

# DENTON MAGNET SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

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Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be going on an educational field trip to the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Your child has shown exemplary behavior and work ethic to be invited. This will be an overnight trip. We will leave on October 12 around 6AM, and we will return on October 14 around 6PM. We would like for all our students to attend, and we have taken measures to help make this possible for as many students as possible.

While we are at the US Space and Rocket Center, we will be participating in an abbreviated version of Space Camp. Our students/children will build rockets, ride in space simulators and much more. The cost of the trip is \$450 and includes room and board, meals, and transportation. We will be traveling on chartered busses. We will leave the parking lot at Denton at 6:00 AM on 10/12/21 and will return around 6:00PM on 10/14/21.

I am breaking the field trip fee into 2 payments. I hope this will relieve any stress of such a large fee. The permission slip is due by 9/1/21 along with a 1st payment of \$250. This will allow us to secure them a seat and determine how many busses we will need.

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| Down Payment / 1 <sup>st</sup> payment | \$250 | due by 9/1/21  |
| Final Payment                          | \$200 | due by 9/14/21 |

We will have room for a few chaperones. The fee is also \$450 for adults. These slots will need to be on a first come, first served basis. I will take 5 - 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents and 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. This will be broken down into at least 2-3 of each sex since I need both male and female chaperones for the dorms at night. Adults may pay in 2 installments, also. If student enrollment is low, then I will send messages via the students, Facebook, and the school website that I have a few more parent slots.

School lunches for students will be available for the ride up. We will bring a cooler in which students can put drinks for lunch. Students may bring snacks and a lunch for the ride up only. No student coolers will be allowed. Only normal school-type lunch boxes will be permitted. They need to be small and able to fit under their seat on the bus. Last, any drinks should be bottles that have a screw on cap.

We will have 2 - full scholarships available and 3 – half scholarships available for students who are in need of financial support for this trip. These students must be exceptionally well-behaved students with a good work ethic. They will need to write an essay explaining why they deserve to go on this trip. The essay will be due by August 27<sup>th</sup> to qualify. They will be notified by 8/30/21 whether they have been selected for the scholarship. If not, a space for them will be saved until I know whether they can come up with the money.

There will be two mandatory parent and student meetings for planning and paperwork purposes for the trip to the Space Center. Please mark your calendar. The first meeting will be about getting the online paperwork complete for the Space Center. The second meeting will address what to and not to pack for the trip. The first meeting will take place on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The second meeting will take place on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

We are excited about taking our students on a wonderful trip! Please make every effort to encourage and help your child attend. This is a remarkable opportunity for our children.

Please download the APP called TeamReach. Use the code: DMSTSpaceCamp to join our group. This is where I'll post forms, letters, reminders and pictures of the trip.

Thank you,

Bell Sullivan

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher

Note: Your child will not be allowed to pay for this field trip or attend this field trip if their school fees have not been paid for first. Student behavior is also a consideration