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



January 24, 2022

#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Friday, **May 6<sup>th</sup> 2022,** 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 \$150.00 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 will pay online through School Pay.

After 6:00 P.M., Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure close 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 through Remind, throughout the duration of the evening. Students who do not check in as required will forfeit permission to be without a chaperone.

A chaperone ticket is \$150.00 and includes entrance to the park, dinner coupon, and an official Gradventure t-shirt as well as transportation. Chaperone wristbands also serve as a fast pass for the chaperone (not their entire group.) Chaperone payments will be accepted any time up until April 1, 2022. There are a limited number of chaperone spots available, so please check before paying for your seat in advance. (E-mail Mrs. Floyd at <a href="mailto:kpfloyd@pasco.k12.fl.us">kpfloyd@pasco.k12.fl.us</a>) – please note that to chaperone you must be an approved volunteer – please click on this link to apply to become an approved volunteer if you have not done so already:

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 (350) 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 1.** 

## **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.

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

- \*Return a signed permission slip with full payment before April 1.
- \*No referrals after January 22<sup>nd</sup> that results in either ISS or OSS
- \*No F's on the calculated 8th Grade End of Year grades, as of April 1
- \*No prior (6th or 7th grade) course failures that have not been recovered by April 1.

For additional eligibility requirement information, please review the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Letter and Powerpoint Presentation shared by Mr. Middleton via email and that is also posted on our school website

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 at any time until Friday, April 1 (as long as seats are available.) Any students with additional needs (regarding payments) are asked to see Mrs. Floyd. Students should see Mrs. Floyd in room 301 to submit their permission slips. Also, please remember tickets are on a "first come, first serve" basis. Payment is through School Pay. Please contact Mrs. Floyd for any other arrangements.

#### Refunds:

Once tickets are ordered on April 1, Universal will allow no refunds to be given. Tickets purchased for this event are valid only on May 6, 2022. 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 1, 2022. 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.

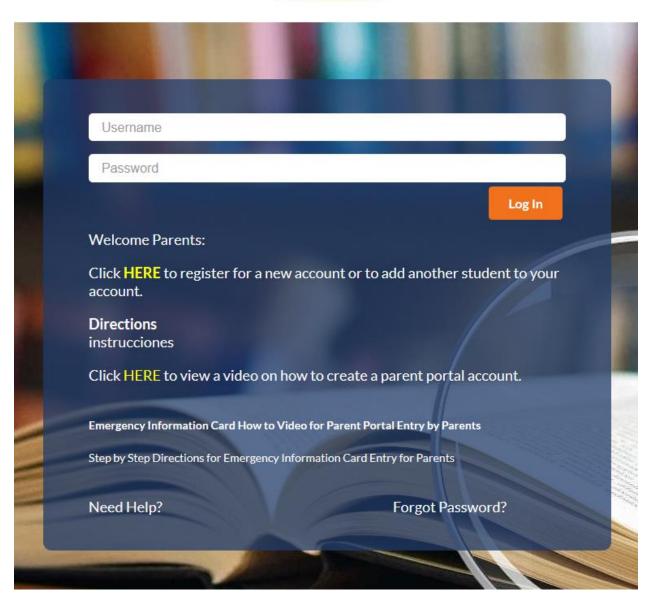
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Charles S. Rushe Middle School

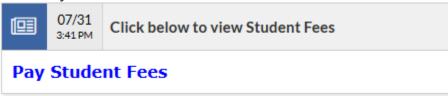
# To pay for Gradeventure or any of the 8th Grade Activities:

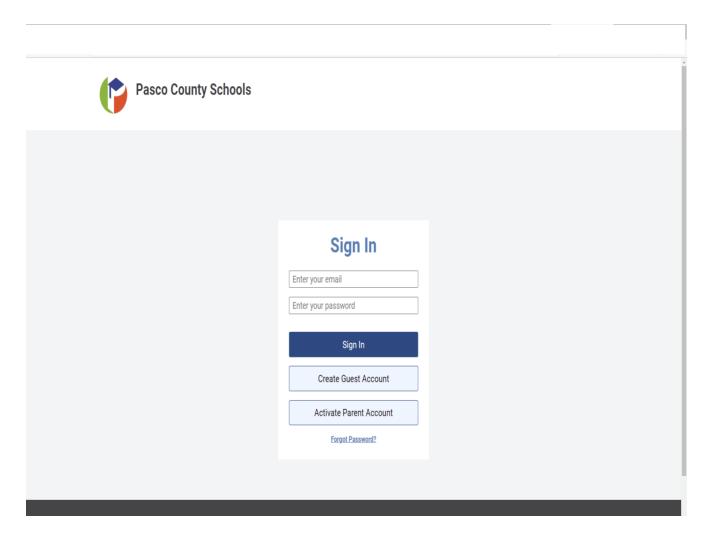
- 1. Go to <a href="https://pasco.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/?skipSAML=true">https://pasco.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/?skipSAML=true</a>
- 2. Log into your account by entering your email and password in the spaces provided.





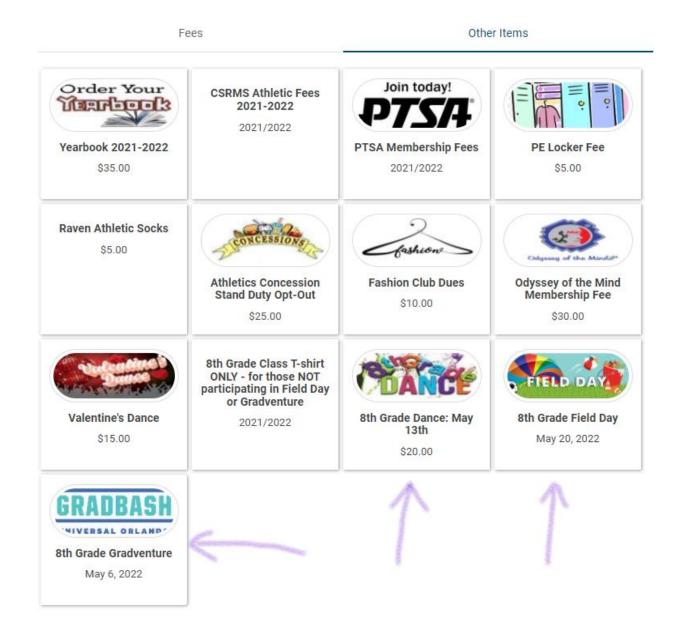
3. Locate Pay Student Fees and click on the link.





\* Use the same email and password you use for your parent portal

4. Select "Other Items" and select an 8th Grade activity (see purple arrows below).



Please note: If the icons are grey and your cursor turns into a red circle with a line through it, then your student has not met the eligibility criteria to participate.

You may reach out to one of the following staff members for more information about what your child needs to to in order to regain their eligibility

 $Mrs. \ Ferguson - 8^{th} \ Grade \ Guidance \ Counselor$ 

Mr. Doychak – CSRMS SSAP/Course Recovery

Mr. Middleton – 8th Grade Assistant Principal

5. Fill out the required fields in each fee. The item will not be added to your cart until all required items have been completed.

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GRADBASH  WIVERSAL ORLAND  8th Grade Gradventure  May 6, 2022	Gradventure requires you to select a t-shirt size. The t-shirt must be worn to attend the field trip on May 6th. Parent permission slips will be sent home and MUST be completed in order for your student to attend the field trip.
8th Grade Field Day May 20, 2022	If you are choosing to participate in field day, you must also wear the t-shirt on May 20th. The t-shirt is the ticket into the event so you must select an option for this.  Instead of paying for the t-shirt again, please choose the first option in the drop-down box stating you have already purchased the t-shirt with Gradventure. (Example below) The cost will be \$10.00
If you are not going on	the Gradventure field trip, then you must select the t-shirt size. The cost
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For Gradventure – we are also required to have a signed permission slip on file for all students who will be participating. This form will be distributed to students by Mrs. Floyd and will need to be collected by April  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ .