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Dear Parents of 8th Graders:

As an enrichment activity related to the 8th grade curriculum, Haynes Bridge Middle School annually offers an overnight field trip through various points of Georgia history and interest. This year, the dates of the trip are October 15-17, 2014. The itinerary for the trip includes the following stops and activities:

October 15 th	October 16 th	October 17 th
7:00 -Students should report to HBMS cafeteria with suitcase, lunch, spending money. 7:30 - Depart from HBMS 12:30-2:30 - Fort Jackson (Lunch and Program) Students MUST bring their own lunch 3-4:00 - 1 st African Baptist Church visit 4:15-5:15 -River Street 5:30-6:30 -Dinner at Mall 7-9:00 -River Boat Cruise 9:30 PM --Hotel check in Boys-Country Inn and Suites/ Girls-Spring Hill Suites	6:00 - Wake up time 7:00 -Report to breakfast 8:00 - Depart for Savannah 8:30-9:30 -TramTour 10:30-11:30 -Fort King George 12-12:30 -Chick Fil A Picnic 1:30-2:30 -Jeykll Island Tram 3-4:00 -Beach Time 5:30-6:30 -Dinner at Mall in Savannah 7-8:30 -Ghost Tour 9:00 -Return to hotel	8:00AM Depart Hotel (Students will pack, eat breakfast, and final room check will be completed between 6-8.) 11:30-12:30 -Plains, GA w/tour and shopping 12:30-1:00 -Subway picnic 2:30-4:00 -Warm Springs 5-6:00 - Arrive back at Haynes Bridge Middle (Students will be instructed to call home when we are an hour away from the school.)

***Itinerary is subject to change.**

The cost of the trip is \$300.00, **which includes all expenses except lunch October 15th, souvenirs, and snacks.** The complete payment of \$300.00 is requested on one of the following Fridays- **09/05, 09/12, 09/19, 09/26, or 10/03.** **No payments will be accepted after 10/03.** Payments can be sent to school with the student, and must be made in the media center before 1st period. Students will be given a packet of information and forms (medical, permission slips, etc.) to be submitted **at the time of payment.** **The school reserves the right to cancel the trip if sufficient funds are not collected. We will notify parents in advance should we not receive sufficient funds to support the trip. No refunds will be given after October 7, 2014. No exceptions.**

This trip is not a required activity; however, we do encourage students to participate in this exciting educational experience. Students who choose not to go on the trip will continue with their regular school schedule. **Please consult your calendars for any potential conflicts before committing to this trip.**

Students must meet basic guidelines in order to qualify for participation in this trip. This is essential for assuring the educational quality of the trip and the safety of the students. The guidelines are as follows:

***Academic Requirements:**

The academic performance of a student should reflect his/her best effort. In order to be eligible for the trip, students maintain passing average (70 or higher) in four out of five core classes. Any student who does not maintain a passing grade in four out of five core classes will not be allowed to attend the 8th grade Georgia field trip. Students must successfully complete academic activities in preparation for the trip and all academic requirements during the trip.

***Behavioral Requirements:**

A student may not have any in- school, out of school, or bus suspensions from August 27th – October 15th.

*** Students who do not meet the requirements will not be eligible for the trip. Parents and students will be notified of their ineligibility by October 3rd. If there are any behavioral concerns, after October 3rd, students will not be able to participate. No refunds will be given after October 7, 2014. The administration of the school reserves the right to make the final decision on the eligibility of a student to participate in this activity.**

A meeting for parents of students interested in participating in the trip will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the gym. All information shared at the meeting will also be sent home with the students. If you have any questions concerning the trip, please contact the school at 770-740-7030 ext. 132.

Respectfully,

Rashida Armstrong, Assistant Principal

