

WASHINGTON D.C. PARENT MEETING

2017 8TH GRADE TRIP

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CHAPERONES

- **CHAD CARR**
- **EVAN SNYDER**
- **LAURA SNYDER**
- **PATRICK ANDERSON**
- **RYAN SNYDER**
- **SYDNEY WILLOUGHBY**
- **TODD CROSBY**
- **AMY COLLINS**
- **KIM SUDEER**
- **JEREMY STACY**

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PACKETS

- **REGISTRATION PACKET SENT HOME LAST WEEK WITH STUDENTS.**
- **IN THE FALL, TURN IN MEDICAL FORM AND ROOM REQUEST FORM.**

WHAT YOU WILL PICK UP AT FINAL PARENT MEETING IN THE FALL

- **LUGGAGE TAGS**
- **STUDENT JOURNAL**
- **BUS LIST**
- **ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS**
- **ITINERARY**

HOW DO I PICK MY ROOMMATES

- **STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO TURN IN THEIR ROOM REQUEST FORM IN SEPTEMBER (TBA) LISTING THEIR PREFERRED ROOMMATES.**
 - **THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEE.**
- **STUDENTS SHOULD LIST EACH OTHER IN GROUPS OF FOUR OR TWO**
 - **DO NOT SUBMIT A ROOM OF THREE.**

WHO IS SELECTED TO GO?

- AS OF TODAY, **94** STUDENT SPACES ARE AVAILABLE.
- THIS NUMBER WILL BE INCREASED TO **135** TOMORROW.
- THIS NUMBER COULD ADJUST IF WE ARE ABLE TO GET MORE CHAPERONES.
 - WE WILL HAVE **THREE CHAPERONES** PER BUS.

WHEN DO WE DEPART/ARRIVE?

- **DEPARTURE FROM CLAY**

- **THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH 6:30 PM**

- **PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 6:15 PM**

- **ARRIVAL IN D.C.**

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 6:00 AM**

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE ARRIVE?

- **WE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A CHANGING ROOM.**
- **STUDENTS CAN CHANGE CLOTHING AND WE WILL THEN GO TO BREAKFAST.**
- **WE WILL THEN SWITCH BUSES AND HEAD TO MONTICELLO.**

WHAT SHOULD BE IN MY SUITCASE?

- **CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR EACH DAY AND BE PREPARED FOR WEATHER CHANGE.**
- **LOOK ONLINE FOR WEATHER FORECAST IN WASHINGTON D.C. BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

CAN I BUY SOUVENIRS?

- **YES, BUT NO LASER POINTERS, GADGETS, ETC.**
- **PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT SOME ITEMS CAN DISTRACT OR BOTHER OTHERS.**

HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY DO I TAKE?

- **THIS IS NOT MANDATORY AND THE AMOUNT IS UP TO EACH PERSON.**
- **TYPICALLY, \$50-\$100 IS PLENTY.**

ARE THERE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & CONSEQUENCES?

- **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, SCHOOL RULES APPLY THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE TRIP.**
- **POOR BEHAVIOR WILL RESULT IN A PARENT PHONE CALL.**
- **SHOULD THE BEHAVIOR CONTINUE, THE STUDENT IS REMOVED FROM HIS/HER GROUP.**
- **THE LAST STEP IS THAT THE STUDENT IS SENT HOME AT PARENT EXPENSE.**
 - **WORLD STRIDES WILL ESCORT THE STUDENT TO THE AIRPORT.**

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF STUDENTS AT THE MEMORIALS/SITES?

- **CLAY MS EXPECTS STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THE CLAY WAY WHILE ON THE TRIP.**
- **WE ASK THAT RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR IS EMPHASIZED AT THESE LOCATIONS, AS OTHERS ARE THERE TO VISIT AS WELL AND MAY BE PAYING RESPECTS TO LOVED ONES.**

BUS EXPECTATIONS

- **STUDENTS WILL REMAIN IN THE SAME SEATING CHART/CHAPERONE GROUP THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TRIP ON ALL BUSES.**
- **STUDENTS SIT WITH ROOMMATES AT ALL TIMES.**
- **THIS WILL MAKE SUPERVISION A LOT EASIER AND RELIABLE FOR CHAPERONES AND ENABLE STUDENTS TO ALSO LOCATE ROOMMATES QUICKLY.**

WHAT ARE THE RULES REGARDING MY HOTEL ROOM?

- **WE ASK THAT STUDENTS FOLLOW PROPER BEHAVIOR AT ALL TIMES.**
- **NO HORSEPLAY, ORDERING FOOD, CALLING OTHER ROOMS, ETC.**
- **STUDENTS DO NOT LEAVE THEIR ROOM ONCE ATTENDANCE IS TAKEN.**
- **QUIET BEHAVIOR IS EXPECTED FROM STUDENTS TO RESPECT OTHER GUESTS IN THE HOTEL.**
- **IF STUDENTS BREAK SOMETHING IN THEIR ROOM, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE PAYMENT**

CAN WE WATCH MOVIES IN OUR ROOM?

- **STUDENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO ORDER MOVIES BUT MAY WATCH TELEVISION.**
- **SHOULD STUDENTS ORDER A MOVIE ALL CHARGES WILL BE APPLIED TO THE PARENTS.**
- **STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO NOT WATCH PAY CHANNELS OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING HBO.**

WILL THERE BE SECURITY AT THE HOTEL?

- **YES - WE HAVE NIGHT SECURITY ON OUR FLOOR.**
- **SECURITY WILL NOT PERMIT STUDENTS TO LEAVE ROOMS AND WILL REPORT ANY LOUD BEHAVIOR.**
- **SHOULD STUDENTS RECEIVE A BAD REPORT, THE STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO CALL PARENTS TO DISCUSS.**

HOW DO WE IMPROVE OUR SAFETY?

- **WE TRAVEL IN THE BUDDY SYSTEM AT ALL TIMES.**
- **CHAPERONES WILL TAKE ATTENDANCE BEFORE AND AFTER EVERY STOP.**
- **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ON TIME WHEN MEETING CHAPERONES.**

DO WE GET TO SWIM?

- NO SWIMMING IN THE POOL.
- WE DO NOT HAVE TIME FOR THAT.

WHO CLEANS UP MY SPILL?

- **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THEIR PART OF THE BUS AND HOTEL ROOM CLEAN AS MUCH AS THEY CAN.**
- **SHOULD THEY HAVE AN ACCIDENT THEY NEED TO CLEAN IT UP.**

WHAT CAN WE TAKE WITH US?

- **1 SUITCASE, 1 CARRYON, 1 PILLOW, SNACKS/DRINK.**
- **WE ASK THAT STUDENTS HAVE NO NUT PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND AT ANY POINT DURING THE TRIP!**

CAN WE TAKE A MOVIE WITH US?

- **YES, ONLY TO WATCH ON BUS (NO GUARANTEES, HOWEVER. UP TO CHAPERONE)**
- **MUST BE PG OR LOWER.**
- **CHAPERONES WILL ALSO BRING AGE-APPROPRIATE MOVIES.**
- **WE ADVISE STUDENTS TO NOT BRING PORTABLE LAPTOPS OR DVD PLAYERS.**
- **SHOULD STUDENTS BRING ONE, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS WELL-BEING.**

DO I HAVE TO WEAR MY LANYARD?

- **YES, AT ALL TIMES.**
- **USE SHARPIE TO PUT FIRST AND LAST NAME. IT HAS IMPORTANT INFO ON IT.**

CAN I TAKE MY CELL PHONE?

- **YES, BUT NO PICS ON THE BUS AS IT WILL DISTRACT DRIVERS AT NIGHT.**
- **THERE ARE SPECIFIC RULES REGARDING PHONE USE AT DIFFERENT MEMORIALS AND WE WILL COVER THOSE AS WE GO.**

WHO WAKES US UP?

- **CHAPERONES WILL KNOCK ON DOORS BUT STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO SET ALARMS AT A REASONABLE TIME TO ALLOW THEM TO GET READY AND EAT BREAKFAST.**
- **WE ALSO USE THE “WAKE-UP CALL SERVICE”.**
 - **MR. CARR WILL SET THIS SERVICE FOR THE STUDENTS EACH DAY.**
- **BE MINDFUL OF PREP TIME. WE NEED TO LEAVE ON TIME EACH DAY.**

DO WE GET ROOM KEYS?

- **YES, FOUR KEYS PER ROOM.**
- **EACH STUDENT GETS ONE.**
- **BE RESPONSIBLE!**

WHAT IF I FORGET MY CELL PHONE AT A LOCATION?

- **WE CANNOT WAIT ON STUDENTS TO SEARCH FOR LOST PHONES AS WE HAVE A TIGHT ITINERARY.**
- **WE MUST STAY ON SCHEDULE.**
- **IF THE STUDENT FEELS LIKE THEY MAY LOSE THEIR PHONE, DO NOT TAKE IT.**

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE DANCE ON THE LAST NIGHT?

- **YES - ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND.**
- **STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO ACTUALLY DANCE AND MAY CHOOSE TO SOCIALIZE OR WATCH AN NFL GAME ON TELEVISION.**

WHEN DO WE RETURN HOME?

- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**
 - **ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL HOME IS 5:00-5:30 PM.**
- **STUDENTS WILL KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOU AS WE GET CLOSER TO HOME.**
- **PLEASE PICK UP ON TIME.**

HOW DO I GET SELECTED TO LAY THE WREATH AT ARLINGTON?

- **TWO STUDENTS WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE GROUP TO REPRESENT CLAY MS IN THE LAYING OF THE WREATH CEREMONY AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY.**
- **THIS IS A PRESTIGIOUS HONOR.**
- **STUDENTS WHO WISH TO BE CHOSEN MUST SUBMIT A WELL-WRITTEN PAPER TO MR. CARR BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.**
- **STUDENTS WERE TOLD THIS AT THE STUDENT MEETING. ANY LATE PAPER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **THE THEME OF YOUR PAPER SHOULD BE: “MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS: WHY CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD VISIT THEM”**

ITINERARY (95% ACCURATE)

- **MONTICELLO**
- **HOLOCAUST MUSEUM**
- **NATIONAL ARCHIVES**
- **SMITHSONIAN AIR AND SPACE**
- **SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN HISTORY**
- **SMITHSONIAN NATURAL HISTORY**
- **CAPITOL TOUR**
- **ARLINGTON CEMETERY**
- **NATIONAL ARCHIVES**
- **AND ALL MAJOR MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS)**

ANY QUESTIONS?

- **WEBSITE: WWW.WORLDSTRIDES.COM/SIGNUP**
- **TRIP ID: 142617 IS OUR ID FOR CLAY MS**
- ****IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES MEDICATION OR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE,
PLEASE SEE MR. CARR***