



Visitation of Our Lady Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Students,

The school year is already a month old and the students are well into their 8th grade studies. Before we know it our 8th graders will be receiving their diplomas in church and moving on to high school. With this in mind, the 8th grade teachers have been working on plans for our end of the year class trip. As always, this is a difficult job. We must balance both educational opportunities and activities that are enjoyable for the students in the planned trip. It is our hope that our plans package both of these. It should also be noted that our trip idea is subject to change due to the behavior/cooperation of the 8th grade class during the remainder of the school year.

For our class trip, we will be taking a journey across Southern Louisiana to see a few sights that make Louisiana such a unique and special place. This trip planned for early April, will begin with a tour of Avery Island's Tabasco factory followed by lunch and a tour of the historic Vermillionville Village in Lafayette. Additionally, a stop is scheduled at the Lafayette site of the Jean Lafitte National Park. In the late afternoon we will check into a Lafayette hotel and allow the students some time to relax and have some supervised time at the pool. We will go to Randol's of Lafayette for dinner and enjoy a meal and some Cajun music as our nightly entertainment. Following dinner we will return to the hotel for the evening. The next morning, we will have breakfast and head off to Baton Rouge for a tour of the State Capitol and a drive through the LSU campus. A lunch stop is planned at the Mall of Louisiana followed by our final stop at Oak Alley plantation in Vacherie. We will also, as time allows, drive by other state landmarks

A trip of this nature requires a great deal of planning and preparation. Normally, we would not start this early in the year to make our plans public, but due to the overnight nature of the trip we felt compelled to inform everyone. We are still finalizing dates, pricing and the exact hotel, but we want you to be aware that in the next few weeks permission slips and pricing will be sent home. Chaperones are limited to one parent or guardian per child and a limited number of chaperones will be allowed on a first payment/first reserved basis. It should also be noted that a student's behavior during this school year may force us to exclude that student from participating on the trip or will require a parent or guardian to accompany him/her on the trip.

We really think that this trip will be a fun and exciting event for our 8th graders. The 8th grade teachers and I have worked closely on this project and we look forward to a great experience.

Please look for a follow up letter with dates and pricing information in the weeks to come. If you have any questions concerning this trip please contact me, Gary Ledet at gledet@vol.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Gary Ledet
Curriculum Administrator/8th Grade Teacher