



**St. Joseph Middle School**  
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Dear Parent:

The eighth grade class trip to Great America has been scheduled for Monday, June 2nd. Students will leave SJMS at 7:00a.m. arriving back at school at 9:00p.m. Students will travel by coach bus. Students will not be allowed entrance into the water park portion of the complex. More specific information regarding the trip is included in the separate permission slip and graduation letter.

Teachers report that each year an increasing number of students are ambivalent about this trip. We understand many of our students have been to this or similar amusement parks. While we don't feel it useful to compel students to attend this school outing, the number of students participating could have a significant impact on the cost of transportation. We figure approximately fifty students per coach, so if the number of riders were to decrease the cost per rider will increase. As it now stands, if all eighth graders were to take this trip (some may not, due to academic or behavioral issues in either case we would give you the G.A. ticket) the cost would be \$45/student. The remainder of the graduation expenses comes to another \$20/student.

Here are your options:

- Students may make the trip to Great America.
- Students may decline the trip and remain home for the day.
- Students may be compelled to attend school due to academic or behavioral issues.

Parents please indicate your preference below and return the slip to school by May 1st.

Thank you.

Brad Norcross

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Eighth Grade Class Trip  
Great America Theme Park, Gurnee, IL

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ HR: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ My child will make the trip to Great America on June 2nd.

\_\_\_ My child will not make the trip and will remain home on June 2nd.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_