their gowns and ribbons. No flowers, pins, etc. may be added to the uniform. Students will not carry anything with them during the processional. Phones and other items must be left with parents.

REED-CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Information regarding registration for RCHS will be available soon. The high school counselors will meet with the 8th grade students during their Panther Time class in early February. A parent informational meeting will be held on February 27, 2019, from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Reed-Custer Auditorium. Registration will take place during the school day on March 5th and 6th in the middle school office. All freshman entering Reed-Custer High School will need a physical and proper immunizations. Your child's immunization record will be available to you at the time of your child's high school registration appointment.

**8th grade class trip to Six Flags Great America
Permission/Health Reminder Form**

_____ has my permission to participate in the Reed-Custer Middle School 8th grade class trip to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois, on May 21st, 2019. My child and I understand that students are required to follow all rules in the Student Handbook and any rules requested by the chaperones, bus drivers, or theme park attendants. Any disciplinary problems with Great America will be handled by Great America authorities and the Gurnee Police Department. Any behavior infractions on the class trip could possibly jeopardize a student's participation in the RCMS promotion ceremony. I understand the information on this form and do hereby grant my child permission to participate.

(Parent's Signature)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FIELD TRIP HEALTH REMINDER
FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

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Student: _____ DOB: _____ School Year: _____

School (circle one): RCES RCMS RCHS Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Field Trip Location: _____

Parent/Guardian & Phone(s): _____

Physician Name & Phone(s): _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your student has any specific health or medication concerns of which we should be aware of, please check the appropriate boxes below and supply any necessary information regarding the concerns.

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	My student does not have any health or medication concerns.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My student has a known health condition and there are medical instructions and/or medication at school. Please follow the instructions as indicated. <i>Medical conditions with activity restriction's require a clearance from your health care practitioner.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	My student has a known health condition and there are medical instructions and/or medication at school. Please follow the instructions as indicated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My student has a known health condition and does not have current medication or a medical device at school. I hereby give permission for the teacher to supervise the administration of one or more of the following medications: <i>I will send the following medication along with my student:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Inhaler <input type="checkbox"/> Glucometer/Snacks <input type="checkbox"/> RX medication _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Epi-pen <input type="checkbox"/> Nebulizer & Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/additional instructions: _____ _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

R.C.M.S. 8th Grade Payment Form

Please complete this form and return with your payment.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS MARCH 8, 2019

Student Name: _____

Date of Payment: _____

Activity	Payment	Total
Gown Order	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Gown and Ribbon <input type="checkbox"/> \$3 Ribbon Only <i>(I have my own gown, and it has been approved by Mrs. Kaufmann or Mrs. Kuykendall.)</i>	
8th Grade Celebration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	
Great America Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 Ticket, Bus, and Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> \$36 for season pass holders <i>(Student is responsible for bringing their season pass on the trip. If they forget, they will have to purchase a ticket directly from Great America the day of the trip. The cost will be significantly higher since the group rate will not apply.)</i>	
Total Amount Paid =		\$ _____

Please indicate your form of payment.

Cash

Check # _____
(Made to RCMS)

If there is any financial difficulty to meet these obligations, please contact Mr. Trager, principal (815) 458-2868.