

# Long Valley Middle School

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**To:** LVMS Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students  
**From:** C. Smith, K. Demarest, M. Ippolito  
**Re:** Gettysburg/Hershey Park Trip  
**Date:** April 20, 2022

Arrangements have been completed for the trip to Gettysburg and Hershey Park on June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the Coach USA Bus Company, and the entire class will be staying at the Best Western Premier Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (phone#: 717-561-2800).

Chaperones will include eighth grade teachers, 2 nurses, administrators and additional staff members as needed. Students who have a past history of motion sickness should contact the school nurse, Mrs. Pinto at 908-876-3434 ext. 2322. Should your child become ill or injured during the trip a nurse will evaluate and treat your child. The nurse will decide if your child is able to remain with the class or if a parent must come to pick the child up.

Both Houses (8-1 & 8-2) will be following similar itineraries. Gettysburg will be the first day of the trip with a plan to visit sites such as the visitor center/museum, National Cemetery, and a battlefield tour. After the Gettysburg Tour, buses will depart for the Best Western Hotel in Harrisburg. After arrival, check-in and dinner, the buses will depart for a twilight trip to Hershey Park. Students will return to the hotel at 10:30 P.M.

All meals, transportation, rooms and admission fees will be provided. The final cost of the trip and Grad Day Celebration Luncheon is \$338.00. After the initial deposit of \$100.00, **the balance due for each student is \$238.00**. Students not attending the trip will pay a \$25 fee to cover other costs associated with our promotion celebrations (T-Shirts and luncheon). Checks should be made payable to the **Long Valley Middle School** and all students attending the trip must have the payment in no later than Monday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, concerns or financial needs related to the trip, please contact Mr. Demarest or Mrs. Smith.

On Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, students will assemble at the following locations at the middle school between **7:00 and 7:20 AM**. *Note: We strongly advise students to carpool on their way to the school as the light in the 'center of town' can become congested with the increased vehicles.*

House 8-1     MPR/cafeteria, entering through the main door to the building  
House 8-2     Boys' side of north gym, entering through the main doors to the building

**Students should eat breakfast before arriving at school.** Cameras and other valuable personal items should be kept with the student at all times. Students are responsible for safe-guarding these personal items.

Buses will return to the Long Valley Middle School at approximately **6:30 PM** on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Due to the large number of students and limited parking, we again encourage carpooling. **Students must have someone waiting to take them home.**

## Expectations & Rules

The attached permission slip should be signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher no later than **Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>**. This indicates that you and your child have discussed the following rules of conduct. These rules will be further discussed at school. *Please be mindful that in order to ensure the safety of all students, appropriate school behavior during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year is a prerequisite for being allowed to attend the trip.* **Hardcopies of the permission slip will be available in homerooms for any students who need one.**

### **CLOTHING:**

1. Please keep in mind that students will be representing the Long Valley Middle School, so they should dress accordingly. **If clothing would not be considered appropriate for school, then it is not appropriate for the trip.**
2. For the tour of Gettysburg National Cemetery, modest, respectful attire is required: **no short shorts or short skirts.**
3. NO flip flops at Gettysburg; sneakers are preferable due to the amount of walking.
4. Camisole style tops and Crop tops are **NOT** acceptable.
5. Students will be given two Class T-shirts, one for Monday evening and one for Tuesday. These shirts must be worn at all times while at Hershey Park. The shirts are not to be cut or torn but must be worn as intended.
6. Bathing suits are permitted for the Boardwalk/water attractions section of Hershey Park, provided that **class T-shirts be worn at all times.**

### **RULES FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

1. **Possession and use of cigarettes, alcoholic beverages or drugs is prohibited.** *Students should anticipate that bags may be checked by administrators before the trip departs.*
2. All students should behave appropriately.
3. Students may not change seats/stand while the bus is moving.
4. Yelling or excessive noise or fooling around will not be tolerated.
5. Students should listen to, and follow, the teachers' directions at all times.
6. While touring Gettysburg, cell phone usage may be restricted.
7. No glass bottles or soda/seltzer will be allowed on the bus.
8. Grooming kit and at least one change of clothing are needed.
9. Make sure your name is on your suitcase.
10. Do not communicate with strangers.
11. **Parents will be notified immediately by telephone of any serious infractions of the rules, in which case they will need to pick up their child.**

### **RULES AT HOTEL:**

1. No running or excessive noise in the hotel area will be tolerated.
2. Rooms must be maintained and kept in order.
3. The door to your room should be locked at all times. Do not open the door until you have identified that it is a school chaperone.
4. Rooms will be inspected the following morning before departure.
5. Phones in the room may be used only to contact the front desk for a chaperone **in an emergency.**
6. Students **may not leave their rooms** unless instructed by a chaperone. (No visiting friends in other rooms.)

**2022 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**  
**Gettysburg & Hershey Park**

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**LVMS Cell Phone/Electronics Policy and Permission Slip**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

While we understand and appreciate the conveniences of communicating via cell phone for parents & families, the use of cell phones by students on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip brings unprecedented and evolving concerns. Clearly, the use of social media is widespread among our student population and, although it is not typically the intent of the school to manage or regulate usage, this trip is accompanied by a heightened responsibility on the part of our students to make responsible decisions. A single and momentary lack of discretion and a poor decision to broadcast anything inappropriate can truly be life altering.

As such, it is critical that we impress upon our students the importance of responsible technology and social media usage and activity – throughout their daily lives and, especially, on this trip. In the past, we have had to manage poor decisions ranging from cyber-bullying and peer conflict to those that could well have culminated into criminal charges spanning both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

One effort to mitigate concerns and preempt potential for misuse that proved very effective during our trip experience last year was the collection of student devices during the overnight period of the trip. As previously stated in the Letter of Intent that went home in January, students participating in the trip will be submitting their devices to be held securely during the overnight portion of the trip. Students who do not submit devices, will be removed from the trip. Each student will be provided a zip-locking style bag, labeled with their name, for this purpose. On Monday evening, upon return from Hershey park (approximately 11PM); teacher chaperones will circulate to rooms to collect student cell phones for safe keeping overnight. *Please note that students will not be able to charge their devices at this time.* Student devices will be distributed Tuesday morning before heading to breakfast.

**Cell Phone Permission Form**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, and I understand that the rules and expectations for cell phone usage on this trip apply the same as they would for any school day on campus. We also understand that misuse of phones or abuse of this privilege may result in the phone being confiscated. My child and I also understand that if he/she fails to adhere to regulations in public buildings preventing the use of cell phones, he/she will risk surrendering it to authorities or school chaperones.

Child's Cell Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A special day for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students called “8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Day” will take place on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>; if you are planning out of school appointments, please keep in mind that there are activities planned for students on that day. There will be morning classes/activities, followed by an outdoor BBQ lunch.

The **Promotion Celebration & Dance** is also planned for **Friday, June 10, 2022**. The middle school Promotion Celebration is NOT meant as a mini-prom. Attire should be age level appropriate for our 14 year old students. As in the past, we are requesting that all students wear “Classy Casual” attire; polo/button down shirts and khaki pants/shorts for the boys, appropriate length dresses or dress shorts for the girls.

### ***And, finally...Please Save the Date!***

The LVMS Promotion Ceremony, itself, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, with a rain date of Thursday, June 16 (moving the event indoors, if needed), beginning at 6:30pm (students are expected to report earlier). Current planning is to have the Promotion Ceremony outdoors as we did last year, provided the weather cooperates. Additional information specific to the LVMS Promotion will be coming your way shortly.



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**Dear Parent/Guardians:**

**Our School Medical Inspector, Ronald M Frank, MD has authorized the administration of the following medications by the School Nurse for the overnight trip: Acetaminophen 325mg tablets (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Advil) 200mg tablets, allergy eye drops and generic cough drops. Doses appropriate to weight. Parental or guardian permission is required. Please complete this form and return to Mrs. Pinto before May 13, 2022. This form pertains to this trip only, separate from our current school year form that you may have already filled out.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

House: 8-1 8-2  
(circle)

The following medications will be supplied by the school district: **Check those you would like us to administer.**

- \_\_\_ Acetaminophen dosed according to weight and product label.
- \_\_\_ Ibuprofen dosed according to weight and product label.
- \_\_\_ Generic Cough Drops dosed according to product label.
- \_\_\_ Allergy eye drops
- \_\_\_ Tums

I hereby give my permission for the school nurse to administer **the aforementioned medications** when necessary, during the school trip. **I understand that this releases the school from liability should a reaction result from the medication.**

\_\_\_\_\_ day phone number

\_\_\_\_\_ parent cell phone number

\_\_\_\_\_ night phone number

\_\_\_\_\_ student cell phone number

\_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Company

\_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder

\_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name Printed

Student Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

List any allergies/treatments: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if applicable: Epi pen \_\_\_\_\_ (student will self-carry for trip) Inhaler \_\_\_\_\_ (student will self-carry for trip)

List any current health issues/concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICIAN'S ORDER FOR OTHER MEDICATIONS DURING THE TRIP**

**For ALL other medications (prescription, homeopathic treatments, OTC medications, etc). IMPORTANT NOTE: By LAW, all medication must be in original prescription bottle with the current prescription label and will be held and administered by the School Nurse.**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Medication/Dose \_\_\_\_\_

Times and Reason for administration \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Signature/Stamp \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For nurses only: **Medication Administration**

Date:	Time	Medication	Signature