Opportunity Knocks
PBS Middle School - 2017-2018

1. **Washington, DC**
   This opportunity is for 8th grade students only! Students will tour our nations’ capital and will experience such sites as: Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, White House, Capitol Building, The Holocaust Museum, Museum of Art, and the Smithsonian museums, plus much more. The trip takes place during Spring Break from Monday-Friday of that week. The exact dates are April 2-6, 2018. There will be much more information given once your child indicates an interest in attending this fun, educational trip. Bonding with classmates and memories that are made make this opportunity one that should not be missed!

   **Contact Person:** Jennifer.mcgehee@parkviewbaptist.com

   **Requirements:** To be an 8th grade student at PBS!

   **Cost:** The approximate cost is $1900.00 and includes airfare, hotel stay, tour bus and tour guide, all meals and entrance fees. Sign up needs to be done ASAP!

2. **BETA Convention**
   This opportunity is for students that are a part of BETA and is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. BETA convention is held in Lafayette, Louisiana in February. The trip will include 2 nights with classmates in a hotel and two days at convention at the Cajun Dome. Students in 7th and 8th grade ONLY will be competing and representing PBS middle school in competitions in different subject areas during the convention.

   **Contact Person:** Kathleen.doney@parkviewbaptist.com

   **Requirements:** To be in BETA - GPA 3.75 or higher

   **Cost:** Approximately $100.00 and covers hotel stay, transportation and most meals.

3. **Youth Legislature**
   This opportunity takes place in March and is for students on student council and students that are interested in how our state government works. Parkview Middle School has had the opportunity to experience Youth Legislature for a couple of years and it was an amazing opportunity for our 8th graders to experience first-hand the actual process of writing a bill, speaking up for a bill and voting as a member of the House or Senate. The students also had the chance to run for Governor and other offices. The dates are March 21 and 22, 2018. **The due date for signing up for this is Friday, October 6th, 2017.**

   **Contact Person:** Bentley.brown@parkviewbaptist.com or Karen.spencer@parkviewbaptist.com

   **Requirements:** Students need to be in 7th or 8th grade OR on Student Council; Student must have an 85% average in Social Studies at the end of the first and second nine weeks of school.

   **Cost:** $35.00
4. **NASA in Houston**

This year we are adding something new and exciting. We will be leading a group to experience a STEM field trip to NASA in Houston, Texas. The students will leave school at noon on Thursday, November 9th and return on the evening of Friday, November 10, 2017. Students will not want to miss out on this opportunity. (We have checked and this area was not flooded so we are good!) Some of the activities will include eating authentic Tex-Mex food at a local Mexican restaurant, ice-skating at the Galleria, and a day at the NASA space facility. The deadline to sign up for this first-time excursion is Monday, October 16th.

**Contact Person:** kandi.brewster@parkviewbaptist.com

**Requirements – Participants must be in 7th grade**

**Cost:** Approximately $125.00 – This will cover transportation to Houston, hotel rooms, several meals, entrance to NASA, and ice-skating at the Galleria

5. **Symphony Orchestra**

Come enjoy the *Promises of Springtime* with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra on Thursday evening, April 19, 2018 at the River Center Theatre. This concert is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Leonard Bernstein. Maestro Muffitt is featuring music by Aaron Copeland in *Bill the Kid* and Bernstein’s *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*. **There will be more information about this event in the new year.**

**Contact Person:** Paige.riley@parkviewbaptist.com

**Requirements:** Any students in grades 5th-8th that love music and want to hear a great concert!

**Cost:** Approximately $35-$50 depending on the location of the seats. The actual amount will be given once an exact number of students is determined.

6. **Middle School Robotics/ STEM**

Learn about the exciting world of robotics, engineering, and design while having fun in a competitive teamwork environment. We will work to build a Lego robot and program it to run autonomously to perform tasks. The students will meet after school on Thursdays in the middle school library until 5:30. The students will begin meeting in the spring semester starting in January 2018.

**Contact Persons (Coaches):** marja.liner@parkviewbaptist.com

**Requirements:** Any students in grades 5th-8th that love science and engineering

**Cost:** $60.00 which covers t-shirt and cost of materials.
7. The World War II Experience

The World War II Experience is an after-school club open to 7th and 8th grade students that are in Band or Choir (or any other yearlong elective class). Inherent in this club experience is an emphasis on patriotism, leadership, and the virtues of service to our country. Mr. Brown will show award winning videos such as Band of Brothers, The Pacific, Saving Private Ryan, Anne Frank, Red Tails, Defiance, The Pianist, and many others. These videos will give students an inside look at the Holocaust, many famous battles, and the sacrifice of men and women in the war. Patriotism and sacrifice, then and now is timeless and valuable for our next generation. Included in the club experience is a trip to the World War II Museum.

Requirements: 7th or 8th grade student that is in a yearlong elective class such as band or choir

Contact Person: Bentley.brown@parkviewbaptist.com

Cost: The cost is approximately $30 which covers the fieldtrip

8. Math Club – 5th Grade

All 5th graders are invited to participate in the Parkview Baptist School 5th Grade Math Club. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." We believe that the Lord is not a God of chaos, but He is a God of wonder and order. We will explore this wonder and order through math concepts, by reading math literature books, and exploring websites that include fun math activities. *We may also participate in local math competitions.

Requirements: 5th grade students only! We will meet and eat lunch together twice a month.

Contact Person: robin.cotten@parkviewbaptist.com

Cost: $20.00 – This will include treats, games and a math club t-shirt that students can wear on spirit days!

9. Student Council

Student Council is a group of students who act as a connection between the student body and faculty/administration, and it is open to 6th-8th graders who have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students in 6th grade are eligible to be representatives for their grade. A student wanting to serve on Student Council must demonstrate leadership and good character! Students in 7th and 8th grade can run for certain officer positions. Anyone interested in running for Student Council will be required to complete an application and will need 3 teacher recommendations. There is no cost!

Contact Person: Melanie Wales – melanie.wales@parkviewbaptist.com

Requirements: 2.5 GPA and 3 teacher recommendations.
Opportunity Knocks – Choir

5th and 6th grades

ACDA All State Honor Choir - Students in 5th and 6th grades may audition for the ACDA All State Children’s Honor Choir if they are a member of the PBS Choir. The All State Choir rehearses and performs a concert at the annual ACDA Fall Vocal Conference in New Orleans, LA. (Nov. 2017)

Audition fee-$15 (if selected students are responsible for lodging /travel and participation fees)

LMEA Solo/Small Ensemble Vocal Festival
PBS Choir students in 5th and 6th grades may participate in LMEA Vocal Solo/Ensemble Festival. Students prepare a selection to perform for a judge. Soloists and ensemble members who receive a superior rating receive a medal at Awards Day. This event is held in February. Participation fee-$8

7th and 8th grades

ACDA All State Honor Choir
Students in 7th and 8th grades may audition for the ACDA All State Treble or Mixed Honor Choir if they are a member of the PBS Choir. The All State Choir rehearses and performs a concert at the annual ACDA Fall Vocal Conference in New Orleans, LA. (Nov. 2017)

Audition fee-$15 (if selected students are responsible for lodging /travel and participation fees)

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Tri M Music Honor Society
Students in choir or band are selected for this honor club. Prospective members must meet certain requirements before being selected for membership. Mrs. Lisa Smith

- Advocates for the importance and value of music education in shaping the leaders of tomorrow
- Highlights the school’s music program and establishes credibility within the surrounding community
- Positively impacts the community through public performances and service projects
- Motivates students to take on leadership roles and make a difference in their community

Requirements: 7th and 8th grade music students

Contact Person: Mrs. Lisa Smith – lisa.smith@parkviewbaptist.com