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Dear 8th Grade Families,

The JJMS PTO will be sponsoring this wonderful culminating experience for all the 8th graders. The 8th graders will celebrate their years at JJMS on Thursday, May 16, 2019 during a sunset boat trip on Long Island Sound. We will be on board a boat owned and operated by Skyline Cruises. You may visit the website at www.Skylinecruises.com. Here are the details of the celebration:

1. Students will have a regular school day on May 16th.
2. Students will travel by school bus to the New Rochelle Municipal Town Dock in New Rochelle, NY leaving JJMS at approximately 3:30 PM.
3. The boat cruise will begin about 5:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM.
4. We will have the boat exclusively to ourselves. Only JJMS students, staff, and chaperones will be on the cruise. The staff at Skyline Cruises is thoroughly trained to ensure that all passengers have a safe, fun cruise. A nurse will be on board the boat.
5. We will be cruising the Long Island Sound, while providing time for dinner, dancing, and lots of fun together on deck.
6. Students will return to JJMS at approximately 10:00 PM.
7. Students with special diets will be accommodated. Please call Linda Volpe at 763-7660 with your requests.
8. The cost of the trip is **\$85.00*** per student. It includes transportation, the cruise with dinner and DJ. There are no additional costs. Nothing will be for sale on the boat. Students should not bring money.
9. Checks should be payable to: JJMS PTO or use PayPal found on the PTO web site.
10. Checks and permission slips must be delivered by students to Mrs. Volpe in the main office along with the **\$85.00** check.
11. Payment for the trip is due no later than **Thursday, March 1, 2018 (checks only, no cash please)**.
12. The fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
13. The JJMS Behavior Code will be enforced during the entire trip. It is included for your review with this letter.

*If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact your child's guidance counselor, Jeff Tepper, jtepper@klschools.org, prior to the due date of the permission slip.

If you would like to make an additional donation for a "trip scholarship" for families in need of assistance, we thank you in advance for your generosity! Additional amount enclosed
\$ _____

Thank you.

Jeffrey Swiatowicz
Principal

Kristen Condon
PTO Co-President

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Behavior Code for Field Trips

Please review these rules with your child and sign the permission form attached. Have your child return the form to Mrs. Volpe in the Main Office.

1. Students are required to abide by all the rules in the District's Code of Conduct on the district's web site www.klschools.org under District Info and the JJMS Family Handbook (ABC Handbook under Student & Parents) on the JJMS web site www.jjms.klschools.org.
2. Students are expected to dress in keeping with the KLSD Dress Code which is according to the KLSD Code of Conduct Article VI.
3. Exemplary behavior is expected at all times as you represent JJMS on this trip. 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. Stay seated while the bus is in motion.
 - B. Stay in seat until asked to leave the bus.
 - C. Keep all body parts inside bus.
 - 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 is permitted. Bring them at your own risk. However, teachers 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 8th Grade End of Year Celebration on May 16, 2019. I understand that this celebration involves a boat cruise on the Long Island Sound 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 KLSD Code of Conduct. My child is also responsible for any and all regulations established by Skyline Cruises which operates the cruise.

I understand that Thursday, May 16, 2019 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 KLSD Code of Conduct regarding participation in after school activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature