

## **Washington D.C. 09-10**

April 16-19

### **Why Travel?**

- Perform in a Music Festival and work with Festival Clinicians
- Provide an educational opportunity to the students that they cannot get here at home
- Give the students a chance to experience part of their country and enjoy the Arts
- Traveling as a group encourages team building
- Helps keep students interested in the performance opportunities offered to them

### **Why Washington D.C.?**

- Rich in our nation's history, many different interesting tourist attractions

### **Costs:**

Right now we are looking at approximately \$600. We are trying to reduce this cost. Please understand that we are doing everything possible to make sure the trip will not exceed \$600. As we go through the year you will receive updates letting you know how we are doing. I am sure that some students will not have any out of pocket expenses, and I am sure that some will need to pay the full amount. During the year we will be doing several fundraisers to help make this trip possible for your son/daughter. They are not mandatory, but the more you do, the less you have to pay. Get involved with fundraising! Last time a few students actually had money from their original deposits refunded back to them before the trip because they participated so much. That could be your child!

Listed below are the payment guidelines that we MUST follow in order to have a successful trip. You may send in a payment at any time during the school year, but by the dates listed you MUST have the determined amount of money. Please take this seriously. Last time, money was floated. Doing this created financial difficulty for the school and my account, putting a lot of unneeded pressure and spotlight on the school accounting. This will not be allowed anymore, as I need to physically have the money in my account in order to request a check. If people do not meet the deadlines, I won't be able to get a check out, which means we will face many avoidable fees.

*All payments made to Millbury High School*

### **Payment Deadlines:**

<b>\$75 Non-Refundable Payment Due October 16</b>	<b>\$75</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment Due November 20	\$150
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment Due January 6	\$225
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment Due March 5	\$150

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Total \$600

\*Numbers will change for the last payment if the cost of trip is reduced.

Should a student cancel, you will be responsible for the Non-Refundable Payment and any other out of pocket non-refundable expenses that have been forwarded to any supplier or vendor on behalf of the group. (Tour tickets, fees, shows, etc.)

**Website:**

There will be a Music Department Trip Tab for info, updates, news, fundraising and any other information. Please check the website for updates frequently. I will do my best to keep it current.

**Fundraisers:**

See fundraising Info

Right now it we are just starting our first fundraiser- Pizza Sale. We will do it again in the spring, and the winter we will be doing our annual poinsettia sale. Although there are not a lot of fundraisers planned so far, the ones we have are very effective and good ones. In both cases, each item sold gets the student \$5 into their account.

We are also looking at doing some other fundraisers. If anyone has any ideas please attend one of the Millbury Music Parents Association Meetings, the first Thursday of every month. There is one this Thursday at 6 if anyone is interested.

**Scheduling Issues:**

Right now I do not see any scheduling issues with the trip. We will only miss 1 day of school, and being the Friday before vacation it is not a big deal at all. The Monday we return is a holiday and the start of April Vacation so please plan accordingly.

**Other Costs:**

As of right now these are the meals you will need to pay for on your own. We will do our best to always eat someplace that is reasonably priced. Please use the following as a guide to help.

-Souvenirs

-Food

Breakfast: 0

Lunch: 3 @ Estimate \$5-\$15

Dinner: 2 @ Estimate \$15-\$30

Total \$45-\$105

**Chaperones:**

Staff Traveling:

Mr. Ferreira

School Administrator

Nurse

Parent Chaperones:

With the current figures, we will only be able to take 4 parent volunteers. Room, board, and transportation is being provided to thank you for your time but we are asking you to pay a small fee for activities, tours and included meals. This will help keep the costs down.

Parent Fee: \$175

Parents will be chosen by a lottery system to ensure fairness.

**School Rules:**

All School Rules do apply on the trip. Safety is our number 1 concern and goal, and students must adhere to school rules and policies. There will be a ZERO tolerance policy for any negative behavior or poor decisions. If a student breaks a school rule depending on the severity, the parent will be notified and the student must be picked up within 12 hours of the incident at the student's expense and taken home by a guardian with severe consequences to be follow. Students must be in good standing with the school in order to participate.

Even if your child is age 18 or over, they need to understand that they are traveling with the school group and are my responsibility. This does not mean that I do not trust them to live their lives and I'm sure they could travel successfully on their own. However, by going on this trip they need to abide by my rules because I am ultimately responsible for their safety.

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If you are interested in helping out with fundraising and learning more, please come to the next MMPA Meeting Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00.

As always if anyone has any questions please send them my way. First be sure to check out the Music Department Website for the latest updates.

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