



CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

JOHN PISCITELLA
Principal

August 20, 2018

Dear 8th Graders and Parents/Guardians:

The 8th grade Washington D.C. trip has been a tradition at the George Fischer Middle School since the mid 1970's. The Board of Education has approved this year's trip, and it has been scheduled for Monday — Thursday, May 13-16, 2019.

The cost for the trip is \$650.00. It is our belief that with advanced notice, each student and their family will be better able to plan for this expense. As in the past, the GFMS PTA has planned multiple fundraising opportunities for our students to earn money to offset the cost of their trip. The information on these fundraisers is available throughout the school year.

An initial payment of \$325.00 will be due the week of November 5, 2018. Our final arrangements for hotels, buses, dinner cruise, etc. will be based upon the receipt of this deposit. The balance will be collected the week of January 22, 2019 and you will receive a balance due sheet. Please mark these payment dates on your calendar. Traditionally, no student has ever been denied attendance to the trip due to family financial difficulties. If this is the case, based on documentation, accommodations will be made on an individual basis.

As stated in the opening paragraph, students who attend this trip are missing four days of formal instruction. Therefore, students who are failing ANY core classes (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language) for the year at the time of the trip must stay behind to catch up on their work. At the end of EACH marking period, warning letters will be mailed home to the families of any student who has failed a class so you are aware that your child is in danger of being ineligible to attend. Students could also be denied access to the trip for repeated and/or serious disciplinary issues.

We wish you and your family a healthy and enjoyable school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Piscitella'.

John Piscitella
GFMS Principal

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