

February 5, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Friday, February 23rd**, the 7th grade will be going to the Paramount Theater to watch Freedom Riders.

For more information you can visit the following website:

<https://madrivetheater.com/original-plays/>

Here is some quick info about the play: *Freedom Riders* is the latest edition to the canon of American History plays by Mad River Theater Works. With original songs and live music, this new work explores the valiant and courageous personalities behind one of the most critical chapters in the history of the Civil Rights Movement. *Freedom Riders* thoughtfully demonstrates the importance of collaboration to affect change and specifically how non-violent protests focused the nation's attention on the cruelties of segregation. The timeless, inspiring story of these unforgettable heroes and their achievements is essential to understand fully the Civil Rights Era and American history itself. Mad River Theater Works, based in rural Ohio, creates evocative original musical plays with a rich sense of place.

The play begins at 12 noon so we will need to leave school promptly at 11:15 a.m. We plan to be back at Sutherland by 1:45 p.m. Lunch will be at school before we go to the show.

The cost of the trip is \$10 for the ticket and bus transportation. Students need to turn this money into their 4th block teacher by Friday, February 16. Please make checks payable to Sutherland Middle School and put the student's name on the memo line. If you prefer to send cash, please put it in an envelope with the child's name to facilitate bookkeeping.

Scholarships are available through the Paramount and our PTO, please email Jeff Matriccino (jmatriccino@k12albemarle.org), the guidance department, or call us at 975-0599.

Sincerely,

Seventh grade teachers



→Please return this bottom portion to your 4th Block teacher with \$10 by Friday, February 16.

My child _____ has permission to travel to the Paramount

(child's name)

Theater on Friday, February 23.

Guardian's signature _____

Date:

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February 16.**