

February 6, 2018

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Chicago, Friday, May 18, 2018**

This year the 8th grade students will be taking their class trip on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Students always look forward to this trip as a wrap up to their time at MCMS and a memory maker as they head to high school. We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity.

Students were given an opportunity to sell pies to help offset some of the cost of the trip, or completely pay for it themselves. We felt that offering the students the opportunity to fundraise for this trip was a more equitable choice than past practice of a few selling items to offset costs for the entire student body. Therefore, balances due are unique to the student. You should have received a form noting any credits, as well as balances, attached to this letter. On that form was noted the dates for payment.

**You may pay the full amount of \$96, or pay in three installments. The first payment is due on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The second payment is due March 8<sup>th</sup>, with the final payment due by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please include the payment slip you were given with each payment. Please make sure your student's first and last name is on the payment slips and the permission slip.** Chaperones are needed . . . Chaperones will be asked to pay \$92 to cover the costs of the theatre ticket, museum shows and dinner. If you are able to help out, please let the middle school office know. (We only have room on the busses for the first 8 parents/guardians to attend.) The cost per chaperone is \$92 and will need to be paid at this time.

The format for the day is as follows: Students, staff, and chaperones will leave MCMS at 7:45 A.M. on coach busses to Chicago. The first stop will be the Field Museum where students will be able to tour the museum with their group. At noon, the group will leave for the Briar Street Theater to watch Blue Man Group. (Show starts at 1:00 P.M.) After the show, students will load the busses on our way to dinner at Hard Rock Café. Closer to the trip date, each person will place an order from the limited menu – no changes can be made once the order is placed. If time and weather permits, we plan to stop at Millennium Park for a short visit. Busses will be returning to the middle school at approximately 7:30 P.M. Please be prompt picking your student up at the school. **Students, staff, and chaperones should bring their own snacks for the bus ride to, during and from Chicago. We are having a very late lunch so please plan accordingly.**

Scholarship monies are available for families in need of financial assistance. Please submit a letter of application to Superintendent Damisch at 816 E. Grant Hwy, Marengo, IL 60152.

This will be a regular school attendance day and any student not on the trip will be expected to be in school that day. Please send the bottom permission slip back with your student's first payment by Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> so we can finalize plans. Any questions, please call Marengo Community Middle School at 815-568-5720.

Thank you for your assistance!

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**PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION SLIP TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE BY Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Chicago, Friday, May 18, 2018**

\_\_\_\_\_ **will not** be going on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **has permission** to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Student & Chaperone t-shirt sizes: Child L Child XL Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult XXL**  
(Chicago skyline t-shirts are courtesy of cePTA. Students and Chaperones are expected to wear them the day of the trip)

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT FINAL PAYMENT FOR TRIP IS DUE BY Thursday, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

DATE: February 8, 2018  
TO: Eighth Grade Parents/Guardian  
FROM: Tracy Beam, Principal, Marengo Community Middle School  
RE: Diploma/Transfer of Records Release Form

Marengo Community Middle School will be holding an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony at MCMS. The promotion date will be announced at a later time. Dress will be "business casual" or better. **By Board Resolution, all registration, technology, and lunch fees must be paid in full in order for students to participate in the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony. These fees must be remitted by April 1, 2018. If there is a financial situation which precludes a family from making this payment, please call Mrs. Lea Damisch, Superintendent of Schools. All inquiries are kept confidential.**

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the middle school office at (815) 568-5720.

**DIPLOMA**

Please PRINT your child's first name, middle initial, and last name below as you want it to appear on his/her diploma.

**If this is not returned by Thursday, February 22, 2018, it will appear as it is on the school registration.**

_____	_____	_____
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
_____		_____
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date



**TRANSFER OF RECORDS RELEASE**

Your son or daughter will be going through a Promotion Ceremony from Marengo Community Middle School. In order to release your child's records to whatever high school they plan on attending, we will need you to fill out, sign, and return the Transfer of Records Release form below.

I authorize Marengo-Union Consolidated School District No. 165, Marengo, Illinois, to release all records (including Special Education records) of \_\_\_\_\_ 8  
Student's First/Last Name Grade

to:  Marengo Community High School  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School, City, State, Zip

We as parents or legal guardians have the right to examine these transcripts pursuant to the Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# GRADUATION PICTURES

## ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!

Color Portraits, Inc.  
will be at  
**Marengo Middle School**

**On:**  
**Friday, February 23, 2018**

You will cherish these portraits for many years  
to come so please prepare for it.

### **BOYS:**

Should wear a shirt and tie. Sport coat, suit, or  
sweater is optional. If you attend a school where  
cap and gown portraits are taken a tie must be worn.

### **GIRLS:**

Please avoid up-dos. Turtleneck sweaters or high  
neck dresses should not be worn.

### **ALL STUDENTS:**

*You will be photographed against a green screen,  
please avoid wearing shades of green.*

Dress clothes poses will be taken as well as cap  
and gown poses, where applicable. Please be aware  
that slacks and skirts will show in some posing.

**No payment is needed at this time. Proofs will  
be sent home for your approval.**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be a \$10.00 charge for picture  
retakes for any reason other than photographic  
errors. Retakes will be scheduled at  
the discretion of the school.