



## NIPPERSINK SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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Dear Parents/Guardian of Eighth Grade Students:

There are many exciting events planned for the eighth grade students for the end of the year. I would like to share timelines, financial responsibilities and as much information as I can about each event. If you have questions regarding any of the following information, please call me at 678-7129 x222.

#### **Butter Braid**

Students who participated in the Butter Braid fundraiser may use these funds for any of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade events. Spring Butter Braid forms will be going home Feb. 15 and need to be returned March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Caps & Gowns**

Students will be measured for caps and gowns on **Thursday, February 25**. Parents can purchase cap, gown and tassel separately. The cap is \$7.50, the gown is \$16.75 and the tassel is \$7.50. Or you can purchase all three items for **\$23.50**. If you order an extra tassel, that will be an additional \$7.50. The check for the caps and gowns is due no later than **February 19**. Please make checks payable to NMS and have the child submit the check to his/her 1<sup>st</sup> hour teacher or the main office. Please write on the memo line of the check--***Caps and Gowns or Tassel. If your child is using a siblings cap & gown please notify the office so one is not ordered for your child.***

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pictures**

On **Tuesday, February 9**, Interstate Studios will take pictures of each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. Two pictures will be taken, one in a cap and gown and one in dress clothes. Parents will receive the proofs of these pictures and then can decide which package fits their family's needs. **NO MONEY** is due on the day of pictures. A cap and gown will be provided for the student to have their picture taken in. Your child should bring or wear appropriate dress wear clothes. Make sure you return your proofs early to get them back in time for graduation.

#### **Springfield Trip**

The trip to Springfield will be on **Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7**. *Students to the Theatre*, an insured agency specializing in student group tours, will prepare the tour for our school. Students need to be in good standing academically and behaviorally, in

order to attend the Springfield trip. The cost of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Springfield trip is **\$190.00**. This includes all transportation, lodging, sightseeing, and meals on May 6 and 7. Please see the attached itinerary.

Students may want to take snacks along for the trips to and from Springfield. Souvenirs may also be purchased. The amount of additional money students will need depends upon the individual's appetite, and how many souvenirs they buy. We cannot make an individual recommendation on the amount of money a student should take, however, \$40 has been discussed as a reasonable amount. Students can have a great experience without spending a lot of money.

The type of clothing students should bring is casual and appropriate. Shorts, summer shirts, pants and a light jacket are recommended, also please include a swimsuit for the pool at the motel. The dress code at school still applies for the Springfield trip. Students are to take only ONE suitcase because each is responsible for carrying his/her own luggage. In order to save space students should get together with their roommates and share items whenever possible (ex. hairdryers, etc.). Students will sign-up in groups of four prior to the field trip for hotel room assignments. Administration has the right to reconfigure room assignments if it is in the best interest of the students.

Please submit a **nonrefundable \$40.00 deposit** for the Springfield trip by **Friday, Feb. 19**. The deposit is part of the trip balance of \$190.00. If for any reason your child cannot go on the trip, this registration fee will **NOT** be refunded. **The balance of the trip is due no later than Friday, April 9**. After April 9, if your child cannot attend the Springfield trip, the funds for the trip will not be refunded. Please make your checks payable to NMS and have your child submit the check and registration/emergency medical form with the payment to the office. ***Please write on the memo line—Springfield Trip.***

Students will be staying at the Northfield Inn & Suites at 3280 Northfield Dr. Springfield, Illinois. The phone number is 217-523-7900. The phone number and address is also listed on the enclosed itinerary.

### **Great America Amusement Park**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will participate in a field trip to Great America Amusement Park in Gurnee on **Monday, May 24**. If a child chooses not to participate in this activity, the child is still expected to attend school that day. The cost of admission, transportation and buffet lunch is **\$45.00**. Those who have a season pass the cost will be **\$21.50**. A permission slip has been attached to this letter to sign-up for the park.

Students will travel on school buses to the park and the departure time has tentatively been set for 9:00 a.m. Students will return to Nippersink Middle School at approximately 4:00 p.m. Parents need to be prompt when picking up their child. **Money is due by Friday, April 16, 2010**, please make checks payable to NMS and ***please write on the memo line—Great America.***

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance has been scheduled for **Friday, May 21**. At this time, PTO, staff and administrators are beginning to work on this event through a committee. More information will be coming at a later date.

### **Graduation**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation ceremony has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Richmond-Burton High School Gymnasium. Students will wear caps and gowns during the ceremony.

As a reminder of dates and responsibilities:

February 9	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pictures	No Money Due
February 19	Springfield Trip Down Payment Due	\$40.00
February 19	Cap & Gown Money due	\$23.50
February 25	Cap & Gown Measured	
April 9	Balance of the Springfield Trip Due	\$150.00
April 16	Great America Money Due	\$45.00/21.50
May 6 & 7	Springfield Trip	
May 21	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	
May 24	Great America Park-9:00-4:00p.m.	
May 25	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards - morning	
May 25	8 <sup>th</sup> grade cap & gown distribution	
May 26	Graduation Practice @ RBCHS 8:00-11:00	
	Parents will need to pick up their child by 11:00 from RBCHS	
May 27	Tentative Graduation Date-students should arrive at 5:30	
	Graduation Ceremony starts at 6:30	

I am looking forward to all of these exciting events, if you have any questions please call me at 678-7129 x222.

Sincerely,

Tim Molitor  
Principal

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Practice**

Graduation practice will be held on Wednesday, May 26, at RBCHS from 8:00-11:00 a.m. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be dropped off at RBCHS during their morning bus routes. Any walkers or car riders will be provided with a shuttle bus that will take them from NMS to RBCHS at 7:45 a.m. Parents will need to pickup students directly from RBCHS at 11:00 a.m. promptly.