January 31, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians of 8th graders,

We invite your student to participate in the ***Taste of College - Mundelein***. Through this program your child will visit the College of Lake County, Trinity International University and the University Center on 3 consecutive Wednesdays (April 11th, 18th and 25th). Students will visit the colleges from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. They will be transported by bus from their middle school at 3:00 p.m. and returning by 5:30 p.m. to be picked up by parents/guardians, on April 11thand April 18th. On April 25th, the students will be taken to the colleges by bus and will return to Mundelein High School at 5:30 p.m. for a closing reception. The College of Lake County, Trinity International University and University Center will host the following programs:

**College of Lake County – Laser Photonics**

How would you like to design the invisibility cloak used by Harry Potter? How would you like to design a real Star Wars Light Saber? These sound like fiction, but they are not. Come and see how light is used in a variety of ways and find out what careers are available by starting out your education at the College of Lake County.

**Trinity International University**

During a visit to our four-year residential college, students will have a chance to explore a “traditional” college campus. They will visit the library, classrooms, the residence halls, dining hall, and more. Through an interactive scavenger hunt, learn how Trinity International University students study, spend time with friends, sleep, and eat while preparing for rewarding careers after graduation.

**University Center of Lake County - The Power of Technology**

Students will engage in a team-oriented, technology based project while exploring a career path from high school to college to the workforce. Students will learn the value of teamwork through the development of a project created by using presentation tools such as Power Point and distance-learning; Learn the importance of technology in order to be an effective leader in today’s world; Gain public speaking skills through presenting their project “via-interactive video” to their peers.

**Please Note: Parent Workshop/Closing Dinner** You are invited to attend the closing reception on the evening of April 25th at 5:00 p.m. at Mundelein High School. The evening will begin with a Parent Workshop at 5:00 p.m. where we will discuss the necessary steps for preparing your child for college. At 5:30 p.m. the participating children will arrive and join us for a Closing Dinner honoring their efforts and accomplishments throughout the program.

Carl Sandburg Middle School, Fremont Middle School, and West Oak Middle School have been allotted only 25 spaces for each school in this program. Preference will be given to students who are part of the first generation of children in their family planning to attend college and on a “first come, first served” basis. When registering your child, we ask that you are able to commit your child to attending all three sessions and that you also commit to attend the parent workshop on April 25th at 5:00 p.m. at Mundelein High School. If you have any further questions, please contact your Middle School’s Main Office.

Sincerely,

Taste of College Mundelein Committee

**Parental Consent**

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend the Taste of College program on April 11th, 18th, and 25th and have his/her picture taken for possible use in publications or presentations. My child is \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_ part of the first generation in our family to attend college.

Parent/Guardian (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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