

MMS  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Busch Gardens Field Trip

January 12, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Thursday, May 16, 2024, seventh grade students are scheduled to take a daylong field trip to Busch Gardens, Tampa. We feel that this trip gives our students an educational and desirable off-campus experience at this world-renowned park.

The cost of the trip is \$115 per person. This price includes admission to the park, transportation via charter bus, and a meal and snack certificate. The meal certificate includes one entree, one side item or dessert, and one regular fountain beverage at **select** restaurants. The snack certificate is valid for popcorn, pretzel, or novelty ice cream at select locations. **Students will need additional money for other purchases they wish to make.**

As of August 2023, Busch Gardens is cashless. To make additional purchases, students may use a card for payment or smart device with Apple Pay or Google Pay. If bringing cash, there are Cash-to-Card kiosks located throughout the park to transfer your cash (free of charge) onto a VISA prepaid debit card that can be used anywhere VISA is accepted.

Any student that has a valid Busch Gardens pass need only pay \$35 for the bus. We will be traveling by charter bus and **all participants are required to travel on the designated buses.** Students will need to be at school by 7:45 A.M. on the morning of May 16th. We will return to MMS at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Effective 2023-24, parents who wish to chaperone a group of students on field trips must apply to be a Level 2 Volunteer with Charlotte County Public Schools Human Resources. This process includes fingerprinting, required trainings, and background check. Parents would be responsible for the fingerprinting charge which is approximately \$85. If interested, please visit the CCPS website, Human Resources, then employment opportunities:

<https://charlotteschools.ted.peopleadmin.com/hire/index.aspx>

If you are a Level 2 school volunteer and wish to chaperone, the cost of the trip will be \$115. Please contact Mrs. Herring or Mrs. Fiuza if you are interested and have met the district requirements. Parent chaperones would be responsible for a group of 4-7 students and must remain with their groups at all times.

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**Payment for the trip will be collected in the hallway located between G and D pods from 8:40-9:00 AM during these weeks:**

**Tuesday, January 30- Friday, February 2, 2024**

**Tuesday, February 27- Friday, March 1**

**Monday, March 11- Thursday, March 14 Final balance due**

Payment will be accepted in part or in whole. **Checks need to be made out to Murdock Middle School. If writing a check, please include the student's name and parent phone number.**



**Beginning January 16, 2024, students with 4 or more referrals will not be permitted to attend the field trip. In addition, excessive attendance issues, failing grades, and credits owed in core classes may also, at the discretion of Administration, exclude a student from attending. If a student has paid and loses his or her field trip privilege due to behavior, attendance, grades, and/or credits, any monies collected will be refunded to the parent/guardian. Any student guilty of a single serious infraction will be excluded from the field trip. Examples of these infractions include Battery, Physical Attack, Drug, Alcohol, or Tobacco Possession, Consumption, or Distribution, Bullying, Vandalism, Harassment and Major Disruption of a school function.**

Additional information regarding groups and details about the day of the trip will be sent home in April. Students who do not participate in the field trip are expected to attend a regular day of school. If there are questions about the trip, please call the school. We look forward to a fantastic day!

Sincerely,

MMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Staff