

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Dear parents/guardians of Grade 8 students,

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teachers have planned a field trip to the Showcase Cinema at Patriot Place in Foxboro on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be viewing a private screening of ***The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug***.

Students have been reading the classic novel The Hobbit, by JRR Tolkien, about Bilbo Baggins' journey across Middle Earth to assist Thorin Oakenshield and his company of dwarves in their quest to reclaim their ancestors treasure from the loathsome dragon, Smaug. As the throng travels with the wizard, Gandalf, through the treacherous lands swarming with goblins, trolls, spiders, and wargs, the unassuming Bilbo Baggins discovers the depths of his own courage and understands true heroism can come from even the most unexpected places.

Peter Jackson, the Academy Award winning director of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, brings the beloved prequel to the screen in three parts. *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, the second of the three movies, covers the middle of the novel which continues to follow the characters on their quest for revenge. For more information about the film, please visit [www.thehobbit.com](http://www.thehobbit.com) or view the trailer on YouTube.

A snack of popcorn, candy, and drink will be provided for each student during the film. When students return from the cinema to the Coakley Middle School, they will be given time to eat their lunch, but we require students to bring their own bagged lunch. The school lunch will not be available for purchase.

We, at the Coakley Middle School, want to ensure that each student has the opportunity to participate in all school sponsored events and activities. Please contact the guidance department or the Housemaster to discuss financial assistance if you are in a difficult financial situation at this time.

Please make **checks payable to Coakley Middle School for \$33.00**.  
All payments are **due FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you,  
8<sup>th</sup> grade English Teachers  
Kate Mooney, Bridget Manning, and Sarah Paine

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**Grade 8 Field Trip Permission Slip**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/ Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_