

March, 2022

Dear WIS 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is fast approaching. WIS is planning activities for 8th grade students to culminate their intermediate experience. The goals of the events are to promote positive socialization, learning opportunities, and long-lasting memories that will endure a lifetime. Mr. Anaclerio went into classes and explained that in order for students to attend they must **continue to work hard, complete assignments, behave appropriately, and of course listen to their teachers and parents.** If a student has behavior misconducts or disruptive behavior, their participation may be limited to the events in which they can participate.

Date/ Time	Event	Tentative Cost
Wednesday, May 31	NYC Trip - Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island	\$135.00 per student (non-refundable deposit of \$60.00 due 4/1/23)
Wednesday, June 7	8th grade night of celebration	Time and cost to be determined
Monday, June 12	Holiday Hill	Time and cost to be determined

The teachers and staff have planned events that vary in cost and in duration. Some may require before and after school pick ups. The costs are only estimates to give families a chance to plan and save accordingly. If any family needs financial assistance or would like to make a donation please notify the school. We look forward to your support and participation. It will be a wonderful way to bring closure to a difficult 2 years. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Anaclerio or any of the 8th grade staff members.

Sincerely,
Raeanne Reynolds

Wednesday, May 31, 2023



Save the Date!
8th Grade Field Trips



Monday, June 12th: HOLIDAY HILL, PROSPECT, CT

We will be leaving from WIS after homeroom and returning by 4:00 p.m.

Permission Slips and Payment Information to Follow!



Francis Walsh Intermediate School

Raeanne Reynolds
Principal

Douglas E. Cucchiarelli
Vice Principal

Peter J. Anaclerio
Vice Principal

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Dear Eighth Grade Parent / Guardian:

On **Wednesday May 31st**, the eighth grade students will be attending an outing to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. For this trip, we have contracted the services of Destinations Unlimited, in Plymouth Connecticut. There will be a tour director on every bus to ensure an awesome experience for students and staff. An itinerary of the day's events is attached to this letter.

Also attached to this letter is a field trip permission form which must be completed prior to the trip. The permission slip should be brought to the office suite on the 3rd floor no later than **May 1st**. **The cost of the trip is \$135**. Payment for this trip will be made online through a payment service provided by Destinations Unlimited. Directions to accessing this online payment system are also attached to this letter. You can pay in installments if you choose. **A \$60 nonrefundable deposit is due by April 1st. Full payment of the trip must be completed by May 1st.** Destinations Unlimited also offers an insurance policy for an additional cost (details are included with the instructions).

Students will need to be at WIS at 6:30 that morning and will be returning back to WIS by approximately 7:00 p.m. **Please be prompt when picking up your child.** Thank you in advance for your support!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter J. Anaclerio".

Peter Anaclerio
Vice Principal

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians:

The eighth grade has planned several field trips/activities for the duration of the school year; a trip to NYC on May 31st to see the Statue of Liberty and visit Ellis Island, a trip to Holiday Hill on June 12th, and the 8th Grade dance/carnival on June 7th. A letter will follow with the itinerary and details of each of the trips. This is an excellent opportunity for our students and we are looking forward to this experience. As always, we expect the best from our students, and outings are no exception. The students are expected to follow the school and museum guidelines at all times to ensure the safety and security of all students and staff. It will also be expected that students dress appropriately. Our student handbook states:

“Probationary Status for Field Trips: Students who do not honor the WIS Core 4 values during the school year may be excluded or require a safety plan in order to participate in off campus opportunities. If a student loses his/her eligibility after payments have been made, refunds will be made only if the school/team receives a refund from the trip provider. Students will not be academically penalized for missing field trip experiences.”

Students not attending the trip will be offered an alternative program and will be expected to attend school on that day under the supervision of our staff members.

We thank you for our support in making this a memorable and successful eighth grade year for all of our students. Please sign the letter below so that we know that you have read and understand the school policy.

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Trip Registration:

- Go to trip sign-up link given to you by your group leader <https://destinationsunlimited.grcoll.co/go/walsh23>
- Select “Register for this trip”
 - If you already have an account look below the sign-in area and there is a place to click if you already have an account. Log-in with your email and password (**parent/guardian’s email**) and pick the trip you are registering for.
 - If you don’t have an account, you will fill in your email, create the password you would like, check the box, and click on create account. Check your email and confirm your email address by clicking the link in the email.
- Complete the **student’s** name and click add to trip.
- If you have more than 1 student: Add that student(s) on the next screen and click “add to trip”. Once you’ve added everyone you are paying for, click “proceed to next step”
- Click on the line of text “submit the remaining Information” OR the blue box that says “add missing info”
 - Add your **contact phone number (parent/guardian’s number)**. Then add the gender, date of birth and address for the student.
SAVE
- Select the package you are purchasing.
SAVE CHOICE
- There are no add-ons just click SAVE on the bottom of the page to move to the next screen.
- You do NOT need to complete the student’s medical information, just hit SAVE to continue to the next screen.
- Sign Forms – Terms & Conditions Acknowledgement & Cancellation Policy/Trip Protection Plan Information
Complete your name, the relationship to the person travelling, and your date of birth.
Select I AGREE.

Trip Deposit/Payments:

- When the registration is complete you will be prompted to **pay your deposit**. You may pay by credit, debit or ACH transaction. Select the blue “pay” button and pick your method of payment. Fill in the required information as prompted.
- Click on the pay suggested amount or if you’d like to pay more towards the trip, choose the custom amount and insert the amount you would like to pay. Click the blue “pay” button to confirm.
- You will be prompted to pick auto pay or manual for your future payments. If you turn on the auto pay you will automatically be charged the amounts due on future payment dates. You will receive an email 3 days prior reminding you that the payment will take place.

To purchase optional Trip Protection Plan

- Purchase the Trip Protection Plan through Travel Insured International. Coverage includes cancellation for illness and death in the immediate family up to the day of departure and has a cancel for any reason coverage at 75% when cancelled at least 72 hours prior to travel.
<https://www.travelinsured.com/group.signup?group=149781&guid=85c2262304d6479d8d28db5263c3b64b>
- Plan should be taken at time of deposit for coverage of deposits but no later than final payment.
- Enter the cost of the trip (\$135.00) and the form will calculate the premium amount due.
- You should be charged \$13.50 if you completed the form correctly.



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Walsh Middle School
Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island
May 31, 2023
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DATE:	TIME:	
Wednesday May 31	6:30 am	Buses arrive Walsh Middle School
	7:00 am	Depart from Walsh Middle School
	10:00 am	Arrive at Liberty State Park, NJ Group must pass through airport like security (no knives, sharp objects)
	Approx.. 10:40 am	Ferry to Ellis Island (will depend on traffic)
	Approx. 11:00 am	Arrive Ellis Island Pick up audio tours inside to the right Explore in chaperone groups
		Lunch vouchers can be used on either island but the cafeteria at Ellis Island opens at 11:00 am.
		Groups can explore in chaperone groups or travel as one big mass. There are no reservations for the ferries. It is first come, first serve. There are ferries that leave Ellis Island at 12:20/1:00/1:40. Line up 15 min. prior. Ferries take 15 min. to reach Liberty Island
	No later than 2:00 pm	Arrive at Liberty Island Pick up audio tour Visit the Museum Group has pedestal tickets (**airport like security)
	3:45 pm	Be in line for departure
	4:05 pm	Ferry departure from Liberty Island
	4:20 pm	Dock at Liberty State Park
	4:45 pm	Depart for home
	7:00 pm	Approximate arrival back to Walsh Middle School

****The following items are not authorized inside the pedestal:**

- Food and Drinks (water is permitted in a clear plastic bottle)
- Backpacks and Drawstring bags (including purses shaped like backpacks)
- Suitcases, duffle bags, and oversized bags
- Laptop Computers
- Long umbrellas
- Tripods

Lockers are located nearby and require a 25¢ deposit (quarters only). Locker Size is approximately 12"x 12"x 18" and there are change machines available for \$1 and \$5 bills.

NOTE: All times are approximate and will be dependent upon traffic, weather, road conditions and unforeseen circumstances. Ferry schedules can change. All touring inclusions are based upon our ability to safely accomplish the itinerary.