

## **Frequently Asked Questions for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance and Dinner Cruise**

### **1. What is the date and time of the dinner dance?**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance and Dinner Cruise is scheduled for Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The students will be sailing from 7-10 pm. The students will report to Lakeside Park at 4 pm. The buses will depart for the marina at around 5 pm.

### **2. Are the students having an early dismissal on the day of the dance and dinner cruise?**

Yes, the students who are attending the trip will be dismissed from school at 12:55 pm.

### **3. Are parents allowed to take pictures of students before they depart for the cruise?**

Yes, parents, family and friends are invited to Lakeside Park from 4 – 5 pm to take pictures of their child prior to the buses leaving at 5 pm. We are hoping to have a section of the road blocked off around the park. Once the details are finalized with the police department, I will put out specifics of where students will be dropped off.

### **4. What should the students wear on the cruise?**

This is a semi-formal event. Suit, ties and (cocktail) dresses would be appropriate.

### **5. What type of buses are the students taking to the cruise?**

Lakeside has reserved three Coach Buses to transport our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to the marina.

### **6. Are there going to be any other schools on the cruise?**

No, Lakeside will be the only school on the cruise ship. This is an exclusive event for our students only!

### **7. What is the name of the cruise ship?**

The name of the yacht is the Skyline Princess Cruise Ship. To view pictures, click on the website link, <https://skylinecruises.com/>, and then click on the drop-down tab entitled “The Ship”.

**8. Where will the students be sailing?**

The students will be sailing on the Hudson River around the New York Harbor. The majestic Manhattan Skyline, Ellis Island, the South Street Seaport, Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty are just a few of the sights viewed on the Skyline Cruise.

**9. Are there going to be teachers on the trip?**

Yes, there will be a number of teacher chaperones on the trip to ensure the safety of our students.

**10. Is there going to be a DJ and dancing?**

Yes, the third floor of the cruise ship has a dance floor. Skyline Cruises will provide live DJ entertainment throughout the duration of the cruise.

**11. What type of foods are on the dinner menu?**

The students will enjoy a sit-down buffet dinner. The following statement was copied from the Skyline Cruise website:

*“Our world-class food is some of the best in NY harbor. The food is prepared on board in our full galley (kitchen) the day of the event by our own Chef. “*

As we get closer to the trip, we will be picking from the following menu items:

Beverage : Soda, Juice, Coffee, Herbal Tea, and Water

Menu: Choice of (1): Tossed Green or Caesar Salad \*\* Choice of (1): Chicken Francaise, Chicken Parmigiana, or Chicken Scaloppini Choice of (1): London Broil or Short Rib \*\* Choice of (1): Penne ala Vodka, Rigatoni Marinara, or Baked Ziti. \*\* Served buffet style. Accompanied by red roasted potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, dinner rolls, and butter. Celebration cake

**12. Can the students bring cell phones on the trip?**

Yes, the students will be able to bring and carry their cell phones. They will be allowed to use the phone to take pictures. However, students will not be allowed to post pictures on social media during the cruise.

**13. What will happen if the weather is bad? Can the students get seasick?**

No need to worry, the Skyline Princess is designed to sail rain or shine. The cruise ship is like being inside a floating catering hall and is designed to be unaffected by the weather. The Skyline Princess is a unique yacht that is designed specifically to be comfortable in all kinds of weather conditions and is fully climate-controlled for all year-round parties and events.

It is important to note that the ship sails in calm sheltered harbor waters, not the ocean, so seasickness is very unlikely.

**14. When are the students returning to school?**

The Dance and Dinner Cruise will be over at 10 pm. The buses should leave close to 10:30 pm and will arrive back to Lakeside School at around 11 pm. Students will be picked up in our parking lot.

**15. Are the students having a late arrival the day after the cruise?**

Yes, students who attend the dance and dinner cruise will not have to report to school until 10:35 am on Friday.