

John Jay Middle School

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Dear 8th Grade Families,

The JJMS PTO will be sponsoring a wonderful culminating experience for all the 8th graders. The 8th graders will celebrate their years at JJMS on Thursday, May 17, 2018 on a sunset boat trip. We will be on board a boat owned and operated by Caliber Yacht Charters. You may visit the website at www.CaliberYachtcharters.com. Here are the details of the celebration:

1. Students will have a regular school day on May 17th.
2. Students will travel by school bus to the Yonkers City Dock, Yonkers, NY, leaving JJMS at approximately 2:45 p.m. The boat cruise will begin about 4:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Students will return to JJMS at approximately 9:30 p.m.
3. We will have the boat exclusively to ourselves. Only JJMS students and chaperones will be on the cruise. The staff at Caliber Yacht is thoroughly trained to ensure that all passengers have a safe, fun cruise. A nurse will be on board the boat.
4. We will be cruising the NY Harbor, while providing time for dinner, dancing, and lots of fun together on deck.
5. Students with special diets will be accommodated. Please call **Linda Volpe** at 763-7660 with your requests.
6. The cost of the trip is **\$130.00*** per student. It includes transportation, the cruise with dinner and DJ. There are no additional costs. Nothing will be for sale on the boat.
7. Payment for the trip is due no later than **Thursday, March 1, 2018 (checks only, no cash please)**.
8. Checks should be payable to: **JJMS PTO**.
9. The \$130.00 check and permission slip must be delivered by students to Mrs. Volpe in the main office – attention JJMS PTO Boat Trip. The fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
10. The JJMS Behavior Code will be enforced during the entire trip. It is included for your review with this letter.

*Families for whom the cost of the trip presents a financial hardship should contact their child’s counselor for consideration by March 1, 2018.

Please contact Mrs. Volpe at 763-7660 with any questions.

Thank you.

Richard Leprine
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Behavior Code for JJMS PTO Boat Trip

Please review these rules with your child and sign the permission form attached. Have your child return the form to Mrs. Volpe – c/o JJMS PTO Boat Trip in the Main Office.

- 1. Students are expected to dress in keeping with the event and the dress code in the JJMS Family Handbook.**
- 2. Students are required to abide by all the rules in the District’s Code of Conduct and the JJMS Family Handbook.**
- 3. Exemplary behavior is expected at all times. Be considerate and respectful to the people around you: fellow students, teachers, chaperones, bus drivers and all others you encounter.**
- 4. While on the bus:
 - A. Do not stand while the bus is in motion.**
 - B. Do not crowd when boarding or leaving the bus.**
 - C. Do not put any part of your body out the window.**
 - D. Do not throw any objects out the window.**
 - E. Do not yell out windows.**
 - F. Obey any instruction or direction of the chaperones or the driver****
- 5. Use of cell phones, MP3 players, i-Pods, and any related technology is permitted. At the same time chaperones may take and hold devices until the end of the trip if students are using the device in a way the teacher considers inappropriate.**

PERMISSION SLIP

I grant my child, _____, permission to attend the JJMS PTO 8th Grade End of Year Celebration on May 17, 2018. I understand that this PTO celebration involves a boat cruise on the NY Harbor and that my child will travel to and from the cruise site on a regular school bus.

In addition, I have read the Behavior Code for Field Trips (*attached*) and discussed it with my child. I understand that students are responsible for obeying all federal, state, and local laws as well as the district Code of Conduct. My child is also responsible for any and all regulations established by Caliber Yacht Charter which operates the cruise.

I understand that Thursday, May 17, 2018 is a regular school day, and that a student who is not in attendance during regular class time will not be eligible to participate in this after school activity. Students are expected to follow the district Code of Conduct regarding participation in after school activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature