

October 5, 2009

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

Plans are well underway for our Georgia History trip scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd through Friday, March 5th, 2010.

This year we will be visiting several exciting sites including Okefenokee Swamp, St. Simon's Lighthouse, Fort King George, Old Fort Jackson, the Massie Heritage Interpretation Center, and the Old Governor's Mansion. We will also take a tour of historic Savannah on a trolley and take a lunch time Riverboat Cruise. A complete itinerary will be sent home after the Christmas break.

Cost for the trip will be \$400 per student (plus four meals) and will include transportation on a chartered bus, hotel accommodations and admission to all events. Breakfast is included at the motels. We will take a sack lunch for Tuesday. Dinner at Old Fort Jackson and lunch on the Riverboat Cruise is included in the cost of the trip. The cost of the trip is based on all of the 8th graders going. If you know for sure that your child will not be going on the trip, please let me know by October 29th so that any needed cost adjustments can be made. Instructions for payment of the remaining four meals will be sent home after the first of the year.

A non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 is due no later than Thursday, October 29, 2009. The second payment of \$125 is due Wednesday, January 20th. The balance of \$150 is due Wednesday, February 17th. Payments may be paid at any time, but the total amount must be paid no later than Wednesday, February 17th. All checks must be made out to Calvary Christian School, must be separate from other school checks, and must be turned in to the Middle School Office only. I will send out a reminder as well as the itinerary and other important information when we return from the Christmas break.

We need eight female chaperones and eight male chaperones for this trip. If you are interested in chaperoning, please call Susan in the office and let her know. Even if you have previously mentioned to me that you want to chaperone, be sure to call Susan and have her put you down as an "official" chaperone. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. Chaperones will need to pay \$40 to cover the cost of two activities that include meals.

This trip has been taken many times throughout the years and we always get positive feedback from students and chaperones alike. It is my desire that each of our 8th grade students have the opportunity to experience this trip. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the school office.

Sincerely,

Darlene Tucker