

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2013

*** includes a two-day, over-night bus trip to Gettysburg, PA, on June 7 and 8, 2013 ***

- *The Middle School Academy will take place in both the Burnet Middle School and the Kawameeh Middle School from May 13 through June 7, 2013 (twenty days).*
- *Middle School Academy students will receive an additional morning class (from 7:10AM – 7:55AM) everyday. The students will also receive an additional afternoon class (2:50PM – 3:35PM) everyday. The morning class, then, will meet 20 times, and the afternoon class will meet 20 times.*
- *The morning class will be a “Morning Assembly” where Academy students will view the current events of the day (through discussion of newspaper articles) and then learn to present their ideas through public speaking. Members from university staffs as well as staff members from community organizations and representatives from private industry will periodically visit these Morning Assemblies to engage the students in thoughtful discussions.*
- *In the afternoon, students will be enrolled in a “STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Class where they will be involved with a project called “Crash Course”. This project is based on a study of the laws of Physics and challenges students to design a vehicle that protects occupants in a crash. Pupils will design a paper car that will travel fast and protect an egg as it crashes into a concrete barrier.*
- *The afternoon class will also engage in a program entitled: “Preparing for the Trip to Gettysburg”. Students will read the book Private Captain: A Story of Gettysburg by Marty Crisp. They will also study in advance topics that they will encounter during their two-day trip to Gettysburg, PA, on June 7 and 8: the causes and outcomes of the Civil War, other important battles of the Civil War, and the significance of the Gettysburg conflict.*
- *Academy Students will be asked to abide by a special dress code throughout the school day: no jeans or sneakers . . . shirt/blouse tucked in . . . and the young men will wear a necktie.*
- *Academy Students will be held to very high standards of behavior, punctuality, and academic effort. Students not maintaining these standards will be excused from the Academy.*
- *Faculty for the program will come from the faculty of the Township of Union School District.*
- *The cost of the Academy will be \$160 per student. This tuition will cover all of the classes involved with the Middle School Academy and the entire two-day trip to Gettysburg, PA (transportation, lodging, and food).*

Parents/Guardians will be asked to pay this amount in cash before the beginning of the program. Scholarship assistance will be available.

NOTICE! All Spring Middle School Academy students are expected to participate in a CAR WASH that will serve as a fund-raiser for their trip to Gettysburg, PA. This Car Wash will take place in the driveway of the Township of Union School District Office Building at 2369 Morris Avenue on Saturday, May 18, from noon until 3PM. The Car Wash will be fun for the students with music, snacks and lots of positive energy!

Enrollment dates and times:

Please submit the form below with \$160 (non-refundable) to Superintendent Martin or Superintendent Secretary Julia Vicidomini at the Township of Union School District Office (2369 Morris Avenue – directly behind the high school) before noon on May 3, 2013.

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2013 Spring Middle School Academy Enrollment Form

Please enroll my student for the 2013 Spring Middle School Academy and Over-Night Trip to Gettysburg, PA:

(PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY)

Student Name _____

Male/Female _____

School _____

Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Home Phone _____

Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent Email Address _____