

GALATIA CUSD #1

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8th grade parents/guardians:

The end of the school year is quickly approaching! Enclosed is information regarding 8th grade field trip and Graduation.

8th Grade Field Trip to Holiday World

This year's field trip will be on Friday, May 18th. Your student's Holiday World ticket is provided. They are responsible for food expenses. The schedule for the trip is as follows:

- Students should arrive to the school at 7:15
- Bus will leave at 7:30
- Bus will stop at McDonald's in Carmi
- Arrive to Holiday World by 10:00
- Leave Holiday World at 4:00
- Bus will stop at Subway
- Return between 6:30-7:00

Students must follow Holiday World Dress Code:

Holiday World

Shoes, shirts and shorts are required for admission to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (even for Guests wishing to use only the water park); shorts must be long enough to fully cover the wearer's backside. Swimsuit tops must be covered by a shirt (or cover-up that is not see-through) when worn in Holiday World. Clothing or body art which Holiday World determines is rude, vulgar or contains inflammatory language or graphics is not permitted. "Heelys" and "Rollies"-style shoes not permitted; wheels must be retracted or removed from shoes.

Splashin' Safari

To participate at Splashin' Safari, swimwear or shorts and shirts may be worn and must be modest in design. No revealing (such as "cheekster" bikini bottoms or thongs) swimwear allowed. No "mermaid tails" or swimming fins. Clothing or body art which Holiday World determines is rude, vulgar or contains inflammatory language or graphics is not permitted. Swim shoes, sandals, and aqua socks are allowed (and encouraged if your feet are sensitive) on the water slides. Children in diapers must wear swim diapers (available in our shops). Guests must change into street clothes (shoes, shorts and shirts) before returning to Holiday World. Showers and changing rooms are provided and rental lockers are available.

8th Grade Graduation and Cost

The 8th grade graduation ceremony will be held on May 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school gym. **The cost of the 8th grade graduation cap, gown and tassel is \$25.00. Please send the \$25.00 with your child on or before May 7, 2018.** If you would like to write a check please make it payable to Galatia High School. 8th grade graduates should arrive at the high school at 5:30, dressed and ready for pictures.

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONY

Participation in the 8th grade promotion and 12th grade graduation ceremonies is a privilege and may be revoked at any time by district administrators. For students who have worked hard and had good attendance, this is a chance to walk with pride and show the community that academic success has been attained. It is expected that students will act in a mature manner during the graduation ceremony. To participate, the following expectations will be met:

1. You are not to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You will be removed from the graduation ceremony if you are found to be under the influence of either.
2. If your behavior disrupts the ceremony in any manner you will be removed and excluded from the remainder of the ceremony.
3. You must dress in a manner appropriate for a ceremonial occasion (collared shirt of a neutral color-white, off-white, gray, black or blue- and nice pants for boys; nice dress or pants for girls). No flip-flops or Croc-style shoes. High heeled or spike heeled shoes can be difficult to walk in so please choose your shoes wisely. You will be required to change if your clothing and/or footwear are not appropriate.
4. Graduation caps are to be worn level with the floor and tassels are to be worn over the right front edge until the "changing of the tassel" ceremony upon receiving the diploma. You may not decorate your cap and gown in an in-appropriate manner.
5. You may not carry anything with you into the graduation ceremony.

Students may, however, be excluded from this ceremony if:

- the student has had an excessive number of disciplinary infractions as determined by the administration
- students have not met the minimum requirements for graduation or students have not completed disciplinary assignments to the satisfaction of the administration

- students owe outstanding debts to the school or agents thereof as determined by the administration
- students fail to attend scheduled graduation practices
- the administration views behavior or other factors which would damage the credibility of the school.

Students who are disruptive/disrespectful during graduation practice may be excluded from participation in graduation ceremonies. Any disciplinary action assigned during practice must be completed. Diplomas will be held until after graduation ceremonies are completed. Any action deemed by the administration as inappropriate or disruptive shall be grounds for disciplinary consequences. **STUDENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE DIPLOMAS OR HAVE TRANSCRIPTS CLEARED FOR RELEASE UNTIL ALL DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.**

Disciplinary consequences may be assigned for completion up to (2) weeks after the conclusion of the school year.

Sincerely,

Kristin Jones, 8th grade sponsor

Logan Spain, 8th grade sponsor

John Cummins, Principal