

March 2, 2026

Dear Eighth Grade Parents,

On Thursday, April 30, 2026, the 8th grade class of Penn Middle School will be taking a field trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. As most of you know, Gettysburg was the scene of the battle that many historians consider to be the turning point of the Civil War. The trip will be of educational, cultural, and social value for our students. Our plans include a 5 tour of the battlefield, a visit to The National Cemetery as well as a tour of *The Shriver House*, a “period-style” home of the Civil War era.

As we approach the date of the trip, there are a number of items that you should be aware of to prepare your son or daughter for this enjoyable day.

Itinerary—Departure from Penn Middle School at 5:00 am, via coach buses. (Students should plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to departure at 4:30 am). Students will return to Penn Middle School at approximately 8:30 pm.

Cost: \$30.00 per student. Payable with a returned permission slip. Cash or Check payable to **Penn Middle School**.

Meals: A Pizza Lunch provided by Tommy’s Pizza of Gettysburg (<https://www.tommyspizzainc.com/>) is included for students and chaperones. A dinner stop is planned on the Pennsylvania Turnpike; students and chaperones should budget \$15 for this stop. If your student has any food allergies, please review the menus.

Money: Students may bring money for the purchase of snacks and souvenirs. We suggest students do not bring large amounts of money -- nothing over \$25

Cameras: Will be permitted.

Cell phones: Will be permitted on the bus only, they should be turned off when visiting sites.

Penn Middle School is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items.

Partners: The students may choose a partner for the day. That person must be listed on the attached permission slip. No male/female partners. If students need a partner, one will be assigned to you.

Chaperones: We are in need of 10 to 15 adult chaperones to accompany us on the trip. If you are interested, please fill in the necessary information on the permission slip. There will be no charge for chaperones.

******Chaperones will need their clearances. Clearances now required**

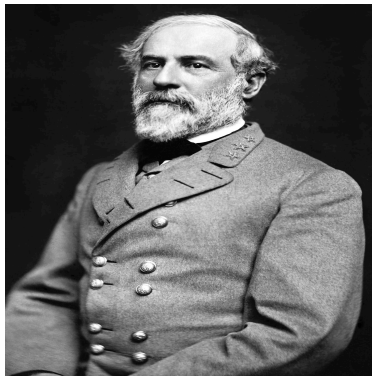
(<https://4.files.edl.io/843f/07/30/24/114804-6407af6b-3e6f-48db-a838-3a455b25e163.pdf>) and also need Act 24 and PT Policy 824

Students NOT going on the trip: Students not participating will come to Penn Middle School for a regular day and do assigned work, then watch the movie “Gettysburg”.

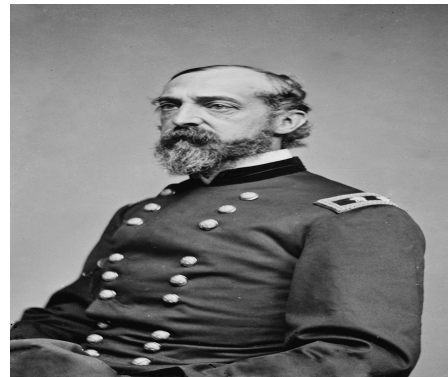
Upon review of this informational letter, please sign and return the attached permission slip along with your payment of \$30.00 to your homeroom teacher **by March 16, 2026**. Make sure that all information is correct and all areas are completed.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the plans for our field trip, you may contact Mrs. Yackovich at yackovichd@penntrafford.org or **(724) 744-4431 ext: 2108**

“Those who do not understand history are destined to make the mistakes of the past.”



General Robert E. Lee
Confederate Commander at Gettysburg



Major General George Meade
Union Commander at Gettysburg

DUE: March 16, 2026

I have reviewed all of the information regarding the Penn Middle School 8th Grade field trip to Gettysburg, PA on

April 30, 2026 and I am granting permission for:

_____ to participate.

Please print the student's full name.

Homeroom: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Home Phone _____ Parent's Cell Phone _____

My Child has the following Medical Conditions or is on the following medications.

Please indicate if your student will need to take any prescribed medication during the trip:

My child has the following allergies, (i.e., food, bees, medication). Other information of which the chaperone or nurse should be aware:

Check here if student is NOT attending the field trip; Student should report to school this day.

Bus Partner for the Trip: _____ (Must be the same for both students. No male/female partners permitted. If you do not have a partner, one will be assigned)

Payment: (CIRCLE ONE)

\$30.00 Cash

OR

\$30.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO: **PENN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Chaperone Availability (Check One)

I am interested in being a chaperone.

Sorry, I am not available to chaperone.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Your email address _____

After a random drawing, the parent will be notified by email on **April 7, 2026, whether or not his/her name was selected as a chaperone.**

PLEASE FILL OUT & SIGN THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

Penn-Trafford School District

FIELD TRIP/CLASS TRIP PARTICIPATION FORM PARENT PERMISSION AND RELEASE

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign, and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility which may result from any personal actions taken by the named student.

I hereby consent to participation by **my child**, _____, in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the school grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated school employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

I understand that my child must comply with the rules and regulations of the district while participating in the event and will remain subject to the same disciplinary measures as are applied during the regular school program. I further understand that any violation of the rules could result in my child being sent home from the activity at the expense of the parent.

In consideration of the agreement of the Penn-Trafford School District to allow my child to participate in the above described outing, and intending to be legally bound hereby, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Penn-Trafford School District its employees, agents, successors, assigns and legal representatives, against any loss from any and all claims, demands and actions at law or in equity that may hereafter at any time be brought by my child, or anyone acting on her or his behalf, for the purpose of enforcing a claim for damages because of any injury to my child to the extent the school district, its employees, agents, successors, assigns and legal representatives are immune to such claims under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8541 et al.

I/We agree that in case of injury to my/our child, I will apply our hospitalization and/or accident insurance toward the payment of the expenses incurred and will not look to the Penn-Trafford School District or any of its officers, employees, agents, successors or assigns for the payment of any medical costs or injury related costs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we execute this Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement this

_____ day of _____, 20 ____ .

Parent/Guardian Signature