



Garrard Middle School

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8th Grade Field Trip & Formal Dance Information

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Garrard Middle School is looking forward to providing our 8th grade students with celebration opportunities at the end of the school year as a send off to GCHS! Please see the information below.

- **The Garrard Middle School 8th Grade Formal will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 5:00 – 8:30 pm at Garrard Middle School.**
- **8th Grade Awards Day will be May 21st and GMS will be providing a special lunch for 8th grade students on Thursday May 21st**
 - *Menu will include steak, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, and lemonade/sweet tea*
- **GMS 8th grade students, by teams, will be provided an opportunity to attend Malibu Jacks with no cost to any student on Wednesday May 20th! Students will also be touring GCHS Wednesday May 20th prior to leaving for Malibu Jacks in Lexington.**

Date	Celebration Event	Time
May 16th	GMS 8th Grade Formal	5:00 - 8:30
May 20th	GCHS Tour & 8th Grade Trip	All Day
May 21st	8th Grade Lunch	11:30 - 12:30
May 21st	8th Grade Awards	1:00 - 2:30

**Permission slips will be sent home closer to the time of the trip.*

In order to ensure that we have a successful event, there are a few requirements that we would like to share with you ahead of time that pertain to eligibility for the field trips and the formal dance:

- **Field Trip/Formal Dance Behavior & Academic Expectations:**
 - Beginning on April 13th, 2026 the following behavior guidelines will be enforced and students who engage in the following behaviors may not be eligible to attend:



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- Any student who engages in a suspendable offense such as (but not limited to): fighting, drug possession, drug use, harassment of any kind, disruptive and disrespectful behavior towards adults, bullying, etc.
 - Any student who is considered truant with attendance.
 - Any student failing more than one class.
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- The dance and field trip are for Garrard Middle School students only (this excludes students in alternative placement).
 - Chaperones will be GMS school personnel
 - Only 8th grade students may purchase a ticket, but will also be allowed to purchase a ticket for a guest.
 - The guest may be in another grade, but **must be a GMS student as well.**
 - All requirements for attendance as outlined in this letter will apply to guests.
 - Students must be at school for the entire day (8:00 am – 3:00 pm) on May 15th in order to attend the dance.
 - This is your opportunity to dress up and we ask that parents help enforce the following expectations:
 - We ask that dresses have a cover up, IF backless/strapless, no plunging necklines, and no bare midriffs. Dress length should be at the tips of their fingers when arms are relaxed at their sides.
 - We ask that no jeans, shorts, or t-shirts are worn. Khaki pants and a polo would be acceptable.
 - Tickets are \$6.00 per student and will be available for purchase during lunch the week leading up to the dance (May 11th - May 15th).
 - Only cash will be accepted and tickets will not be refunded. All ticket sales must be made in advance. **There will be no ticket sales at the door.**
 - Doors will open at 5:00 pm and all students must be picked up promptly at 8:30 pm.

If you have any questions please contact the school at (859) 792-2108. Thank you for your support!