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"Here Everyone Acts with Respect and Tolerance" 

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will continue our annual tradition and provide an opportunity for our eighth grade students and staff to participate in an educational field trip to **Boston on May 4, 2017**. The students will **depart Swift early on Thursday, May 4th and will return in the evening at approximately 11:00 PM.**

The cost of this trip is \$215 and includes the cost of transportation, all fees, and ticket costs and most meals. **The second payment of \$82.50 is due by January 23rd and the final payment of \$82.50 is due no later than February 22nd.** For any check returned for insufficient funds, you will be charged the \$15.00 bank fee and payment must be in cash only. All payments made by check are payable to Swift Middle School. In the memo of the check, please print your child's full name and homeroom number. Please have your child bring the payments directly to the main office upon arrival at school.

Our goal is for our trip to be a safe, educational and enjoyable experience for all attending. Students wishing to attend this trip, must demonstrate that they are capable of acting responsibly on this trip by their behavior here at school each and every day. Participation on this trip provides students with an opportunity to practice self-discipline, sound decision making and responsible social behavior. Our school rules reinforce these critical life skills with your child on a daily basis. Only students who follow our school rules can be expected to follow the rules enforced on our trip. Therefore, we have set some parameters for attendance on the trip.

Academic Expectations: As academic achievement is always our number one priority, it is expected that all students wishing to attend the trip will work hard on their studies and complete their work. Therefore:

- Any student who is **failing two or more classes for the year** at the time that the final payment is due will have the privilege of attending the trip revoked.

Behavioral Expectations: It is expected that all students wishing to attend the trip will show respect towards the adults and peers here at school, as well as respect for the rules that have been established to keep our school community safe. Therefore:

- Any student who has been **suspended from school** (in or out) any time this school year, is automatically on a list for review and may have the privilege of attending the trip revoked.
- Any student who has been suspended from school (in or out) any time this school year, and gets an **additional suspension** has the privilege of attending the trip revoked automatically.

Responsibility: It is expected that all students wishing to attend this trip will show respect for the rules and expectations that have been set here at Swift to ensure success. Therefore:

- Students with **excessive tardies or absences** may have the privilege of attending the trip revoked.
- Any student who receives three **after school detentions** from either a teacher or the office, during this school year, may have the privilege of attending the trip revoked.

The administrator reserves the right to add or remove any student from the trip at her discretion. We look forward to another successful trip! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 945-4830.

Sincerely,

Marylu T. Lertz, Principal