



Glenview Public Schools – Springman Middle School



Jason Kaiz, Principal

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April 2017

Dear Parents,

While we have almost two months of school remaining, planning has begun for both our graduation ceremony and our graduation party. Students who have met all requirements for graduation will be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Glenbrook South High School's Watson Auditorium. This ceremony celebrates the hard work and commitment of our students and their families. It is an evening that will be remembered for many years to come.

Following the ceremony, families are invited to join the graduates in a brief reception in the GBS Cafeteria. At 8:30 p.m., the students will board buses that will take them back to Springman for their Graduation Party. This celebration is organized in cooperation with the PTA and all eighth grade students who have met the requirements for graduation will be able to attend this wonderful event. Sorry parents, only Springman students are allowed to attend the party! Also, students must ride the buses provided to Springman to attend the dance (students may not be dropped off at Springman by parents). The party will take place from 8:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Age-appropriate attire for the ceremony should be worn by our graduates. Good slacks (or a suit), shirt, tie, socks and shoes are to be worn by the boys. Summer dresses (street-length) or dress pants are to be worn by our girl graduates. Appropriately heeled, "broken in" shoes will make the evening's use of stairs both comfortable and safe. Graduation from eighth grade does not warrant formal attire. This means NO cocktail dresses, gowns, or strapless/backless/plunging neckline dresses for our 13-14 year olds. Additionally, dresses with spaghetti straps may ONLY be worn with a cover-up. Parental guidance in the matter of appropriate attire is appreciated.

You will find important information about the graduation party on the attached flyer. **Please review this information carefully, complete the bottom portion, and return it with your child's graduation party fee by April 28, 2017.**

Information and details about the graduation ceremony, along with tickets to the ceremony, will be mailed home in late May.

We have much to accomplish in the remaining months of the school year! While we plan for graduation and all the related end-of-year activities, we are mindful of the importance of each school day and the need to remain focused on the business of school. Thank you for supporting your child in these efforts, as we will have much to celebrate on June 5th!

Sincerely,

Allyson C. Thorne  
Assistant Principal



# Springman Class of 2017

This year's **Graduation Party** will be a great time for students to connect with their friends and enjoy each other's company before they head off to high school. This is a party no 8<sup>th</sup> grader will want to miss! There will be a D.J. and dancing, food and fun, and great decorations. Below are a few important details to review to insure a wonderful evening for your child.

1. **The party will be held at Springman Middle School on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 pm –10:30 pm.** As in previous years, the party will be chaperoned by teachers and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents. This is a school sponsored event so all school rules apply. This party is for Springman eighth grade graduates only – no 8<sup>th</sup> grade family members or guests will attend the festivities.
2. Immediately following the graduation ceremony, there will be a brief reception in the GBS Cafeteria. At 8:30 p.m., students will board buses that will take them back to Springman for their Graduation Party. Students must be transported by school bus from GBS to Springman for the party (graduates may not be driven by family members, etc. to Springman).
3. **When picking up your child at the conclusion of the party, please use the Washington Road parking lot.** All students should be picked up promptly at 10:30 pm from this lot.
4. **Attire for Graduation Party:** Because students will go to the party directly from the graduation ceremony, student attire should meet the guidelines outlined for the graduation ceremony (see cover letter). It would be helpful for families to collect diploma covers and gowns from the graduates following the ceremony rather than have students carry these to the party.
5. **Class T-shirt:** All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a souvenir class t-shirt (distributed in early June). The t-shirt will have a design to compliment the party theme. **This t-shirt is mandatory for participation in the Great America trip.**
6. **Cost:** \$22.00 per student. Cash or check (made payable to the "Springman-Attea PTA") should be sent to school with your child no later than April 28, 2017. Your child will then present the payment to the designated team teacher.

(Please retain the top portion for your reference!)



## GRADUATION PARTY and T-SHIRT FEE

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

**Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-Shirt Size:** XS S M L XL  
(Adult sizing, circle one)

Donations to the Graduation Party Fund (in addition to your child's party fee) are greatly appreciated!

If your child will not be attending the party, but is planning on going to Great America, he/she will need to return this order form with \$8 to cover the cost of the field trip's mandatory t-shirt.

**Please return to your child's team teacher by April 28, 2017.**





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Dear Parents and Students,

As one of the culminating 8<sup>th</sup> grade experiences, the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is taking a trip to Great America on Friday, June 2, 2017. This trip is a celebration of their three years together, where they've been, and where they're going. Attached please find a permission slip for the trip. The fee for the trip is \$43.00 and covers entrance to the park and transportation. You also have the option of donating an amount of your choice (\$7 is suggested) to assist those with financial need. If your child has a season pass to Great America, it will be accepted at the park and only transportation fees are required. Students will be responsible for buying lunch of their choice while at the park so they will need to bring additional funds on the day of the trip for this purpose. If you are unable to pay for the cost of the trip but would like your child to participate, financial assistance is available if you or your child contact the grade level social worker, Rachel Grossman.

**On the day of the trip, students must have their school ID for entry to the park.** This is a park rule and requirement. Students will leave for the trip at approximately 9:15 a.m. Included in this packet is an order form to purchase a Great America shirt (and the Graduation Party fee) through the PTA/Graduation Committee. It will be mandatory for all students attending the trip to wear this t-shirt. Wearing the shirts increases the security for our students, as well as enables us to identify them within a crowd of hundreds of other park visitors. Students will enjoy "structured freedom" while at the park. While they will be able to move through the park with their friends and classmates, students are **REQUIRED** to check in with their team teachers during their time at the park. (Failure to report for a check-in will result in spending the remainder of the field trip under direct supervision of a chaperone or parents will be called to come to the park and pick up their child to end the field trip.) In addition, students will always be able to find a Springman adult while at the park because two locations within the park will be staffed by Springman faculty members at all times during the field trip. If students need adult assistance at any time during their time at the park, they can go to one of these spots to find a teacher ready to help them.

At the end of the day, buses will leave Great America at 5:45 p.m. and return to Springman's west parking lot (Washington Road) at approximately 6:30 p.m. that evening. In order to facilitate student pick-up, we ask that students **pre-arrange their rides home** from school. Carpooling would certainly help alleviate the bottleneck of over 250 vehicles in our parking lot!

***The deadline for your child to return his/her permission slip is Friday, April 28, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions to this deadline as final administrative procedures involving our Business Office, the theme park, and the bus company must be completed.***

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In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made on the morning of June 2<sup>nd</sup> whether or not we will go to the park. Should the trip be cancelled, each student who purchased a ticket will be given a ticket at the end of that day. The tickets can be used any day during Great America's season. Refunds will NOT be issued. In addition, a contingency plan will be created that will provide our eighth graders with an alternate activity that day. If, on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is necessary to cancel the trip to Great America, we will implement our contingency plan. As we approach the date of the Great America trip, we will advise students about the likelihood that we will need to implement the contingency plan. This plan would require students to bring additional funds to school to cover the cost of lunch and any activity fees.

We look forward to celebrating the conclusion of your child's three years at Springman. This field trip will allow us to share a fun-filled day as the Class of 2017. **As with all end-of-the-year activities, this field trip is a privilege granted to students in good academic and behavioral standing.** It is incumbent upon each student to maintain good standing in order to participate in the field trip. Should you have any questions about the trip or your child's participation, please call one of your child's B Block teachers. Please note that by signing the permission slip you are indicating that you have reviewed with your child all expectations for the field trip and are giving your permission for your child to participate.

Sincerely,



Jason Kaiz  
Principal

# SPRINGMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Great America Parent Permission Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

I understand the nature of the trip being planned to \_\_\_\_\_ Great America \_\_\_\_\_, weather permitting.  
(Destination)

Destination Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Great America Parkway, Gurnee, Illinois \_\_\_\_\_

On: \_\_\_\_\_ June 2, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ Leave: 9:20 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Return: 6:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I understand that transportation will be provided by: \_\_\_\_\_ Alltown School Bus \_\_\_\_\_ and that the cost is:  
(Mode of transportation)

### Please Check One Box Below

Includes Admission Ticket: \$ 35.00 + \$8.00 + \$ Varies + On your own = \$43.00 + Lunch \$ + Donation  
Admission Transportation Donation Lunch Total  
(Suggestion \$7)

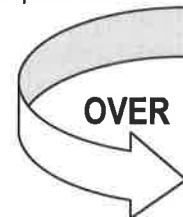
With a Season Pass: \$0.00 + \$8.00 + \$ Varies + On your own = \$8.00 + Lunch \$ + Donation  
Admission Transportation Donation Lunch Total  
(Suggestion \$7)

**Please note:** this cost **does not** include lunch. **On the day of the trip, your child should be prepared to purchase his/her own lunch and any other food/snacks in the Park!**

I understand that in the event of rain and/or other inclement weather conditions that prevent the trip to Great America, the trip will be moved to an appropriate location yet to be determined. Details regarding the alternate activity and its location and related fees will be shared with you and your child prior to the trip should the weather forecast merit the need.

I understand that notification about the change in destination from Great America to the alternate site will be made via the District web site. **In the event of cancellation of the Great America trip, if my child has paid the admission fee, my child will receive an "any day" ticket for full admission to Great America during their 2017 season.**

I understand that my child must have his/her **school ID** to present at the entrance to the park on the day of the trip for entry to Great America. I also understand that **my child is expected to wear the "Class T-Shirt" throughout the day of the field trip.** The t-shirt will be provided to students prior to the trip.



In the event that a student must return to Springman independently for reasons of health, accident, or failure to conform to rules established by the teacher(s) in charge, I agree to accept full responsibility for such costs.

Please complete the contact information below. In the event of an emergency during this activity, the school will make every attempt to contact me personally, using the information below. If the school cannot reach me, the school will use the emergency contact information that I provided at registration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (Phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (Phone)

My child has the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ asthma \_\_\_\_\_ diabetes other: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has a known sensitivity to the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ bee stings \_\_\_\_\_ nuts other: \_\_\_\_\_

Required medication: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**My child's cell phone number is** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If your child requires medication, please be sure that the medication and the medication authorization form are in the School Health Office. (If required, an epipen MUST be provided for all field trips.)

I understand the purposes of and procedures governing the trip and hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return this completed form to your child's team teacher no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017 – no exceptions.**