## 8th Grade Islands of Adventure/Universal Studios Trip

## Dear Parents/Guardians:

The eighth-grade trip to *Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios Gradventure* is scheduled for Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The buses will depart at 1:30 pm and **return to the school at 2:15 am.** Students must be present at school for the full day on the 15<sup>th</sup> to attend the trip that evening.

The cost of the trip is \$281.00 per student\*\*, which includes admission to two parks, transportation by charter bus, a meal voucher, and a Gamble Rogers Middle School t-shirt, which must be worn at all times during the trip. Optional additional money is needed for additional meals and any extras. (Unfortunately, Universal Studios considers this trip to be a separately ticketed special event and does not accept season passes as admission to this event.)

## The payment schedule is as follows:

Payment Date	\$ or %	Student Estimate	Payment Description
09/30/2025	\$50	\$50	Initial deposit
10/30/2025	16.67%	\$38.50	Monthly installment
11/30/2025	16.67%	\$38.50	Monthly installment
12/30/2025	16.67%	\$38.50	Monthly installment
01/30/2026	16.67%	\$38.50	Monthly installment
02/28/2026	16.67%	\$38.50	Monthly installment
3/31/2026	16.67%	\$38.50	Final Balance



Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at which time \$50 becomes non-refundable. Due to Greenlight Tour company policy, no refunds are available after February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, unless you elect to purchase insurance when registering for the trip. There are two types of insurance available based on your anticipated needs.

This experience is a vital part of the Positive Behavior Support program. To be eligible for this field trip, students must meet the following criteria:

- (1) No more than one incident of Out of School Suspension (OSS) 1st semester.
- (2) No OSS 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- (3) No full day of In School Suspension (ISS) after February 9<sup>th</sup> (excessive tardies or classroom infractions can lead to ISS.)
- (4) No level 4 infractions at any time throughout the school year.
- (5) Students must be passing 2 out of 3 quarters in all core classes (ELA, math, science, social studies, and reading) by the end of the third quarter.
- (6) Students may not accrue more than 5 **unexcused** absences after February 9th.

Once registered, your child will be added to a Schoology group which will updated regularly as we get closer to the day of the trip. The page will contain all need-to-know information regarding the trip. Students must register and pay for the trip online. We cannot accept money for the trip at school.

Students attending the trip will be required to adhere to the school wide dress code as well as the dress code set by Universal Studios. While in the park, students are required to travel in groups of 3 or more and meet their chaperone at the required check-in times and locations. **GRMS staff will be the chaperones for this trip.** 

Please contact Ms. Lindberg with any questions. rebecca.lindberg@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Sincerely,

GRMS admin and 8th grade team

<sup>\*\*</sup>Price is based on 200 travelers. Price may fluctuate approximately \$15 based on number of registered travelers.