

WELCOME TO 8TH GRADE

THE LAST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL!



ACADEMY APPLICATIONS & HIGH SCHOOL BLITZ

- **HIGH SCHOOL BLITZ - DECEMBER 1ST AT MMS**
- **ACADEMY APPLICATIONS OPEN IN JANUARY**
- **APPLY THROUGH HAC**
- **TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED FOR AICE & IB PROGRAMS**
- **[HTTPS://CTE.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/](https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/)**



We are here to help! Tutoring, Academic Lunch, Remediation

8TH GRADE ASSESSMENTS

- **FLDOE REQUIRED F.A.S.T.**
 - 3 ELA/MATH TESTS PER YEAR, 1 SCIENCE, & 1 WRITING
 - PM 1 ELA & MATH IN AUGUST
 - PM 2 ELA & MATH IN DECEMBER
 - WRITING IN APRIL
 - PM 3 ELA, MATH, SCIENCE IN MAY
 - EOC ASSESSMENTS IN MAY: CIVICS, BIOLOGY, ALGEBRA, & GEOMETRY
 - [HTTPS://WWW-MMS.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/TESTING/](https://www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/)



WASHINGTON D.C.

- **At this time the registration for DC is currently closed, we have 57 parents, teachers and students who will be attending the trip.**
- **Any students who registered after the September 15th deadline have been placed on the waiting list.**
- **There are upcoming payments on October 1st and November 1st.**
- **The final payment is due on December 1st.**
- **A parent meeting with information for all attending will be on December 16th.**



**8TH GRADE DC TRIP:
GREENLIGHT GROUP TOURS
JAN 12TH-16TH, 2026**

ADDITIONAL FIELD STUDIES

- On November 22nd , we will take students to the Florida Classic in Orlando for the FAMU vs B-CU football game, career fair, and battle of the bands. The cost is \$25.
- In March 2026, we will take 8th graders only to Tallahassee to the FAMU Spring Preview. They will attend a presentation and tour the school. The cost is \$25.





May 21st, 2026

Gradventure Trip

What is it?



- 8th grade trip to Universal Orlando
- Thursday, May 21st
- Leave MMS at 1 PM
- Return approximately 2:30 AM
- Excused from school 5/22
- Park is closed to public @ 7 PM
- Travel between IOA and Universal
 - Hogwarts Express
 - Walkway starts @ 7PM

Who can attend?

- Any MMS 8th grader with
 - No OSS after 10/1/25
 - No more than 2 days ISS after 10/1/25
 - Regular attendance
 - On track to pass after 3rd Quarter



What is included?



- Admission to both parks
- Charter Bus transportation
- Meal ticket
- T-shirt

How much does it cost?



- \$245 (est.) due by February 20th
- Cash or check payable to Murray Middle School
- OR Credit Card via Schoolpay
- Partial payments are accepted with final payment by 2/20/26
- Refunds requested in writing
- NO Refunds after 3/23/26
- No Season passes

What else do I need to know?

- Students will stay with a partner of their choosing all night
- Check in at 8PM and 12AM
- Must wear provided t-shirt
- Bags and phones are not allowed on rollercoasters
- Students are responsible for items brought on trip



Questions?

- Permission slips will be sent home as soon as we have a final cost from Universal
- Paperwork will be posted on MMS website
- Email dawn.brailsfordmoretta@stjohns.k12.fl.us with other questions

8th Grade Week

May 26- 29

Tuesday through Friday
(No school 5/25 - Memorial Day)

8th Grade Awards Ceremony
will take place at SAHS on
Wednesday 5/27 at 6:00 pm

8th graders must consistently display
our BARK expectations.



8TH GRADE FORMAL DANCE

DATE: MAY 1ST, 2026

COST: \$TBD

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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

EFFECTIVE JAN. 5, 2026 MMS 8TH GRADERS WITH:

- NO OSS

- NO MORE THAN 2 DAYS OF ISS

- NO MORE THAN 3 DISCIPLINE REFERRALS

- REGULAR ATTENDANCE (INCLUDING TARDIES)

- ON TRACK TO PASS ALL SUBJECT
AREAS/CLASSES AFTER 3RD QUARTER



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How much does it
cost? TBD

We would LOVE
and APPRECIATE
any donations!

What does it include?

- 8th Grade Breakfast
- Field Day
- Cookout
- Game Day
- Award Ceremony
- Admission to Faculty vs Student Game
- Yearbook Signing “Party”



Questions?

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