

December 16, 2011

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Traditionally the 8<sup>th</sup> graders take an end-of-year class trip. It has been a two-day, one night stay in a major city. This year, we propose a trip to Boston for those two days and a night. It will include a combination of guided educational and social activities fully chaperoned by teachers. The tentative dates are May 31 and June 1, 2012. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$320 per student. The price of the trip is subject to variable fuel costs and the number of participants. We have almost six months to plan and fundraise to offset some of the cost of the trip.

We will make available an installment plan for payment of the fee with a flexible last payment that will be dependent on the final cost.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage your participation and to determine interest. This is an experience that is very meaningful to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It cannot happen, however, without the full support of students and parents. Faculty and PTO have already met to discuss ways to defray some of the cost. We have started the process of planning fundraisers in which we expect students to participate. Some scholarships will be available to eligible students.

In order for us to move forward we ask that ALL 8<sup>th</sup> grade families respond to the items below and return this letter to school by Friday, January 6. In the coming weeks, you will receive a follow-up letter with more details about the trip, payment schedule, and fundraisers.

Thank you in advance for your response: we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

David Tate, Principal Laureen Mody, Assistant Principal

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Print Student Name:

Print Parent or Guardian's Name:

Parent's Signature:

YES, I would like my child to participate	
NO, my child will not participate	
I would like to help in some way	
I would like to help sponsor a student	