Dear 8th Grade Parents,

I am very pleased to contact you about Warren Middle School’s end-of-year 8th grade activities, which include: 
A. an optional overnight field trip, B. the graduation ceremony and C. the post-graduation dance.

A. WMS and the PTO are proud to offer an optional educational opportunity in the form of an overnight field trip to Philadelphia. Contingent upon appropriate behavior during the school year, every student in the 8th grade is eligible to attend. **No student will be denied access to this field trip due to financial hardship.** Please contact me directly and **confidentially** in this case by **March 2, 2016**.

The overnight trip is planned for Thursday, June 2, and Friday, June 3, 2016, and will include:
- a visit to the Aquarium in Camden
- a tour of the Philadelphia Historic District
- a visit to the Franklin Institute w/luncheon
- a tour of the Constitution Center
- a tour of the Eastern State Penitentiary
- evening activity at *Dave and Busters* in Philadelphia

Also included are:
- round trip transportation via motor coach
- admissions to all venues
- 1 night hotel accommodation
- hotel security
- game cards.

The full itinerary will be discussed at the parent meeting to be held on the evening of **April 20, 2016**.

Please remember that participation in the field trip is optional. Any student not participating is legally required to attend school. Educational activities will be provided each day.

The PTO is able to lower the cost per student substantially - $125 - because of fundraisers such as Food Days and the Annual Appeal. **This brings the final cost per student to $295 for the trip.** This will be reduced further if your child participated in the magazine sale.*

| Overnight Trip | Total Cost per Student: $420 | PTO Subsidy: $125 | Final Cost Per Student*: $295 |

B. Graduation will be held in the Middle School gymnasium, the final date to be determined by our use of snow days. This year we are using the same vendor to purchase lightweight gowns, caps, and tassels for each student, which can be kept as a memento of the occasion. However, as a result of decreased student enrollment, and therefore fundraising, the PTO cannot easily absorb the cost, and we are asking each student to purchase the set for $15.00. This allows the PTO to still generously fund the graduation dance. However, if this constitutes a financial hardship, please contact me directly and **confidentially** by **March 2, 2016**. More information will follow.

C. The PTO is planning to host a graduation dance. Further information on this dance will be forthcoming as we ascertain the date of graduation.
If you intend for your child to attend the optional 8th grade overnight trip, please fill in the attached tour company’s permission slip as well as the form at the bottom of this page. Please have your child return both to their Homeroom teacher by Friday, December 18, 2015. Attendance numbers are critical for planning.

Under separate cover, the PTO will contact you at the beginning of February regarding the necessary monetary contribution per child required to bring this field trip and end of the year graduation celebration to fruition. Please contact PTO representative Mrs. Lisa Van Skiver (lisavs@optonline.net) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Comba

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Principal

PLEASE RETURN TO HOMEROOM TEACHER BY FRIDAY, December 18

STUDENT NAME: ___________________________ HOMEROOM: ____________

Please Check Where Appropriate

☐ I GRANT PERMISSION for my child to attend the 8th grade overnight trip and have completed the tour company permission slip

☐ I DO NOT plan to have my child attend the 8th grade overnight trip

Print Parent Name: _______________________________________________________

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