

8th Grade Class Trip



June 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very excited to announce that after a three year PAUSE on overnight trips, the Class of 2027 will once again be taking a trip to Boston, Massachusetts from Wednesday, May 17 through Saturday, May 20, 2023 to celebrate their time at Starpoint Middle School.

We wanted to provide you with information as soon as possible to allow your family ample time to plan and budget for this trip. **The cost per student will be approximately \$860.** This price will include all transportation via coach buses, admission to the described venues and tours, 3 buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners including a private Dinner Cruise/Dance on the Spirit of Boston and an around the world interactive hibachi grill experience at Fire+Ice, Boston. While inflation has caused prices to rise significantly over the past year we were able to negotiate pricing to keep the trip cost relatively reasonable and less than our pandemic canceled Boston trip in 2020 while providing a wonderful 3 night & 4 day worry free experience for our students. To assist with some of the costs for the trip we will be hosting one school wide fundraiser in the fall. More information about this fundraiser will be available in late September. In addition, the Starpoint PTA & Starpoint Teachers Association has graciously allocated and fundraised a small amount of funds to assist those in financial need. More information is located in the attached documents. We believe that this trip will be long remembered and is a wonderful way to celebrate and conclude three years at Starpoint Middle School. Additional announcements and information as well as copies of all forms are available on the Starpoint Middle School website section titled 8th Grade Class Trip. On the back side of this letter you will find important dates to remember along with a description of all included forms and requirements.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Kathy Julian,

8th Grade Program Trip Coordinator
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Enclosed in this information packet you will find the following:

- Optional need based financial assistance information & application.
*If you are applying for assistance funds these are due by **September 30, 2022**
- Online registration information from Travelogs International with the Group Registration Code. In order to be eligible to attend the trip **you must register and pay the \$250 deposit on or before October 28, 2022.** There will be no late registrations allowed.
- The required behavior contract must be signed by both student and parent/guardian by **November 10, 2022** and given to Mr. Vittoria in D-30 or Mrs. Julian in the F-36.
- Emergency Contact & Medical Authorization forms both completed and submitted to Mr. Vittoria in D-30 or Mrs. Julian in the F36 by **November 10, 2022.**
- **February 2023** - Hotel rooming survey will be taken in social studies classes via Google to select roommates. **(Each room will be required to occupy 4 students)**
- Final payment submitted online by **March 9, 2023.** (see Travelogs registration instructions)

Stay Updated with the latest Information!

- Visit **Starpointcsd.org** on the web and select “Starpoint Middle School”. Scroll down to the bottom of that page and click on the “Boston 2023” link. This will be updated regularly starting in September.
- **Join the Google Classroom** - Use code **vmj6lhw** to access important information and stay up to date throughout the year..
- All students **and** at least one parent will be required to join the **Remind Messaging Text Alert** thread. This will be used for the 4 days to communicate with students and their parents providing updates, photos and important information as the trip progresses. Due to Remind enrollment limits please be sure to sign up under the thread with the first letter of your last name as shown below. Messages will be sent to all threads at the same time.
 - ◆ If your last name begins with the letters A-F text @3gg3629 to 81010
 - ◆ If your last name begins with the letters G-M text @463aac to 81010.
 - ◆ If your last name begins with the letters N-Z text @729bbh to 81010