**Dollywood 2018**

**8th Grade Festival**

To All 8th Grade Parents and Students:

This is the first packet of three that you will be receiving regarding the Spring Trip to Dollywood on May 3rd and 4th 2018. The information contained in this document is to provide you and your student with as much information about this overnight trip as possible at this time.

**Cost:**

The total trip cost is **$165** dollars per student.

This includes:

* Hotel
* Buses
* Festival Registration
* Theme Park Tickets
* Breakfast and Lunch on Friday
* Thursday Dinner and Entertainment.
* Trip T-Shirt for Amusement park.

**Due Dates:**

First Deposit $55 due Feb 2nd

Second Payment $55 due March 2nd

Last Payment $55 due April 6th

**Tentative Schedule:** (Will adjust slightly as we get closer to the date.)

**Thursday May 3rd:**

* Load bus at 3:00 p.m.
* Check into the hotel at approximately 8:00 P.M.
* Pizza Party at the Hotel 8:00p.m.-11:00p.m. (Pizza will be provided)
* Room Checks at 11:15p.m.

**Friday May 4th:**

* Wake up according to travel and performance time.
* Breakfast will be provided at the hotel.
* Travel to Dollywood.
* Perform
* Check into theme park (Lunch will be free at the park)
* Depart 5:30 p.m.
* Stop for dinner on the way back (Students will need money for dinner)
* Arrive at SHMS at 9:30 p.m.

**Paper work:**

The next packet you will receive will be handed out at the mandatory parent meeting in February and will include:

* Permission slip.
* Trip Rules and Procedures Packet will be handed out.

**Parent Meeting:**

We will have a mandatory parent meeting at **5:15 p.m. on February 29th** immediately following dress rehearsalfor all 8th graders attending this trip.

**Chaperons:**

* If you have expressed interest in chaperoning for this event, we will be having a brief meeting on **February 29th at 5:45p.m**. to discuss, the details and to fill out any paperwork that is required.

**Just a note about the trip:**

Please understand that this is a **School Event**. Students will be expected to behave as they would if they were at Spring Hill Middle School. This trip is a privilege for our students. They will be held to the same high standard that we have come to expect from our band students at any event. Any negative behavior will be dealt with by Mrs. Nelson. Students are subject to the same disciplinary guidelines set down by Mrs. Nelson, our Principal Mrs. Sparrow, Spring Hill Middle School and Maury County School District.

We are also taking approximately 8 Chaperones. Our Chaperones will be assigned a specific number of students for the trip and will be responsible for those students for its duration. These Chaperones are giving up their time to support our students and should be respected at all times.

Your student will be provided with the name and cell phone number of their assigned chaperone prior to our trip. This information is for both you and your student.

**Requirements to attend:**

1. Students must be passing all of their classes.
2. Students may not have over 5 unexcused absences or 10 excused Absences, from school all year.
3. Student must have a clean behavior record.
4. They have not been in ISS with in last nine weeks.
5. They have not been suspended all year
6. They cannot receive more than 3 pink slips all year, and they cannot receive **any** pink slips within the last nine weeks.