

Washington, D.C. Trip – March 26th-30th, 2014 – General Information

1) Packing Tips

- a. All travelers will be allowed one bag and one “carry on” type item for the trip. Gentlemen must also have their concert uniform in a garment bag.
- b. Please tag all items that belong to you (i.e. initials on clothing tags, make sure you have tags on your luggage, put a tag or piece of tape with your name on it on your garment bag and instrument, tape with initials on chargers, etc.)
- c. You will fit more clothing in your suitcase if you roll clothes instead of fold them.
- d. Make sure you have your concert uniform (don’t forget black socks and dress shoes), instrument, and music.
- e. Pack one semi-formal outfit for the awards banquet.
- f. Bring clothing that you can layer such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, light jackets, etc. Layering is the key to success in the great north.
- g. Wear comfortable athletic type shoes and warm socks.
- h. Check the weather forecast and make sure you are prepared.

2) Busses

- a. You will ride the bus you are assigned to for the entire trip.
- b. Please refrain from using the bus bathrooms unless there is a dire emergency. We will stop every 4-5 hours for a break on the way up and back. Pace yourself with the amount you eat and drink on the bus.
- c. Do not spray any sort of perfume, axe, hairspray, etc. on the bus.

3) Parking

- a. Administration has advised to not leave vehicles at school during the trip if at all possible. The campus will be closed, but that does not mean people cannot still get to your cars. It would be in your best interest to have someone drop you off and pick you up.

4) Rooms

- a. All room lists have been submitted and are final.
- b. Male and female students are never permitted to be in the same hotel room for any reason.
- c. Curfew is 11:00pm each night. No exceptions. After 11:00pm, students will not be allowed out of rooms unless there is an unlikely emergency.
- d. There will be night security on each floor monitoring rooms and hallways during the night. Any noise disturbance or violation of curfew will be reported to Mr. Holoweiko. If this happens, you can expect to spend the rest of the trip attached to a chaperone.
- e. Do not charge any sort of room service to the room or use any amenities that may be available (i.e. coffee). Any fee charged to a room will be the responsibility of the students in that room to pay.
- f. Rooms need to be kept neat and orderly out of consideration for the facilities and those who maintain them. If you take something out of your suitcase, make sure it finds its way back. Do not leave the floor littered with your adolescence.

- g. Please do not pack gaming systems for this trip. You will not have the time to use them nor the energy to get through each day.
- 5) Hygiene
 - a. All students must shower and display proper hygiene every day. Please refrain from using large amounts of aerosols if at all possible (i.e. hairspray, axe, etc.).
- 6) Medication
 - a. All students who require medication need to see Mr. Holoweiko at his room at least 20 minutes prior to breakfast if you have medication you take in the morning or at least 20 minutes prior to curfew if you take medication at night.
 - b. Any student who requires medication during the day while we are out and about should call Mr. Holoweiko (phone number on itinerary).
- 7) Additional Costs
 - a. Breakfast on the drive up to Washington, D.C. (approx. \$10).
 - b. Lunch on Thursday inside the museums (approx. \$10-15).
 - c. Lunch on Saturday/Sunday inside the museums (approx \$20-30).
 - d. Dinner on the ride home (approx. \$10).
 - e. Any money you would like to have to purchase souvenirs.
 - f. Double check the days you will need to fend for yourself with the itinerary.
- 8) The Mall/Zoo/Museums
 - a. Students will be free to explore these areas in groups. At no point are students allowed to wander off on their own. Students must be in groups of 4 or more at all times. That means no one splits off for any reason including use of the restroom, etc. You travel as a group.
 - b. Specific boundaries for each day are shown on the map found in the itinerary. Please adhere to these boundaries.
 - c. Please do not carry anything on your person that you would be devastated about losing.
- 9) Public Transit
 - a. At no point in time are students allowed to use public transit to get to different places on the mall or around the Washington, D.C. area. All traveling that is not on our school sponsored busses must be done on foot.
- 10) Hotel Information
 - a. We will be staying at the Dulles Airport Hilton while in Washington, D.C.
 - b. 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171 (703) 478-2900
 - c. <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/hilton-washington-dulles-airport-IADAHF/index.html>
 - d. All students must follow all rules set forth by the hotel.
 - e. Any student planning on using the pool must let a chaperone know and have them accompany the group to the pool area.
- 11) Performance Venue and Time
 - a. We will perform at the Hylton Performing Arts Center during our trip to Washington, D.C. If you have relatives in the area that would like to

attend the address is 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, VA 20109 and we perform at 9:00am.

12) School trip

- a. Since this is a school-sponsored trip, all school policies apply including the zero tolerance policy. Please take time to review this policy on the school website. Students who break this policy risk spending the trip attached to a chaperone OR being sent home immediately at the parent's expense. Do not make a decision that will negatively impact the privilege of being able to take band trips in the future.

13) Charms

- a. Please make sure your information is up to date on CHARMS in case we need to get a hold of you for any reason during the trip. Please also make sure your son/daughter has your cell/home number programmed into their phone.
- b. Students – make sure your cell number is up to date in case I need to get a hold of you in the unlikely event of an emergency.

14) Chaperones

- a. Your chaperones for the trip are: Frank Angeli, Ken Marshall, Bonnie Key, Sharon Mason, Ericka White, Chris Kastrup, Regina Lukens, and Kelly Walcheski.
- b. Chaperones will be responsible for taking attendance at various points during the trip, checking students in and out of rooms, checking rooms at night before curfew, managing bus checks, etc.