

8th Grade Field Trip – GETTYSBURG & WASHINGTON DC

Tuesday, May 6 – Saturday, May 9, 2026



Tuesday, May 5

Depart PWMHS via Cardinal Deluxe Motor Coach @ 9p

Wednesday, May 6

Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Restaurant (Mechanicsburg, PA) @ 7a

Arrive at Gettysburg National Battlefield Visitors Center @ 8:30a

Historical Battlefield Tour @ 9a

Lunch @ Gettysburg National Battlefield Visitors Center @ 12p

Visitor's Center Video & Cyclorama @ 12:30p

Depart Gettysburg @ 2:30p

Arrive at Cambria Hotel - Rockville, Maryland @ 3:45p

Showers & Pizza Dinner at Hotel

Depart for Washington Nationals Game @ 5:30p

Minnesota Twins at Washington Nationals @ 7p

Depart for Cambria Hotel @ 9:30p

Curfew @ 11p



Thursday, May 7

Breakfast and Team Building @ 7a

Depart for US Capitol Building @ 8a

Arrive at US Capitol Building and Meet Tour Guides @ 8:45a

Tour Capitol & House Gallery @ 9:15a

Library of Congress and Supreme Court @ 10:45a

Lunch at US Capitol Bldg Food Court @ 12p

Depart Union Station via Blue Line (Metro Center) to Arlington

Tour at Arlington National Cemetery @ 1:30p

Korean War, Lincoln, Vietnam War, World War 2 Memorials @ 3:15p

Dinner @ Reagan Building / International Trade Center @ 5:15p

History on Foot @ Ford's Theater @ 6:15p & 6:30p

Visit White House Grounds @ 8p

Depart for Cambria Hotel - Rockville @ 9p

Curfew @ 11p



Friday, May 8

Breakfast and Team Building @ 7a

Depart for WW2 Memorial @ 8:15a

Jefferson, F Roosevelt, and ML King Memorials @ 9a

Bus Ride to National Gallery of Art @ 10:30a

National Gallery of Art @ 10:45a

Lunch in National Gallery of Art @ 12p

National Air & Space Museum - Group 1 @ 1p

National Air & Space Museum - Group 2 (55 People) @ 1p

Ice Cream Break @ Food Trucks @ 3p

United States Holocaust Museum @ 3:15p

Dinner @ Cambria Hotel - Rockville @ 6p

Team Trivia @ Cambria Hotel - Rockville @ 7:30p

Curfew @ 11p



Saturday, May 9

Breakfast @ 6:30a & Depart for PWMHS @ 7:30a

Lunch @ Elyria, Ohio - Multiple Locations @ 1:45p

Arrive @ PWMHS @ 7p



8th Grade Field Trip to Gettysburg & Washington DC - Preliminary Budget

Budget is based off of 70 (out of 73) students and 18 adults attending the trip.

Line Item	Price Per Participant	Notes	Base Number
Transportation	\$232	Two 56-Pass Busses (\$24,000), 2 Hotel Rooms for Drivers (\$1,200), and \$200 Tip / ea	\$25,400 - \$5,000 = \$20,400
Wash DC Tour Guides	\$15	Wash DC Tour Guide Services (2 x \$500 / day = \$1,000) + \$50 (ea) Tip	\$1,100
History on Foot @ Fords Theater	\$25	\$750 / Group x 3 Groups = \$2,250	\$2,250
Chaperones	\$40	1 School Employee Per 15 Full Paying Trip Members (88 x \$40 = \$3,520)	\$3,520
Promo Material, Snacks, and T-Shirt	\$22	"Pirates on the Move" Swag (88 x \$22 = \$1,936)	\$1,936
Sub-Total	\$334		

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Breakfast	\$18	Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel	
Gettysburg Visitor's Center	\$17	Includes Movie and Cyclorama	
Battlefield Tour Guide	\$10	3 Hour Battlefield Tour Guide Services (2 x \$400) + \$50 (ea) Tip	
Picnic Lunch	\$20	Lunch Will Be a Grab-n-Go Picnic on the Battlefield	
Pizza Dinner	\$15	Dinner Will Be Pizza at the Hotel	
Hotel	\$50 (student) / \$100 (adult)	Students: Quad Occupancy... Chaperones: Double Occupancy	
Baseball Game	\$32	Minnesota Twins at Washington Nationals	
Sub-Total	\$162 (Students) / \$212 (Adults)		

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Breakfast	\$20	Breakfast @ Hotel - \$16.25 + 24% gratuity for staff	
Lunch	\$20	National Gallery of Art	
Arlington Nat Cemetery - Blue Line	\$5	Blue Line Subway to Arlington National Cemetery	
Dinner	\$20	Reagan Building / International Trade Center	
Hotel	\$50 (student) / \$100 (adult)	Students: Quad Occupancy... Chaperones: Double Occupancy	
Sub-Total	\$115 (Students) / \$165 (Chaperones)		

Friday, May 9, 2025

Breakfast	\$20	Breakfast @ Hotel - \$16.25 + 24% gratuity for staff	
Memorials & Tour	\$0	Free to the Public	
Lunch	\$20	Lunch Will Be a Grab-n-Go Food Trucks on the Mall	
US Holocaust Museum	\$2	Free to the Public but \$2 Handling Fee	
Smithsonian Air & Space Museum	\$2	Free to the Public but \$2 Handling Fee	
Ice Cream Break	\$8	Ice Cream Break in between Air & Space and Holocaust Museum	
Dinner	\$20	Cambria - Rockville	
Hotel	\$50 (student) / \$100 (adult)	Students: Quad Occupancy... Chaperones: Double Occupancy	
Sub-Total	\$112 (Students) / \$172 (Chaperones)		

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Breakfast	\$20	Breakfast @ Hotel - \$16.25 + 24% gratuity for staff	
Lunch	\$20	Elyria, Ohio	
Groups Snacks and Water	\$5	Cases of Water and Group Snacks	
Sub-Total	\$45 (Students) / \$45 (Chaperones)		

Est PWMHS Student Cost w/ District \$5,000 Subsidy	\$768	Estimated Chaperone Cost	\$828 (\$928 - \$100 "thank you" perk)
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Note: 18 PWMHS Staff and Parents (1:4 Staff-Student Ratio) will be overseeing / chaperoning the trip with costs already factored into pricing.
"Estimated Chaperone Cost" is meant for additional parents who wish to attend the trip as chaperones.



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Parent / Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver For PWMHS 8th Grade's Class Trip to Washington DC - May 5-9, 2026

Student Name: _____ DOB: ____ / ____ / ____ Grade: _____

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ - _____ Work Phone: () _____ - _____

Email Address: _____@_____

During the trip, although I understand that the group will be together at nearly all times, it would be ideal if my student(s) was (were) paired with at least one of the following student participants...


1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I have seen the approved agenda for the trip and understand that my child will be supervised by leadership and chaperones in both large and small groups at all times - outside of curfew / lights out until the morning wake up call.

Listed below are personal / medical notes (including medications / allergies) for my student(s) that trip leadership and chaperones need to be aware of...

Circle T-Shirt Size: Adult S M L XL XXL Youth S M L

I understand that PWCS is subsidizing this educational opportunity for my student by committing \$5,000+ to help cover the costs of group travel and help keep the cost of this trip affordable for participants. I also understand that the **non-refundable** fee assessed for my student(s) to participate is **\$768** ** - payable to “P-W Schools” - is due on **March 20, 2026**.

- ☐ I plan to pay with cash / personal check  ‘School Pay’ will be set up...
- ☐ I plan to pay with cash / personal check and am donating \$_____ to help others.
- ☐ My student(s) will utilize fundraising opportunities and I will pay the balance.
- ☐ I want my child to participate, but need help covering the cost of the trip.
- ☐ My student(s) will not be participating and will attend regular school (5/6-8).

**** Note: All financials will be determined by initial signup survey. See Financial Breakdown.**

I, _____ (Parent / Guardian Name), grant permission for my student(s), _____ (Name), to participate in this off-campus educational activity - under the guidance of school personnel - that requires transportation and overnight lodging.

As parent and / or legal guardian, I understand that I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor participant. I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors and assigns, to hold harmless and defend Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools its officers, directors, and agents - as well as any other representatives associated with the event - from any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, and all consequential damage arising from or in connection with my child attending the event... or in connection with any illness, injury, or cost of medical treatment in connection with this event.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____