

October 12, 2023

Dear Eighth Grade Families and Students,

The PGMS eighth grade class is planning our end-of-the-year field trip to Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida. We are excited about this “hands-on” educational experience and hope all eighth graders can attend.

**The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Your arrival at school that morning is 7:45 A.M. We return by 8:00 P.M. that evening. The cost for the trip is \$95.00 per student and \$95.00 for each chaperone. This price includes the ticket to the park and charter bus transportation.**

Students are expected to behave in accordance with the Charlotte County Code of Student Conduct. This is a school sponsored trip. Therefore, students are required to display appropriate behavior at all times.

Discipline will play a factor in your child’s ability to participate in the school trip. **Students who accumulate five minor referrals between October 17<sup>th</sup> (start of quarter 2) and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, will not be permitted to attend.**

**If a student earns OSS during the same time period, they may not attend the trip.** (OSS criteria may be reverted based on principal discretion)

**Price list for Busch Gardens trip:**

1. Student ticket and charter bus transportation- \$95
2. Chaperone ticket and charter bus transportation- \$95
3. Student with an annual pass/Fun pass to Busch Gardens - \$30
4. Chaperone with an annual pass/Fun pass to Busch Gardens- \$30

**\*\* All chaperones must ride the bus with the group of students (4-6) they are supervising.**

We wanted to get this information out to families so they have time to plan for the cost of the trip.

**Collection dates:** You may pay on any of the following dates: February 5<sup>th</sup>-February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Collections will take place on the third floor, room 315, from 8:50-9:10 A.M. Cash or check accepted

**Please make check payable to Punta Gorda Middle School.**

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF PAYMENTS IN THE FRONT OFFICE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Collections are in the morning only.

Keep this form handy for collections days and amount.

**\*\*If you are interested in sponsoring a child who cannot afford this trip, any amount is greatly appreciated! You can donate in February during the collection window. Any amount helps. Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

**ALL chaperones must fill out and turn in a current volunteer form with payment. This can be located on our school webpage or ask Mrs. Combs for one. This must be completed each school year.**

We are looking forward to a great day together at Busch Gardens!

\*Groups will be chosen in March of 2024.

Thank you for your support to ensure this field trip is a success.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Diane Combs at [diane.combs@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:diane.combs@yourcharlotteschools.net)

Stay informed about field trip information! Join the Remind group for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to receive up to date notifications and have questions answered quickly.

**Text @fad6eh to 81010.**

**Please keep this page for future reference.**