

Sample Pre-Event Letter to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent or Guardian,

On October 18 or 19, 2018, your 8th grade student will have the opportunity to attend the *Mission Tomorrow* event at Richmond Raceway. In order for a student to attend, you must complete and return the accompanying permission slip for your student.

At the event, about 140 Richmond region businesses and organizations will have booths with interactive activities designed to introduce students to the wide range of careers available in the Richmond region. This information will be helpful to students in making informed decisions about their futures.

You may wonder why your eighth grader needs to be thinking about future careers now. The answer is that the course choices that your child makes going into his/her freshman year of high school can impact the career pathways available in the future. Getting your student to start thinking about things they like doing and are good at is a good way to start the discussion about future careers.

If you, as a parent/guardian, would like to see the event to be able to discuss careers with your student, there are several ways to do that:

1. Volunteer with your school as a chaperone for the event
2. Volunteer to work at the event <https://www.chamberrva.com/volunteers/>
3. Visit the event at the Raceway between 8:15 and 9:30 on October 18 or 19.

After the event, we will ask your student to complete a post-event survey about careers that he/she saw and found interesting. The Richmond region has a wide range of careers that are available. These include a variety of jobs, with good salaries, and a range of educational requirements. Our schools can provide a range of pathways for students to progress towards future careers. We hope you will use this event and the materials to discuss these future careers and educational opportunities with your student.