



2025/2026 School Year

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 Friday, June 12, 2026, during a sunset boat trip which will start in Long Island Sound and go to the Southern tip of Manhattan. 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 June 12th. Students will travel by school bus to the New Rochelle Municipal Marina: 22, Pelham Rd, New Rochelle, NY 10801, leaving JJMS at approximately 3:15 PM.
2. A light snack will be provided by the PTO.
3. The boat cruise will begin at about 5:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM.
4. We will have the boat exclusively for 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.
5. We will be cruising the Long Island Sound, while providing time for dinner, dancing, and lots of fun together on deck.
6. **At 10pm, students will disembark from the boat at World's Fair Marina: 1 World's Fair Marina, Flushing Queens, NY 11368 and return to JJMS at approximately 11-11:30PM.**
7. Students with food allergies will be accommodated. [Please fill out this form](#) with detailed information regarding your child's food allergies, to coordinate accommodations.
8. The cost of the trip is **\$150.00** 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 made payable to: JJMS PTO. You may also pay via online on the JJMS PTO website which can be found on the [PTO web site](#).
 - a. **The PTO is offering a payment plan of three payments through their website. You will see this option on the website when purchasing online.**

PAYMENT:

10. Mrs. Giardina in the main office will collect permission slips **before 1st period, during 8th grade lunch/recess or after school.**
11. **If you are paying via check**, please include it with the permission slip. **Include your child's name in the MEMO on the check.**
12. **If you are paying on the JJMS PTO website**, please have your child give the permission slip to Mrs. Giardina, and check-off the method of payment you used on the permission slip.
13. **PAYMENT TIMELINE:**
 - a. If you are paying in full via check or online, your payment of \$150 for the trip is due no later than **Friday, April 17, 2026, (JJMS PTO online payment or checks only, NO CASH).**
 - b. **If you are utilizing the payment plan through the PTO Website, the payment schedule is as follows. You will see this option on the website when purchasing online.**
 - i. **First payment of \$50 due 3/13/26**
 - ii. **Second payment of \$50 due 4/13/26**
 - iii. **FINAL payment of \$50 due 5/13/26**
14. The fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE** due to the contract and costs associated with the planning process with the exception of a cancellation by John Jay Middle School, KLSD or Skyline Cruises.
15. The JJMS Behavior Code will be enforced during the entire trip. It is included for your review with this letter.

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

TRIP SCHOLARSHIP: 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! Please note the additional amount enclosed on your permission slip or you can make this donation on the JJMS PTO website, too.

If we need additional chaperones and you would like to chaperone, please check off the box on the permission slip and fill in your name (**your cost to attend the cruise would be covered**).

Thank you.

Jeffrey Swiatowicz
Principal

Jennifer Castelhano
PTO Co-President

Dana Davison
PTO Co-President

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. Giardina 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](#) on the JJMS web site (under School Info drop down)
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:
 - Stay seated while the bus is in motion.
 - Stay in seat until asked to leave the bus.
 - Keep all body parts inside bus.
 - Do not throw any objects out the window.
 - Do not yell out windows.
 - Obey any instruction or direction of the chaperones or the driver
5. Use of cell phones is permitted. Bring them at your own risk.
 - i. 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 DUE 4/17/2026

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I grant my child, _____, permission to attend the 8th Grade End of Year Celebration on Friday, June 12, 2026. 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 Friday, June 12, 2026, 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.

Please check off the method of payment and indicate if you are making a donation:

_____ Check Enclosed

_____ Paid online on the JJMS PTO Website - <https://jjmspto.membershiptoolkit.com>

_____ Payment Plan on JJMS PTO Website: 3/13/26, 4/13/26 and 5/13/26

_\$_____ Optional: Additional amount enclosed for a Trip Scholarship.

BOTH SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

FILL OUT ONLY IF INTERESTED IN BEING A CHAPERONE IF NEEDED

_____ If additional chaperones are needed, I would like to chaperone.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____