



November 7, 2014

Dear PACE Parent/Guardian:

On **Saturday, November 22**, an engineering trip is planned to Garden City, NY to visit the Cradle of Aviation Museum. The Cradle of Aviation Museum is a popular venue for Engineering Trips as it typically provides interactive opportunities, as well as close-up access to exhibits that span the history of aviation. On our previous visit, the students had the opportunity to participate in a mock launch of the Space Shuttle. As part of that activity, the students assumed positions relative to launching the Space Shuttle, including Mission Control/Management Specialists, the Launch Team, and the Ground Engineering Support Team. It was an enjoyable experience for the students, as well as for the staff.

The Cradle of Aviation Museum features air and spacecraft exhibits that range from a hot air balloon to an actual Lunar Module. Also included in the museum's collection are hands-on exhibits, cockpits that the students can climb on, and short films that provide history and information regarding the exhibits. For those students who are interested, they can experience flight or explore the depth of the seas on a 30-seat giant motion simulator in the museum's XRide Theater for a fee. This fee is not included in the cost of admission.

This field trip is intended to provide our students with the opportunity to see and learn about science and technology, its history, as well as other aspects of the history of human flight. **The cost for the trip is \$20 per person** (which includes the group admission fee of \$12.50 per person, and \$7.50 per person to supplement the cost of the bus). The group admission fee includes access to museum exhibits and admission to the Dome Theater. **Students should also bring enough money to purchase lunch, and should they choose to do so, buy souvenirs and tickets for the ride simulator.**

Students must meet the bus at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft (Parking Lot 6) at 8:00 AM sharp. We plan to **return** to this same location **by 6:00 PM**. Please be sure that your child has transportation to and from Brookdale for this event. The detailed itinerary is included in the Permission Slip document that accompanies this letter.

Each student (and student age guest) participating in this field trip **MUST** return a completed Permission Slip (**including medical insurance information**) with a parent's or guardian's signature. **If we do not have a permission slip that is signed by a parent or guardian, your child will not be allowed to attend.** Students must have turned in all money owed to PACE (fundraising money, registration fees, etc.) and any outstanding student application materials (report cards, recommendation letters, etc.) before they will be allowed to attend. Attendance on the trip is also subject to the concurrence of your child's engineering and math instructors, and adherence to PACE attendance and behavioral policies, as described in the PACE Student Program Guide. Please contact any of the persons below if you have any questions.

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