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Dear Parents/Guardians of a TEWMS 8th Grade Student,

It is that time of the year where we start planning for the 8th grade end-of-year (EOY) activities. Please read this packet carefully as it contains important information for your student's last semester in middle school. We will also send out information, updates, and reminders on our school's weekly newsletter, along with our school's website so please stay informed.

8th Grade EOY Activities Eligibility Criteria

TEWMS 8th grade students wanting to participate in our EOY activities are expected to always show a high level of well-mannered behavior.

Any student who incurs the following academic or behavioral infractions during the current school year will NOT be eligible to participate in the planned events:

- Students with more than two on-campus disciplinary referrals or more than two bus referrals for the school year.
- Students who receive a level two or level three disciplinary referral in the fourth quarter.
- Students failing more than one core subject course up to the first semester of the school year, in which the course has not been recovered by the week prior to the event.
- Students in danger of failing more than one core content subject for the second semester of the current year. A grade check will take place one week prior to the event and final determination will be made on the Monday before the event.

These expectations have been communicated since the beginning of this school year with all students through their classes. Further, students and parents were also asked to sign and return a copy of the 2023-2024 EOY Activity Expectation form, If another copy is needed, please have your student get one in the back office.

In addition:

- All library books and textbooks must be returned or paid in full.
- Outstanding cafeteria charges must be paid in full.
- Sports uniforms must be turned in.
- Musical equipment must be turned in.

**FINAL PARTICIPATION DECISIONS WILL BE UP TO THE DISCRETION OF
TEWMS ADMINISTRATION.**



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8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES

8th Grade Field Trip– Gradventure 2024

Universal Studios on Friday, May 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Cost: \$196 Total – Payments must be made online – Payment window opens 1/26 – 3/22)

1st - \$96 due by **February 23rd** (\$92 Deposit *NON-REFUNDABLE* beginning 2/24/24)

2nd - \$100 due by **March 22nd**

No late payments for the field trip will be accepted after March 22nd

- Price includes Chartered Bus Fee/ “Special Event” Ticket/ Meal Voucher/Class T-Shirt & Bag/ Rain Poncho/Snack/Bottle Water
- **As of 01/26/24, we have a limit of 230 tickets for the amount of busses we have obtained. We will continue to work on obtaining additional busses. If needed, a wait list will be created.**
- The first \$96 is a down payment and a commitment to attend. This \$96 is used to reserve the buses that are pre-ordered and your student’s spot to attend the field trip. Due to This down payment is **NON-REFUNDABLE** as of 2/24/24. Should your child become ineligible prior to 2/24/24, you are eligible for a refund. Beginning 2/24/24, anyone becoming “ineligible or cancelling” will not receive a refund for this deposit.
- Eligible refund requests must be requested in writing and submitted to the bookkeeper: Elena Palermo at mpalermo@pasco.k12.fl.us prior to the deadlines mentioned above.
- Students must have a field trip ticket for theme park entrance. Universal passes or tickets **cannot** be used for admission on this field trip as this is a “Special Event”.
- Students must ride to and from the field trip on the charter bus with the school – no exceptions.
- Students are required to wear their 8th grade class t-shirts and cannot make any alterations to it. Students will not be permitted on the bus if they are not wearing it. They will get their T-shirt on the day of the event. Students must follow all TEWMS and Universal Studies dress code expectations that is attached with this packet.
- Parent volunteers will **not** be needed for this event.
- Eligibility check for grades and discipline will be completed one week prior to the event however students must remain eligible until the day of event. Notification will be made to parent/guardian if student is not eligible to attend due to grades and/or discipline.
- **Students who have paid for the field trip and lose eligibility to attend due to academic, disciplinary, and/or personal issues, refunds will NOT be issued – except as outlined above.**

8th Grade Dance

TEWMS Gymnasium on Saturday, May 18th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 (Payment must be done online – Payment window opens 04/01 – 5/10)

- Price includes light snacks, beverages, DJ, and photo booth.
- Students must abide by the dance dress code that is attached with this packet. Students arriving at the dance in inappropriate attire will not be admitted.
- Students are not permitted to arrive or leave in limousines.
- Parent volunteers will be needed for this event. If interested, contact Mrs. Gonzalez at cmgonzal@pasco.k12.fl.us
- Eligibility check for grades and discipline will be completed one week prior to the event however students must remain eligible until the day of event. Notification will be made to parent/guardian if student is not eligible to attend due to grades and/or discipline.
- **Students who have paid for the dance and lose eligibility to attend due to academic, disciplinary, and/or personal issues, refunds will NOT be issued.**

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony Rehearsal

Wesley Chapel Performing Arts Center
Thursday, May 23rd (During school day)

Cost: **Free**

- Students are encouraged to wear their 8th grade t-shirt
- Parent volunteers will **not** be needed for this event. If interested, email Mrs. Mira at amira@pasco.k12.fl.us
- Students who are not eligible to participate in the Promotion Ceremony due to academic needs will be in the media working on course recovery during this event.

Yearbook Signing Party

TEWMS Cafeteria on Thursday, May 23rd during the last period of the day

Cost: **Free**

- Students can bring pens, autograph books, or previously purchased yearbooks to the event.
- Students are encouraged to wear their 8th grade t-shirt.
- Parent volunteers will be needed for this event. If interested, email Mrs. Mira at amira@pasco.k12.fl.us
- Students who are not eligible to participate in the Promotion Ceremony due to academic needs will be in the media working on course recovery during this event.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Wesley Chapel Performing Arts Center

Friday, May 24th (During School Day - Times will be announced at a later date)

Cost: **Free**

- Students are encouraged to wear casual dress attire that follows the school's dress code.
- Students who are failing or are short on credits for more than a semester of their core classes will not be allowed to participate in this event. An eligibility check and final decision will be made by Wednesday, May 22nd.

8TH GRADE T-SHIRTS

- Students who have paid for the field trip will receive a class t-shirt on the day of the field trip. The cost of the shirt is included in the price of the field trip.
- Students NOT attending the field trip may purchase a t-shirt for \$10 (S-XL) or \$12 (2XL-3XL)
- T-Shirts must be purchased online by March 8th
- Adult sizes only: small, medium, large, extra-large, 2XL, 3XL

8TH GRADE DANCE DRESS CODE

The Eighth Grade Dance is a special event that we all look forward to each year. We have put together the following dress code guidelines so that you can prepare ahead of time while shopping for appropriate attire. Students can wear:

- A dress or gown that is “suitable” by covering the chest, torso, and undergarments. Dresses must also have straps (either two straps over the shoulder or one strap secured around the neck).
- Dress pants that are secured at the waist
- Collared dress or polo style shirt
- A tie and/or jacket (optional).

Students will not be admitted into dance wearing cargo pants, denim, jeans, t-shirts, torn clothing, chains/spikes, sexually implicit or explicit clothes, shorts, hats and head coverings, bandanas, canes, or items referencing tobacco or alcohol products.

Only students meeting the dress requirements listed above will be admitted to the dance. If you have questions or concerns regarding attire, it is your responsibility to speak with an administrator. Any questions regarding dress should be resolved before the evening of the dance. If you arrive at the dance dressed inappropriately, you will be asked to leave or change before being allowed into the dance. **A refund will not be granted.**

WHO TO CONTACT?

Do you have questions regarding your child’s grades?

Always contact the teachers first.

Do you have questions regarding promotion requirements or eligibility to participate in the EOY activities?

Contact the 8th Grade Counselor, Ms. Foti at mbova@pasco.k12.fl.us

Do you have questions regarding the Universal Field Trip, 8th Grade Dance, or Yearbook Party?

Contact the 8th grade Administrator, Ms. Mira at amira@pasco.k12.fl.us

Do you have questions regarding the Promotion Ceremony?

Contact Mrs. Abercrombie at fabercro@pasco.k12.fl.us

As always, we encourage all parents to stay informed by reading our weekly newsletter and visiting our school’s website regularly.

Important Dates for 8th Graders

JANUARY

- 13 Report Cards
- 26 End-Of-Year (EOY) activities informational letter distributed & window for 1st payment (deposit) for 8th grade Universal field trip opens
- 29 Return the attached 8th Grade EOY Activities Acknowledgment & Payment Forms along with the two attached field trip permission forms.

FEBRUARY

- 09 Progress reports for 3rd quarter
- 23 Last day to make the 1st payment (deposit) for EOY activities (\$96 Deposit) & last day to request deposit refunds.

MARCH

- 07 End of quarter 3
Last day for t-shirt to be purchased (for students not attending field trip) & last day to earn back EOY participation eligibility.
- 08 Teacher planning day (No school for students)
- 15 Report cards
- 22 Final payment due \$100 (\$196 Total) for 8th grade field trip – Non-Refundable
- 25-28 Spring Break

APRIL

- 01 Window for payment of 8th grade dance opens (\$25)
- 12 No school
- 19 Progress reports for 4th quarter
- 26 Final eligibility check (grade/behavior/course recovery) for **Universal field trip.**

MAY

- 03 8th grade field trip to Universal Studios for Gradventure (2:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.)
- 07 Final eligibility check (grade/behavior/course recovery) for **dance.**
- 10 Window to purchase 8th grade dance ticket closes
- 18 8th Grade Dance @ TEWMS Gymnasium (6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)
- 22 Final eligibility check (grade/course recovery) for **Promotion Ceremony.**
- 23 Promotion Ceremony rehearsals (during school day - TBA)
- 23 Yearbook Signing Party @ TEWMS Cafeteria (last period of the day)
- 24 8TH Grade Promotion Ceremonies @WCPAC (during school day - TBA)

MAY -- State Testing Window... It's critical that all 8th graders attend school daily in May!

- 01-24 Window for all State Assessments (Reading, Math, Science, Algebra/Geometry, Civics) and District Finals (US History, World History, and Electives)

COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORMS

- 8th GRADE EOY ACTIVITIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & PAYMENT FORM

- DSBPC PARENT RELEASE FOR GRADVENTURE FIELD TRIP

AND RETURN TO THE BACK OFFICE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

8th Grade End of the Year (EOY) Activities Acknowledgment & Payment Form

Student Name: _____ ELA Teacher: _____

Please check all that apply:

*My child would like to attend: _____ Dance
_____ Field Trip (Shirt size is: _____)

Payments for the field trip and dance must be done online.

Parents/guardians must login to their myStudent parent account to make payments. If you haven't set up the payment option previously, it will take 24 hours for items to pay to show up in the system after setting up their account. You can also access it from this link: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>

Amount Paid Online: \$ _____ Date Paid Online: _____

Online Confirmation Number: _____

As a reminder:

1. Deposit of \$96 must be paid by February 23rd for the field trip in order to reserve your student's spot.
2. Balance remaining for the field trip must be paid by March 22nd
3. Refunds only allowed as follows: \$92 deposit and/or balance **ON or BEFORE** February 23rd
4. Window for payment for 8th Grade Dance will begin April 1st

We have read and understand the requirements as set forth to be eligible to participate in the events planned for the eighth-grade students at Thomas E. Weightman Middle School. We also understand that these are school-sponsored activities, and the Code of Student Conduct will be strictly enforced. We also understand that if we pay for the trip to Universal's Gradventure, but then the student does not attend due to academic, disciplinary and/or personal issues, the amount paid for the field trip is **non-refundable (unless outlined above)**. The cost for the dance is **non-refundable**.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____