

Charles S Rushe Middle School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gradventure Invitation



January 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at Charles S. Rushe Middle School is invited to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure's Gradventure. This is an end of middle school celebration for eighth grade students from across Florida. All *eligible* students are invited to participate in this exciting evening of fun and entertainment. The cost of the trip will be \$140.00 per student. This includes bus transportation to/from Orlando, admission to both theme parks, dinner, the official 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip t-shirt, and a drawstring backpack. Students may pay either by cash, money order or check made payable to Charles S. Rushe Middle School (*please include a student number and a contact phone number on the check.*) In addition, you may pay by debit/credit card through the acorn payment system found on the school website. There you will find a bundle option to pay for this field trip, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field day. *Please pay close attention to the drop down menu and pick the option that is best for you.*

After 7:00 P.M., Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure close the park to the general public. At that time, only students and school chaperones are permitted to stay. As this is the case, students are permitted to explore the parks in groups of 2 or more. We want to be sure that you understand that these groups will not have a chaperone with them at all times. All students will be required to check in at designated times, established by their chaperones, throughout the duration of the evening. Students who do not check in as required will forfeit permission to be without a chaperone. The Remind app will be used for students to stay in constant contact with the head chaperones.

Parents are encouraged to chaperone but will not be offered transportation. A chaperone ticket is \$110.00 and includes entrance to the park, dinner coupon, and an official Gradventure t-shirt. Chaperone payments will be accepted at any time up until April 3, 2020. All parent chaperones must be approved Pasco County Volunteers. An application must be submitted each year. You may submit this application online here: <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTU4OmVuLVVT>

Transportation:

The buses will leave Charles S. Rushe Middle School at approximately 1:15 P.M. and will return for pick-up at the Publix (SR 54 & Sunlake BLVD) parking lot at approximately 2:00 A.M. Your punctuality in picking up your son/daughter is very much appreciated. Please note that students will not be allowed to walk or ride a bike home after returning to school, as this would compromise student safety. Each student must have transportation arranged at the end of the evening.

Tickets:

There are a limited number of tickets available (300) and they will be reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis. The final deadline to turn in all money and permission slips will be Friday, April 3, 2020 as long as tickets are available.

Student Eligibility/Safety:

We believe in affording our students the opportunity to participate in rewarding experiences. In order to accomplish our goal, it is necessary to provide a safe and orderly environment. As with all end of year events, student participation is contingent upon student behavior and academics. All criteria was discussed with the eighth grade students in team meetings at the beginning of January.

**Students must meet the following criteria in order to attend Gradventure**

- \*Return a signed permission slip with full payment before April 3rd
- \*No referrals after January 21st which results in either ISS or OSS
- \*No F's on the calculated 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year grades, as of April 3
- \*No prior (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade) course failures that have not been recovered by May 1, 2020

Students must meet individual class, team, and administrative guidelines to be eligible to attend an activity or event. For safety reasons, we may choose to deny attendance to students that have exhibited poor or questionable behavior at any time prior to the trip. Parents will be made aware of any concerns that may affect a student's participation prior to the event.

The Pasco County Code of student conduct is in effect at all school related events. Any student choosing to violate the Student Code of Conduct, either by association or by committing the act personally, will receive any or all of the interventions prescribed by the District School Board of Pasco County.

Dress Code:

All students will be required to dress in accordance with the school dress code and that of Universal Studios. It will also be required that each student wear their official t-shirt for the duration of the event. Students not wearing their official t-shirt will not be allowed on the bus.

Payment Information/Forms:

Students may pay in full before Friday, April 3, 2020 (as long as seats are available.) Any students with additional needs (regarding payments) are asked to see Mrs. Floyd in Room 301. Payments will be accepted during third period on Wednesday, beginning on January 22, 2020. Students should see Mrs. Floyd in room 301 to submit their permission slip and payment. To reserve a ticket, students must return the attached permission slip with t-shirt size and full payment. Also, please remember tickets are on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please make all checks and money orders payable to Charles S. Rushe Middle School. Include student name and student number on the check. **If paying through the Acorn system, students are responsible to return permission slips to Mrs. Floyd before their seat is reserved.**

Refunds:

Once tickets are ordered on April 3rd, **there are no refunds.** Tickets purchased for this event are valid only on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Therefore, students purchasing a ticket must govern themselves in a way that will allow them to remain eligible to attend this trip. Please refer to the student eligibility section. We are hopeful that students will represent our school with pride and that the evening will be a safe and fun-filled experience for all.

If after buying a ticket, the student is unable to attend ***FOR ANY REASON***, the student/parent must submit a written request for refund by April 3, 2020. Any refund request after that day will not be accepted but every attempt will be made to have another student purchase the spot. Any unused monies will be used for 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year celebrations.

Thank you,

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*Student Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Student #:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Team:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle Shirt Size: YS – YM – YL – YXL – S – M – L – XL – XXL – 3XL*

*Chaperone (if applicable) shirt size* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent e-mail* \_\_\_\_\_

*Check all that apply:*

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like one student ticket for the 2018 Universal Orlando's Gradventure field trip (\$140)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to purchase the Student Bundle (Gradventure, Dance, Field Day) for \$175

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a child that can't afford to attend the Gradventure field trip (\$140)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to pay for a chaperone ticket (\$110) Shirt size please \_\_\_\_\_

I /we understand that by signing this form, I /we are aware that my child may explore both Universal and Islands of Adventure in groups of 3 or more with no chaperone for parts of the evening (they will be required to check in throughout the night.) I/we are also aware that my child will not alter the official Gradventure T-shirt in any way. Finally, I /we understand that this is a school sponsored event and my child is subject to all school and district behavior expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent /Guardian (Please Print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Name (Please Print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent /Guardian Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

**Contact # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Backup Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this page with both sides of your permission slip and payment as early as January 22, 2020 but no later than April 3rd, 2020.*

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Student's Team \_\_\_\_\_



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TRANSPORTATION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ X

School Bus/Van \_\_\_\_\_ Private Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Walking \_\_\_\_\_ Charter Bus \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Field Trip May 15, 2020 Teacher 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_, having been accepted by the

Student Name - Please Print \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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and I, the undersigned, understand that my child, if transported by a privately owned vehicle, charter bus, school bus or walking, hereby release the District School Board of Pasco County, the individual members of said Board, the Superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school, and volunteer leaders from any financial responsibility because of sickness of the student while going to, returning from, or attending said field trip or because of any accident in which the student is injured. To ensure prompt attention in case of sickness or accident, I hereby authorize the person(s) in charge of said trip to incur expense considered necessary for treatment, and I agree to pay for same if this is in excess of the amount paid by any accident or health insurance policy that may be in effect at the time of the sickness or accident.

In any situation in which the safety and security of students might be compromised (i.e., Red Alert Status issued by the Department of Homeland Security, severe weather conditions, etc.) the District School Board of Pasco County will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of its students and staff, including the cancellation of scheduled field trips and school events. Should this trip or event be cancelled as a result of such an event, the District cannot guarantee any monies (including deposits) will be refunded by the vendor(s) associated with this transaction. Therefore, students, parents, guardians, etc., are hereby cautioned and advised that the District will not be liable for any reimbursements associated with this event that are not refunded by the vendor(s) and returned to the District.

Name of Parent or Guardian - Please Print \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street, Rural Route, or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Additional Emergency Contact / Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete both sides →

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