



Dear Parents and Students,

As we prepare for our 8th grade trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure on May 1, 2026, the following information will be reviewed by all participants. Please review the information as a family as well. We have the best students in Cape Coral. Please help them understand that their overall conduct will be on display while on the bus and at the theme parks. During this trip, the Code of Conduct is in effect and any violation will lead to suspensions from end-of-year events.

Event: Universal Orlando's Gradventure 2026

Where: Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios Theme Parks

When: May 1-2, 2026

Itinerary:

12:30 p.m. Students will report to the gym for check-in.

1:00 p.m. Buses depart from Oasis Middle School to Universal.

11:45 p.m. Students will meet chaperones – location to be determined.

12:00 a.m. Depart Universal Studios

3:00 a.m. Students will text you when the buses begin rolling from Universal – we will provide a ETA to OMS at that time.

Students MUST attend school on May 1, 2026, as it is a regular school day.

General Information:

Both parks will be closed to the general public and will only be allowing 8th grade "Gradventure" students in. Beginning at 7 p.m., employees will escort everyone out except those 8th graders and chaperones entering the park. All entrances and exits will be sealed and a back walk-through will open, to allow students to go between the two parks. There will be extra security provided by Universal. Absolutely **no one** will be permitted to exit the park as per Universal Studio rules (going to City Walk is **NOT** permitted). All chaperones and students must also remain in the park until the event ends. **No** students will be permitted to depart early.

Student Screening:

All students will undergo scanning with a wand to detect any prohibited items for both the bus and Universal Studios. Discovery of any unauthorized or inappropriate items, such as vapes or weapons, will result in immediate loss of the trip, with no refund being issued.

Bus Rules:

The bus company will not permit food, gum, or candy on the bus. **Students will be permitted to bring two sealed bottles of water on the bus if they need – Stanley cups and other water bottles are not permitted.** Appropriate bus conduct expectations are in effect for this trip. All students have been assigned a bus number, make sure to remember this the day of the trip. Because chaperones have been preselected, there will be **NO** switching of buses. No blankets or pillows permitted on the bus.

Chaperones:

Each chaperone will have a list of cell phone and home phone numbers for students and parents in their group. Please be ready to provide the most accurate cell phone number the day of the trip. Your chaperone will provide you with their phone number in case of emergency.

Electronic Devices:

Students may bring their cell phones on the trip. This will be an avenue of communication between the students and chaperones. If your student does not have a cell phone, they must provide a cell phone number of a friend they are walking around with. Please remember that the chaperones, the bus company, theme parks, and OMS are **NOT** responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged electronic equipment; so please bring at your own risk.

Meal Voucher:

A complimentary meal voucher is included with every admission at participating dining locations. Gradventure Meal Vouchers are like cash; do not lose them! Please think about eating as soon as you get there, as the lines will be very long as the night progresses. Meal vouchers **MUST** be redeemed by 11 p.m. the night of the event. You may bring extra money for food, drinks and souvenirs.

Student Dress Code:

Students are expected to wear the 8th grade field trip shirt provided, for the entire day of the trip. Shirts are **NOT** to be modified in any way (i.e. cut, dyed, ripped). Please refer to Universal's dress code when planning your attire. Students are **ONLY** allowed to bring string backpacks and purses under the size of 8.5" x 5.5" in the parks. All students will be required to pass through Universal Orlando security screening. This includes bag checks and metal detectors.

If you are not able to make contact with your chaperone, and need assistance while in the park, please contact **Mrs. Picciolo at 239-603-2214.**

We are very excited about this fun-filled trip. It is sure to be tons of fun and will have memories that will last a lifetime. We are proud of our students and look forward to this "Gradventure 2026" trip!!!

