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Greetings 8th Grade Parents/Guardians and Scholars,

Your scholars are adjusting to the expectations of 8th-grade life, and now, it is time to look toward the finish line. At the end of the year, we have many exciting activities planned for our scholars. To ensure the best end-of-year experience, a **\$206** fee will be assessed. For many, **\$206** as a one-time payment can be overwhelming; therefore, you can make installments toward this goal. Included in the **\$206** are two field trips, a JMS 8th-grade dance ticket, an 8th-grade dance, a field day, a block party, t-shirts, end-of-year celebrations such as ice cream social, and moving-on ceremonies. Please review the chart below for detailed Eighth Grade End of the Year activities and events.

Scholars must adhere to the November 2024 town hall meeting guidelines listed on the students' contract to participate in these fun-filled activities. All students and guardians must sign the 8th Grade End of Year Activities Contract to attend the events. To begin, students must comply with the requirements of five areas: 1.) Attendance 2.) Assessment Attendance & Completion 3.) Academic 4.) Discipline 5.) Technology Scholars must attend school daily unless there is documentation of an excuse. Likewise, they must participate on the designated dates for all required district and state assessments.

Additionally, academics are a high priority; therefore, they must **pass all six classes**. Furthermore, they must exhibit the behavior of our scholars using the Mighty BEAR matrix. Lastly, all CCPS-issued technology, including cords and accessories, must be returned or replaced (\$100) by the designated due date (s). **Students must not have any outstanding fines for books, technology, etc.**

Please keep this information to plan appropriately. The chart below shows the installation dates for payments. Parents/Guardians can pay in full if a payment plan is unnecessary. Please note that 50% of the payment **must** be submitted by March 14, 2025. **The deadline for all payments is April 4, 2025.**

8th Grade End of the Year Activities Proposed Payment Plan	
Payment #1 (minimum of \$53)	February 21, 2025
Payment #2 (minimum total of \$103)	March 7, 2025
Payment #3 (minimum total of \$153)	March 21, 2025
Payment #4 (total of \$206)	April 4, 2025



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All payments will be made through the online payment system, School Cash Online. School Cash Online gives parents/guardians the ability to pay for student items online. Parents can make payments and print or view their receipts and account history, all in real-time. Visit the website to set up your account and make payments. **8th Grade End of the Year Activity**



Students must meet the following requirements to participate in ANY of the activities listed above. **Violating any of the below requirements may forfeit your student’s eligibility to partake in some or all of the 8th-grade activities listed above.**

- Students cannot receive any office referrals.
- Students must uphold the characteristics outlined in the Boro pledge
- Students cannot have received ISS (In-School Suspension) or OSS (Out-of-School Suspension) as of March 3, 2025.
- Students **must** be passing all six of their classes.
- Students must have no outstanding balances, including Chromebooks, textbooks, or library book reimbursements.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to participate in the school activities after payments are received, your payment will be classified as a donation towards the grade-level activities.

We look forward to the upcoming activities with your continued parental support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s homeroom teacher or our grade-level administrator, Dr. T. Galbreath, at (678) 610-4331 and tamika.galbreath@clayton.k12.ga.us.

Thank you for your support as we work to make this the best 8th-grade year ever!

Educationally Yours,

Jonesboro Middle School’s 8th Grade Game Changers



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8th Grade Activity	Date & Location	Description
<i>“Kick Into Gear with GMAS”</i> Attire: Swag & Sneakers	Monday, April 28, 2025 “The Boro” GMAS: English Language Arts Sect 1: Writing	“IT’S SHOWTIME! Rev up your engine, lace up your game, and be ready to drop the mic! With your trusty GMAS (Global Mastery And Swag) on full throttle, Deliver a show-stopping performance that will leave everyone speechless! Get your sneakers polished, let your confidence soar, and your knowledge be on fire! We’ve spent the past year mastering the skills, crushing the competition, and perfecting our craft. And now, it’s time to unleash our inner rockstar on the world! Prepare for a high-energy showcase of expertise, skill, and creativity that will leave you in awe. So sit back, relax, and let us take you on a thrilling ride of discovery and learning! Buckle up, because it’s about to get real... and it’s about to get EPIC! Let’s do this!”
<i>“Do your best smartie pants!”</i> Attire: Nerdy vs. Preppy Day	Tuesday, April 29, 2025 “The Boro” GMAS: English Language Arts Sect 2 & 3	Whether you are a scholar that excels in all things or futuristic for your dreams of college. This is a chance to be private or collegiate preppy with knitwear in pastel colours, tennis, polo or golf clothes, college apparel or ties, pearls, headbands and Ray Ban sunglasses in the wayfarer or clubmaster styles. If that’s not your style then you can rock the nerdy look of a scholar who is about to be a billionaire with your glasses, plaids, and polka dots.
<i>“Score some points on the Science test”</i> Attire: Jersey & Jeans	Wednesday, April 30, 2025 “The Boro” GMAS: Science Section 1 & 2	Show your team spirit and score big on the GMAS Science Assessment by wearing your favorite sports team’s jersey and jeans! Let’s aim to break the winning record together!
Super Hero Day	Thursday, May 1, 2025	Gear up for greatness on ‘Super Hero Day’ during 8th-grade Spirit Week! Students unleash their inner superheroes, donning capes and masks to embody the spirit of their favorite characters. It’s an epic day to celebrate the heroes among us and let our powers shine! Get ready for a heroic adventure during this spirited celebration!



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<i>“Show how bright you are!”</i> Attire: Wear Bright Colors	Friday, May 2, 2025 “The Boro” GMAS: Social Studies Section 1 & 2	Radiate your brilliance as you light up the atmosphere with the knowledge and skills you’ve gathered throughout the year. Deck yourself out in vibrant neon colors and shine brightly for everyone to admire.
Ice Cream Social <i>(Attendance & Discipline)</i> Celebrity Look Alike	Monday, May 5, 2025	Get ready for the spotlight on ‘Celebrity Day’ during 8th-grade Spirit Week! Students will shine as they dress up as their favorite celebrities, bringing glamor and fun to the school. As an extra treat, students with perfect attendance and good discipline will enjoy an exclusive ice cream social, adding a sweet touch to the festivities. It’s a day of star-studded style and rewards, making Spirit Week even more memorable!
<i>“Don’t Sweat the Test.”</i> Attire: Sweats Suit/Jumpsuit	Tuesday, May 6, 2025 “The Boro” GMAS: Mathematics Section 1 & 2	Don’t freeze under the pressure! You’ve been working towards this moment, and it’s time to unleash your knowledge and confidence. So, put on your best ‘brain-game face’ or break out your favorite cozy study outfit – it’s time to flex those mental muscles and show what you’re made of.
Movie Character Day	Wednesday, May 7, 2025 “The Boro”	Have you ever dreamed of being in a movie or of embodying a beloved character? Well, today is your chance to step into the shoes of your favorite movie character! Choose a well-known character from a film and dress like them. Remember to follow school dress code regulations, ensuring your outfit is appropriate and not revealing. Have fun and channel the character of the day!
Pinstrikes Attire: Throwback Thursday	Thursday, May 8, 2025 Pinstrikes Stockbridge	Step into the past with ‘Throwback Thursday’ during 8th-grade Spirit Week! Students will travel through time by dressing in the style of their favorite decade. From retro fashion to iconic trends, it’s a nostalgic celebration that adds a tour of history and fun to our spirited week. Get ready to groove, rock, or disco – the choice is yours on this blast from the past day! We are headed to Pinstrikes for some fun with bowling, laser tag, arcade games, bumper cars and much more.
		Celebrate the end of the year with flair as our 8th-grade students



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8th Grade Field Day Attire: Twin Day	Wednesday, May 9, 2025 “The Boro”	enjoy once last field day prior to transitioning to the 9th grade! Join us for a special in-school celebration during regular hours, featuring a unique ‘Twin Day’ where students dress just like someone else. It’s a heartwarming occasion to celebrate the successes of the past and embrace the exciting journey ahead!
Urban Air Adventure Attire: 8th Grade T-shirts	Monday, May 12, 2025 Urban Air Adventure McDonough	Get ready for an unforgettable 8th-grade field day at Urban Air! Thrilling adventures await as students and parents soar through the skies on gravity-defying trampolines, conquer ninja warrior courses, and test their agility on exhilarating attractions. This action-packed day is a celebration of achievement and a chance to bond, laugh, and create lasting memories. Join us for a day of excitement, camaraderie, and pure fun at Urban Air – where every jump is a leap into an unforgettable experience!
Starlite Family Fun Attire: JMS Paraphanelia	Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Starlite Family Fun Center	Embark on an exciting STEM journey at Starlight Family Fun Center! Our 8th-grade students will glide into the physics of skating, explore the engineering behind the smooth rink surface, and uncover the science of friction and motion. This hands-on field trip promises an engaging mix of education and fun, allowing students to experience the STEM principles that make skating at Starlight a fascinating adventure.
8th Grade Chromebook Return	TBD “The Boro”	Prepare for a smooth Chromebook Return as 8th-grade students bid farewell to their trusty devices. On the designated day, students will bring back their Chromebook, case, and charger. Parents, please ensure all items are returned to avoid any charges. It is a \$100 charge for missing or damaged Chromebooks. It’s a quick and organized process, ensuring a hassle-free conclusion to the school year. Thank you for your cooperation in returning these essential tools!
Senior Citizens’ Day	Friday, May 14, 2025 “The Boro”	Senior Citizen Day during Spirit Week for 8th-grade students is a delightful time when our young scholars transform into wise and seasoned individuals. With creative costumes reflecting the charm of aging gracefully, students embrace the spirit of the elderly, fostering a sense of camaraderie and laughter throughout the school. It’s a lighthearted celebration that adds a touch of humor and unity to our spirited week!



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Moving On Ceremony Attire: All Black Business Attire	Thursday, May 15, 2025 First Baptist Jonesboro	Join us for a memorable Moving On Celebration at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, GA, as we honor and celebrate the achievements of our 8th-grade students from Jonesboro Middle School. This special ceremony includes the presentation of special recognition awards from content teachers. Parents are encouraged to attend, cheer on their students, and share this monumental day's joy. It's a heartfelt event marking the transition to new beginnings and future successes! STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR ALL BLACK PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE!
End of the Year Celebration <i>(Block Party)</i> Attire: Tacky Day	Friday, May 16, 2025 "The Boro"	Celebrate the end of the year with flair as our 8th-grade students transition to 9th grade! Join us for a special in-school celebration during regular hours, featuring a unique 'Twin Day' where students dress just like someone else. It's a heartwarming occasion to celebrate the successes of the past and embrace the exciting journey ahead!
8th Grade Dance "Midnight in Paris" Attire: Semi Formal/Formal	Monday, May 19, 2025 "The Boro" Hope Banquet Hall 90 Pointe S Pkwy, Jonesboro, GA 30238	<p>Get ready for a burst of color and creativity with 'Tacky Day' during 8th-grade Spirit Week! Students can embrace their wild side by dressing in the most eccentric and mismatched outfits. It's a day of playful fashion where bold choices and quirky combinations take center stage. Faculty and students, join in the fun as we celebrate individuality and unleash our tackiest, most fabulous styles!</p> <p>Get ready for an unforgettable night of elegance at the 8th-grade dance, a dazzling affair in a to-be-determined ballroom location! Students will don glamorous ballroom gowns and sharp tuxedos, creating a night of sophistication and style. With music, laughter, and memories in the air, it's a celebration of friendships and the end of middle school. Stay tuned for more details on this enchanting evening of dance and delight!</p>
Rep Your High School Day & Teacher Switch Day Attire: High School Colors OR Dress like Your Teacher	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 "The Boro"	Embrace the future on 'Rep Your High School Day' for 8th-grade students! Show your school spirit by representing the high school you'll attend next year. Join us for an exciting where the scholars become the teachers. It's a day of anticipation and celebration as we look forward to the adventures that await in our new high schools! You must apply to be considered for the switch.
Last Day of School (in person)	Wednesday, May 21, 2024	Walk into a new season for this half-day farewell to JMS.



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8th Grade End-of-Year Class Activities Agreement Letter

Please return by January 30, 2025, to your child's homeroom teacher.

I have read the information provided through the parent information letter and acknowledge the requirements for my child to participate in the listed activities. This form is required to participate in 8th-grade week activities. Also, I understand that if my scholar violates any of the agreements after payment, there will be NO REFUNDS. Lastly, I understand, unfortunately, there will be NO REFUNDS for any reason. All sales are FINAL.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

T-Shirt Order Form

Please place an order for my child's 8th Grade Class T-shirt (adult sizes)

Shirt Size: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X Large ___ XXL ___ 3XL

Please sign below and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by **February 23, 2024.**

Student Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Date: _____