

PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

January 26, 2012

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

Congratulations! You are soon to have a Pin Oak graduate in the family! The class of 2012 has worked hard over the last 3 years with great achievements in academics, athletics and the arts. We want to celebrate these achievements with some wonderful events at the end of the year. For many students, the culmination of all the fun will be at Schlitterbahn Water Park, but we have other great events planned as well.

Enclosed you will find all the information you need regarding 8th grade end of year activities, including important information about donation amounts for expenses and a permission slip for the Schlitterbahn trip. Additionally, please review dress code and conduct requirements for students to participate.

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

- Thursday, May 24 – Academic Celebration, 6:30pm in the MPR
- Tuesday, May 29 – Class Trip to Schlitterbahn Galveston, all day
- Wednesday, May 30 – Eighth Grade Yearbook Signing Party, 1:15-2:30pm
-- Eighth Grade Party at Pin Oak, 6:00-9:00pm
- Thursday, May 31 – Promotion Ceremony, Butler Stadium, 9:30am – 11:30pm

Thank you for promptly filling out all the forms in this packet. **Please keep the white papers for your information and return the colored papers to the PTO along with your payment.** Some of the order forms (graduation ceremony photos and video, and panoramic photos) should be mailed directly to vendors, or orders placed online at the vendor websites.

Payments to the PTO will be collected in the cafeteria before school and during lunch the weeks of January 30-February 3 and February 6-10, on March 23, April 13 and May 4. Parents may come in and pay with a credit card. After that, checks and cash will be accepted at the school store (check the PTO website for more information). You may also mail the forms and your payment directly to the PTO, or if you would like to pay by credit card, see the back of the green payment form for more information. See the payment form for more information about deadlines and early bird pricing. Prices will go up!!

As you read through this packet, you will find information about ways you can help make these events memorable. **Please volunteer!** You will also want to put some of this information in a safe place for your future reference. We look forward to a great end-of-the year celebration for the Class of 2012!!

Sincerely,

Mimi Branham
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8th Grade Activities Co-Chairs

Liz McGuffee
lizmcguffee@yahoo.com

Schlitterbahn-Galveston Field Trip, May 29

Departure: 8:30 am, Tuesday, May 29th

Return: Approximately 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 29th



WARNING: Students are responsible for their own belongings and we will not go back for missing items.

What to bring – Necessities:	What to bring – Extras:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sack lunch – all students must have this in order to get on the bus• Sunscreen• Beach Towel• Small beach bag• 2 bottles of water (no glass)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cell phones, gaming devices, iPods must be left on the bus during the day. Earphones required while on the bus.• Waterproof watches only.• Cameras – if you want to send one, please only send the disposable type [preferably waterproof] with your child's name on it.

Splash Dash and Chaperones

Groups of 2-10 students will be assigned to a chaperone. Any chaperone may request students for their group (parents can request their child and his/her friends, for example) and should direct those requests to Dr. Hamilton (ghamilto@houstonisd.org) **on or after** Monday, May 7 (no requests can be made by students). Students will also be able to sign up in groups during **Splash Dash, Friday May 11**. At 8:05am, students **walk** fast to the end of Main St. to sign up with their friends to be in a chaperone's group (about half the chaperones are faculty). Most groups choose one person to write all the names, and bring a written list with them. **Groups are not final** until after final adjustments are made, and lists will be posted on or about Monday, May 14.

Students will ride the bus with their chaperones and group members, and chaperones will set standards for when and where students must check in at the park.

Meals

- All students should eat breakfast before they come to school on this day and bring a sack lunch.
- Your student may bring cash to buy additional food at the park, however students are 100% responsible for tracking their own cash.

Attire

- Students must wear pants or shorts on the bus. Students do not have to wear separate shorts if their swimsuit is shorts-like and at least fingertip length [boys, mainly].
- Students will be given a splash day t-shirt that must be worn all day. The tails of the shirt should hang freely (no cinching) and the sleeves may not be rolled up or cut.
- Allowable swimsuits – no thongs or string bikinis for girls or Speedo®-type for boys [the long style of Speedos® are OK].

Behavior

- If students misbehave on the Schlitterbahn trip, they will NOT be allowed to participate in the rest of the end-of-year activities.
- If any suspected criminal behavior occurs, the matter will be referred to the Galveston police. If the police hold a student, it will be the parent's responsibility to arrange for all related matters, including transportation back to Houston.

Contact: In case of emergency, we may be reached by calling Ms. Nancy Ramby at Pin Oak, (713) 295-6500 x 301. She will know how to contact us at the park.

Read Now, then SAVE this Page for May 2012!!

Eligibility to participate in fun 8th grade activities The 3—2—1 Rule

On January 10th, all 8th graders reviewed conduct standards for participation in the end-of-year activities. Students may not have:

- 3 School-wide detentions (teacher detentions become school-wide if not served) or
- 2 In-school suspension incidents or
- 1 Out-of-school suspension

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact your house principal.

Class of 2012 Panoramic Photo—March 20, 1:15pm in the Gymnasium

Academic Celebration—May 24, 6:30pm

We will have an evening program at school celebrating the academic and leadership successes of many of our students. Students who are receiving awards will be given an invitation for their family.

Yearbook Signing—May 30, 1:15-2:30pm

Students will have a chance to sign each other's yearbooks at a signing party in the MPR. Please go to www.balfour.com/yearbooks.php to order your copy before they are sold out. Last year students who forgot to order their yearbooks were very disappointed, and there are only a limited number available!

Eighth grade party—May 30, 6:00-9:00pm

The PTO puts on a fun party only for 8th graders including a DJ and photo booths. It is a special event the kids love and enjoy dressing up for it. See "Student Attire" section below.

Promotion Ceremonies—May 31, 9:30am-11:30pm

Butler Field House, 13755 South Main St. between Chimney Rock and Hillcroft.

Students should arrive for seating arrangements by 8:45am (Students should NOT take the bus to Pin Oak (no transportation will be available from POMS to Butler), and parents are responsible arranging transportation for their children. **Ceremony begins 9:30am.** Students who qualify for promotion to the 9th grade without attending summer school will participate in the ceremony.

Family and friends are cordially invited to join the Pin Oak family for this happy event. Seating is indoors on backless metal stadium seating. There will be an area where parents can get a photo of their student receiving their certificate. No video taping from this location. Please be aware of every parent's desire to capture a good picture too. Professional photography and videography will be taken at the ceremony. Please see order information included in this packet.

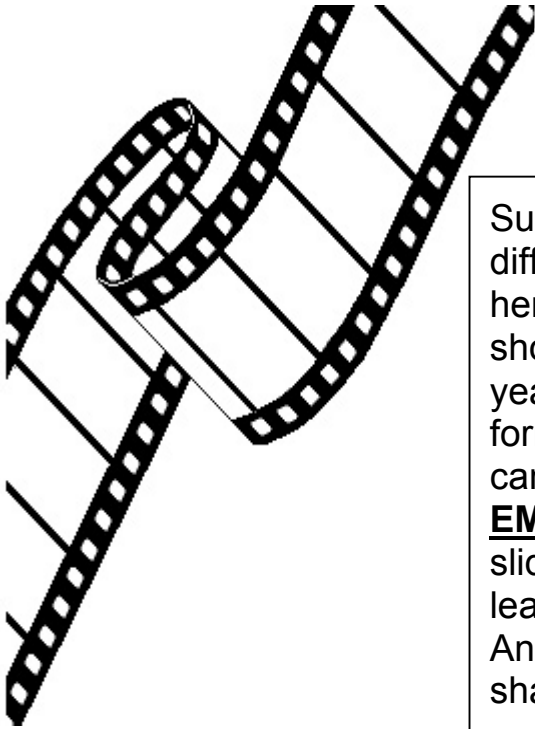
When the ceremony is completed, *students are dismissed for the day.*

Students are not allowed to return to Pin Oak on Thursday.

Student Attire for the Academic Celebration, Party and Promotion:

- Everyone should be dressed nicely. Students should be well groomed. School uniform is acceptable.
- Boys should wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie. Jackets are optional.
- Girls may wear a dress, a skirt and blouse, or a nice pants outfit. The shortest part of the skirt hem should be at least as long as the top of the kneecap. If the top is sleeveless, the shoulders should be at least a full inch wide at the narrowest point. No midribs or backs should be exposed. A shrug or cardigan solves many problems.
- Students who are not dressed appropriately for promotion will be allowed to view the ceremony but **may not be allowed to walk across the stage.**

Memories of Pin Oak Class of 2012 Slide Show



Submit photos of you and your friends participating in different Pin Oak activities throughout your 3 years here for inclusion in the "8th Grade Memories" slide show. This slide show will be shown during the yearbook signing party and is available **for sale** via this form. If you purchase the slide show, a copy that you can share with your family will be distributed to you **BY EMAIL** during the last week of school. Price for the slide show is \$3.00. We hope everyone will submit at least one photo!! Guidelines for submission are below. Any submission constitutes consent for photos to be shared in the public domain. Say cheese!!

What makes the best slide show photos?

- Photos that remind you of school, the friends you have met here, and the activities you have participated in.
- Photos with you and your friends (single person shots usually are not included).
- Photos that are in focus and the people are close up.

How to submit your photos:

- **Best method:** Transfer your photos (.jpg format) to a CD and place it in the 2012 Memories box the front office for Mrs. Ehlers. Please include **no more than five images** on the CD
- Email your photos to Andrea Ehlers, mom77401@gmail.com. **Please email no more than 3 images** (.jpg format).
- Leave a copy of one or two prints in the box for Mrs. Ehlers in the front office.
- If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Ehlers at mom77401@gmail.com.

To receive your copy of the slide show, fill out the form below and **add \$3 to the main order form**. **Return this form with others to the PTO** (Please PRINT):

Student's first and last name: _____

Email for Slide show delivery: _____

Advocacy Teacher and House: _____



Class of 2012 Picture

A panoramic picture of the entire Class of 2012 will be taken by 1st Photo Texas on

Tuesday, March 20th 1:15pm
in the Gym

Orders for these pictures will taken during all lunches on March 20, 21 and 23 (bring cash or check a payable to "1st Photo Texas") or may also be placed online www.1stphototexas.com.

Picture Prices:

\$15.00 -- 1 Medium Panoramic (Regular or Fun)

\$20.00 – 1 Large Panoramic Regular

\$25.00 – 1 Large Panoramic Regular, 1-Medium Panoramic Fun

Photos will be delivered through Advocacy in mid-April

8th Grade Events Payment

Student's house: **A B C** Student's last name _____
[circle one]

Student's first name: _____

Schlitterbahn trip, May 29th:

Includes admission to the park, transportation, splash t-shirt
(required to wear all day, ORDER SHIRT SIZE ON BACK of this form).

Payment before March 23 = \$50

Payment April 16 – May 4 = \$60

⇒ (not accepted after May 4) ⇐

Amount paid

\$ _____

Yes, I will sponsor another student's trip to Schlitterbahn.

OPTIONAL

\$ _____

Chaperone Fee

\$40

\$ _____

___ Yes, I would like to chaperone the trip to Schlitterbahn!!

Fee includes admission to the park, transportation and t-shirt

Please circle **Chaperone** shirt size: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Chaperone's name: _____

Email [preferred] or phone: _____

Relationship to student: _____

All chaperones will ride the bus and stay with the group for the day. Each will be responsible for about 10 students, usually including your child and his/her friends. **Everyone attending must be VIPS approved by May 1st.** Please see Mrs. Boudreaux in the front office to verify VIPS approval.

___ **I cannot chaperone 5/29, but would like to help in other ways. Send me info!**

Class of 2012 shirt: \$12 each Quantity _____ \$ _____

Please see back page for more information and sizes

Memories slide show: \$3 each \$ _____

Please complete and return the **Memories order form with form**

Total: \$ _____

In the event that fees are paid for a student who later is disqualified to attend, fees will be refunded.

PLEASE TURN TO BACK PAGE FOR PAYMENT OPTIONS!!!!

8th Grade Events Payment

Ways to Pay:

1. Send check, **payable to POMS PTO**, with all required forms, to Liz McGuffee, 3607 Durness Way, Houston, 77025.
2. **Send check or cash** in with all required forms with your student. Keep white pages at home. **Payments will be collected before school and during lunch the week of January 30-February 3 and February 6-10, on March 23, April 13 and May 4.** Students may drop off forms and payment at the school store during lunch if volunteers are not in the cafeteria.
3. If you would like to pay by **credit card**, complete the form below and mail it, along with your forms, to Liz McGuffee, 3607 Durness Way, Houston 77025. We will email you to verify your payment processed, and shred your information.

Email: _____
Yes, I would like to receive 8th grade information and updates _____

circle one

Visa/MC/Amex # _____ Exp _____ CVC code _____

You may send the expiration date and cvc code separately by email to lizmcguffee@yahoo.com

Signature _____ Date _____

There are 2 T-shirts associated with 8th grade activities:

Schlitterbahn Shirt (students MUST wear to Schlitterbahn on 5/29):

- This shirt is student designed
- The price of this shirt is included in your fee for Schlitterbahn
- Shirt may not be altered in anyway before Schlitterbahn trip.

Circle adult size: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Class of 2012 T-Shirt

- Also student designed, delivered in April at school
- All 8th graders' names listed on the back
- \$12 per shirt, some families buy 2 per child
- Students can wear these shirts any Friday and **every day**, May 18th –May 30th

Circle adult size: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

**HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT APPROVAL FORM – Field Trip Permission Slip**

Pin Oak Middle School
January 25, 2012

Dear Parents,

A field trip to **Schlitterbahn Water Park, Galveston**, has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 29, 2012**, by your child's teachers and principal. The trip will be made by private carrier company, leaving the school at approximately 8:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 7:00 p.m. A teacher-sponsor will accompany this group and will work with the students to accomplish the educational objectives of this trip.

If you wish your child to participate in this important field trip, it is required that you complete and sign the bottom part of this form and return the entire form to the teacher-sponsor the following school day. Please make note of the details for your records. For lunch your child will need **a sack lunch and beverage**. No refrigeration is available, so please do not send items that require it.

This entire form MUST be signed and returned. Parent approval may NOT be obtained by telephone.

Eighth Grade Faculty

Susan Monaghan

Teacher

Principal

Each student **must** have a sack lunch and two drinks with them to be allowed to get onto the bus to go on the trip.

Students are allowed to purchase extra food and souvenirs at Schlitterbahn.

Please do not allow them to bring large sums of money.



This is to certify that _____ has my permission to go on the field
(name of son/daughter)

trip listed with this group. In case of emergency, I may be reached at _____
(Home/Work Telephone)

or _____
(Cellular Telephone)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Please return this completed form in the provided envelope
to **the PTO** in the main office by **Friday, May 4, 2012.**

**DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE HOUSTON
CONSENTIMIENTO DE PADRES PARA VIAJES ESCOLARES**

Pin Oak Middle School
25 de enero de 2012

Estimados Padres,

Un viaje escolar al **Schlitterbahn Water Park, Galveston**, se ha programado para el **martes 29 de mayo de 2012**. El viaje se hará por autobús privado que saldrá de la escuela a las 8:30 a.m. y regresará a la 7:00 p.m.

Personal escolar acompañará al grupo y trabajará con los alumnos para que se cumpla el objetivo educativo. Si desea que su hijo(a) participe en este importante viaje escolar, será necesario que Ud. firme este permiso y que se lo devuelva al maestro(a) el próximo día. Su hijo(a) necesitará **que traiga su propio almuerzo**. No se proveerá refrigeración, por lo que se le agradece que no envíe comida que la necesite.

Este permiso se tendrá que devolver firmado. No se permitirá confirmación por teléfono.

Maestros de Octavo

Susan Monaghan

Maestro (a)

Director

Cada estudiante tiene que traer su propio almuerzo con dos bebidas para poder abordar el autobús.

A los estudiantes se les permitirá comprar meriendas y recuerdos en Schlitterbahn.

Por favor no permita que su hijo(a) traiga al paseo una cantidad grande de dinero.



Esto es para verificar que _____ tiene permiso
Hijo(a)

de ir en el viaje mencionado con este grupo. En caso de emergencia, puede llamarme al

_____ o _____.
telefono en casa telefono en el trabajo

Firma de padre o guardián

Fecha

**Por favor, devuelva las formas firmadas en el sobre proporcionado
al PTO en la oficina para el 4 de Mayo, 2012.**



Promotion Ceremony, May 31, 2012 Professional Pictures and DVD Information

PHOTOGRAPHY INFORMATION – Promotion Ceremony

Marc Nathan Photographers, Inc. will take a photograph of every student attending the Pin Oak Middle School promotion ceremony. One photo will be as they receive their scroll from the principal; the other will be an individual portrait before they return to their seat.

Marc Nathan Photographers will contact you based on the information you choose to provide.

1. **Mail.** Acc xxx n order form will be sent to you with your child's preview photographs to the address you have on record at Pin Oak. If you want the preview mailed to another address, please email Marc Nathan Photographers grads@mnathanphoto.com with the student's name and the new address. **PLEASE** put in the subject line PIN OAK MS. There is no obligation to purchase and print prices start at \$15. Forms are mailed approximately 2 weeks after the ceremony.
2. **Email** Marc Nathan Photographers your student's name and your email address (subject line PIN OAK MS) and you'll receive an email when the previews are available to view online. Their email address is grads@mnathanphoto.com.

The deadline to submit your contact information by email is May 31st. If you have any questions, contact Marc Nathan Photographers at the email listed above or by phone 281-313-8934.

DVD INFORMATION – Promotion Ceremony

The promotion ceremony will be professionally recorded by **Video Photographer Productions (VPP)**. You may pre-purchase a DVD online at www.vphotopro.com or you can complete the form below and mail it with your payment to: VPP, P.O. Box 753 – Fresno, TX 77545, (713) 392-9096 or fax (281) 431-0236. Prices are \$25 until May 31, and \$35 after. Representatives will also be at the ceremony.

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

QUANTITY: _____ TOTAL PAID: _____ CHECK # _____

Please do not send cash through the mail. NSF fee of \$35.00

