

# The Exploratory School

Middle School 447

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

It is our pleasure to announce the upcoming senior activities taking place this year.

- **May 9-10, 2024:** Club Getaway overnight trip
- **June 13, 2024:** Six Flags Great Adventure trip
- **June 21, 2024:** 8th grade dance at Dyker Beach Golf Course located at 86<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228 from 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm

## Graduation:

- o **June 12, 2024:** Graduation rehearsal at MS 447
- o **June 14, 2024:** Graduation rehearsal at Graduation Site (Bishop Ford Pre-K Center, located at 500 19th St, Brooklyn, NY 11215) from 12:30pm-2:00pm.
- o **June 18, 2024:** Graduation Ceremony at the Bishop Ford Pre-K Center located at 500 19th St, Brooklyn, NY 11215 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

The cost of senior dues is **\$255.00** per student. This includes:

Admission and Transportation to and from Six Flags	\$110.00
A class of 2024 T-Shirt	\$15.00
Cap and Tassel	\$15.00
2024 School Yearbook	\$20.00
8th grade Dance held at Dyker Beach Golf Course	\$95.00

In addition to senior dues, the 8th grade will be attending an overnight trip to Club Getaway in Connecticut from May 9th to May 10th. The current total cost of this trip is **\$300 per student**. With the support of the PTA, there will be fundraising opportunities in order to bring down the per student amount. Once fundraising has ended, we will reach out with the final cost and paperwork for the overnight trip.

**No child will be turned away for financial reasons. About 50% of MS 447 families live at or below the poverty line, and all extra costs can be difficult for many. If you are able, we would be grateful if you can donate to help defray the cost for other students. You can do so by donating through the link at the end of this letter.**

Two payment options are available:

Option 1: Pay in full	Option 2: pay in 2 payments
\$255.00 due March 15, 2024	\$127.50 due March 15, 2024
	\$127.50 due April 15, 2024

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**We prefer payments to be submitted electronically [using this link](http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniordues) (<http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniordues>).**

However, we accept cash and checks as well. If paying by check, please make checks payable to **MS 447 PTA**. All payments should be submitted to the main office in a sealed envelope and include your student's name and class. If you pay via the online portal, you must still submit the attached orange sheet (page 4) to 447. If you have any questions or concerns, or are interested in scholarship support, please complete [this google form](http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniorduesaid) (<http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniorduesaid>) or contact Amy Sirot, the Parent Coordinator ([asirot@ms447.org](mailto:asirot@ms447.org)).

Finally, all senior activities are contingent on academic standing and behavior. If your child exhibits inappropriate behavior or is in poor academic standing, your child may not be permitted to attend a particular activity, as determined by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade staff and administration. Please note: We cannot refund any money after May 31, 2024 , including cases in which your child has been excluded for behavior.

We look forward to the excitement of the next few months!

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Team

## Electronic Payment information

QR Code	Link
	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniordues">http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniordues</a>

**If you are not paying electronically, please submit payment and page 4 (the orange sheet) to the main office.**

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Participation in 8th grade celebrations (the overnight trip to Club Getaway, the Six Flags trip, dance, and the graduation ceremony) is based upon your behavior, attendance and the completion of promotional criteria. **Any decisions made about student participation in these non academic activities will be reviewed by the 8th grade team and may be adjusted based on demonstrated behavior. If you're in jeopardy of being taken off an activity, parents/guardians will be made aware via communications by teachers, the RJC, and administration.**

**Here are possible reasons you would be considered in jeopardy of participating in these senior activities:**

<b>Academic/Behavioral concerns</b>
If you have received a <b>SAVE removal</b> due to persistent misbehavior
If you have <b>excessive</b> unexcused lateness to class <b>OR</b> if you skipped (cut) class (this includes leaving class without permission)
If you have been involved in <b>multiple</b> behavioral incidents (which include verbal and/or physical incidents) that resulted in parent contact, anecdotes, detention, and/or out of class conference (ie, mediations, restorative circles/practices)
If you are <b>promotion in doubt</b> (for chronic absences/latenesses, refusal to do work)
If you have received a <b>suspension</b> due to either persistent verbal and/or physical misbehavior and or one significant altercation that caused harm

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## Class of 2024 Senior Activities Permission Slip

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

Class 80 \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check any of the following that apply and include the corresponding payment:

You can purchase any component of the senior dues or all of it. (IE: If you only want to send your student to Six Flags and the dance then you would just pay for those two components. But this means that your student will not receive a 2024 t-shirt, cap and tassel or yearbook.)

Item/Activity	Cost	Included in payment?
Admission and Transportation to and from Six Flags	\$110.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
A class of 2024 T-Shirt	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cap and Tassel	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
2024 School Yearbook	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
8th grade Dance held at Dyker Beach Golf Course	\$95.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

**TOTAL: \$255.00**

### **Please check all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ paid in **full**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my **first payment** of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am *a/so* enclosing an **additional donation** of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used towards scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am requesting **financial assistance** so that my child can participate in these activities. Please be sure to complete [this google form](http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniorduesaid) (<http://tinyurl.com/ms447seniorduesaid>) as well.

\_\_\_\_\_ I paid using the online portal.

**2024 T-shirt size** (adult sizing) \_\_\_\_\_

### ***\* Student and Parent/Guardian Signature Required \****

By signing below, I understand that my attendance at senior activities depends on my positive behavior and good academic standing. If I behave inappropriately or I am in poor academic standing, as determined by my teachers and administration, I may not be allowed to attend one or more 8th grade activities.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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