

# WASHINGTON, D.C.

Spring 2019 Trip

Parent/Student Meeting

March 12, 2019

Presentation will be posted on Diamond Website



# OVERVIEW

- ▶ April 9 - 12, 2019
- ▶ Third Annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C.
- ▶ 285 Students
- ▶ 25 Chaperones
- ▶ 6 travel groups in D.C.
- ▶ 7 C & W buses to and from Logan/Diamond

# ROOMING AND CHAPERONES

- ▶ Each student is sharing a room for four students
- ▶ Every chaperone has between 8 and 12 students
- ▶ All chaperones are either teachers or classroom aides from Diamond, includes Ms. Turner and Ms. Sharp

# TRIP OBJECTIVES

- ▶ A rich learning experience
- ▶ Fun and educational
- ▶ Student safety and well-being are the number one priority

# HOTEL

Arlington Court Suites  
1200 North Courthouse Road  
Arlington, VA 22201

Tel 703-524-4000

Separate wings for boys and girls  
Chaperone rooms mixed in

# WHAT TO PACK

- ▶ Only one CARRY ON suitcase and one backpack
- ▶ Clothing for 3 days, school dress code (no need for a bathing suit)
- ▶ Wear your team t-shirt on Tuesday and your DC shirt on Wednesday
- ▶ Second night is a dinner & dance
- ▶ Toiletries
- ▶ Sneakers
- ▶ Light jacket or sweatshirt
- ▶ Raincoat
- ▶ Cell phone and charger (maybe also a portable charger)
- ▶ \$75 approx.
- ▶ Leave iPad at home, please (if damaged, you will be responsible for replacement cost)

# REMINDERS ON PACKING

- ▶ You may want a camera
- ▶ Keep money with you in your backpack each day
- ▶ **DO NOT BRING**
  - ▶ Candy or junk food
  - ▶ Energy drinks
- ▶ Liquids are not allowed through security
- ▶ You will only be allowed one small, carry-on suitcase and one backpack

# AIRLINE INFORMATION

Travel Number	Departure from Logan 4/9/19	Arrival to Logan 4/12/19
1	American #2170 2:00 PM	American #2116 7:16 PM
2	American #2142 3:00 PM	American #2148 5:15 PM
3	Southwest #1952 2:10 PM	Southwest #796 5:45 PM
4	Southwest #1952 2:10 PM	Southwest #796 5:45 PM
5	Southwest #4133 3:10 PM	Southwest #1114 6:50 PM
6	Southwest #4133 3:10 PM	Southwest #1114 6:50 PM



# DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Tuesday, April 9

- ▶ Students should bring their luggage to Room 164 upon arrival to school in the morning
- ▶ Be sure to label your suitcase. It will be mixed with all others at the bottom of the bus in D.C.
- ▶ Students will keep luggage and backpacks with them on assigned C & W bus
- ▶ We will have first lunch, gather luggage and get on C&W buses to Logan by 11:30 AM
- ▶ So much better than 3:30AM!!!

# GROUP INFORMATION

Group #	Chaperones	Arrival Info
1 C&W Buses	Ms. Sharp, Ms. May, Ms. Moy, Mr. Camozzi, Mr. Bosbach	3:38 PM Reagan
2 C&W Buses	Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Coombs, Ms. Bilodeau, Ms. Temple	4:42 PM Reagan
3 C&W Buses	Ms. Friedman, Ms. Hogan, Mr. Wolke Mr. Templeton	3:40 PM BWI
4 C&W Buses	Ms. Casey, Mr. Seymourian, Ms. Fagan, Ms. Shand	3:40 PM BWI
5 C&W Buses	Mr. Lemay, Ms. Factor, Ms. Pikcilingis, Mr. Wilcox	4:50 PM BWI
6 C&W Buses	Ms. Turner, Mr. Dautrich, Ms. Farrell, Mr. Findell	4:50 PM BWI

# AIRPORT EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Students must stay in chaperone groups
- ▶ Hold onto your boarding pass
- ▶ Do not leave bags unattended
- ▶ Do not leave area alone
- ▶ Be sure someone always knows where you are and who you are with
- ▶ We may not have time for stopping at the airport, so pack food if you need a snack (no liquids allowed through security)

# ON THE AIRPLANE

- ▶ Put your carry-on bag in the overhead storage bin
- ▶ Keep your backpack with you and store under your seat
- ▶ Sit in your assigned seat
- ▶ Follow all chaperone directions
- ▶ Obey TSA rules and regulations
- ▶ Please be respectful of other passengers on the plane
  - ▶ We are traveling in groups from 42 to 100 on each flight

# SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Your chaperone is here to keep you safe
- ▶ Never travel alone, anywhere, anytime
- ▶ Always be on time
- ▶ Always be where you are supposed to be
- ▶ Have a phone number of someone else in your group
- ▶ Be respectful of chaperones, bus driver, tour guide, and other adults
- ▶ Carry money out of sight
- ▶ Always listen when your chaperone or tour guide is speaking
- ▶ Look out for each other

# Student Medication

Any medication (prescription or over the counter) that is to be taken by a student must meet the following requirements:

1. A prescriber's signed order/instructions (Forms are available tonight, or you downloaded from email).
2. Original bottle, with label clearly marked and legible. Dosage must match prescribed amount.
3. Pack enough for the trip in the original, labeled container (including over-the-counter medication).

Every student must return the Medical Form by March 22. If medication is needed, be sure to fill out the Physician's section and get physician's signature.

## Medication, continued

- ▶ Daily medications normally held in school are NOT sent on overnight trips.
- ▶ Students should bring in from home asthma inhalers and Epipens.
- ▶ All medications (Prescription and Over-the-counter) medications are held and administered by the student.
- ▶ Please contact our health office if you have a specific concern around this policy.

# Cell Phones

- ▶ Students can have their cell phones, but they should not be used on buses or the airplane.
- ▶ Cell phones may be used for taking pictures.
- ▶ Texting to friends is not allowed during the day and evening events.
- ▶ Please be respectful of this request. We want you to be enjoying the trip “in the moment” .



# Check in at hotels

- ▲ Stay on bus until luggage is unloaded.
- ▲ Chaperones will hand keys to their rooms.
- ▲ Chaperone will hold one key.
- ▲ Students are responsible for bringing luggage to their room.

# Hotel Expectations

- ▶ Students should report any damage to their chaperone immediately upon arrival.
- ▶ The hotels are frequented by many different adults and families. Students need to respect their privacy.
- ▶ There are no opportunities to use the pool on this trip.
- ▶ There are no opportunities to visit other rooms or the other hotel.
- ▶ At the end of our stay, each student may want to leave a \$5 tip for housekeeping

# Hotel Safety

- ▶ Know where chaperone rooms are located.
- ▶ Never open your door for anyone. Ask who it is and identify the chaperone. Only open for a chaperone, never open for police or anyone else.
- ▶ Once in your room, do not come out unless it is an Emergency.
- ▶ Security guards are at each hotel 11 PM - 5 AM

# Being on time

- ▶ Always know three things:
  1. How long will we be in a place?
  2. Where are we meeting?
  3. When are we meeting?

# Tour Guides

- ▲ Capital Tours hires guides to assist us.
- ▲ Each bus will have a tour guide.
- ▲ They provide us with lots of information about whatever we see or visit.
- ▲ Students are expected to respect tour guides and listen whenever they are speaking.

# Pace of Travel

- ▶ We will have very long days.
- ▶ Take advantage of time to sleep.
- ▶ Rise to our expectations for your behavior, especially in solemn areas such as the Holocaust Museum and Vietnam Memorial.
- ▶ Respect everyone's right to have a great trip. This includes the chaperones.
- ▶ Honor your school, town, and families with respectful behavior.
- ▶ All school rules apply on this trip.

# Student Behavior

In the event of inappropriate behavior, misconduct, or failure to comply with directions, one or more of the following actions may be taken:

- A meeting with the chaperones or administration resulting in possible restrictions; a phone call home; contact with local authorities; and/or student will be sent home at the expense of the family. In this case, parents will be responsible for paying the cost of their child and a chaperone.

# Agreement of Responsibility

Parents and students should read, sign and return tonight.



# Returning to Diamond

We are arriving back at Logan on a Friday evening, so traffic is quite unpredictable. We can assume an arrival back to Diamond approximately one hour after our scheduled arrival time:

**Group 1: American #2116 7:16 PM**

**Group 2: American #2148 5:15 PM**

**Group 3: Southwest #796 5:45 PM**

**Group 4: Southwest #796 5:45 PM**

**Group 5: Southwest #1114 6:50 PM**

**Group 6: Southwest #1114 6:50 PM**

Students will call or text when we are approximately 30 minutes away so that you will have a chance to get to Diamond on time. Please plan on meeting in the Back Parking Lot.

# Additional Information

- ▶ This presentation will be shared on the Diamond Website tomorrow.
- ▶ Chaperones shared their contact information with students today at the chaperone meeting today
- ▶ We will be giving students \$25 in cash on the first morning. This was what we had available after scholarships were paid. Thank you for your support!

# Communication

- ▶ Email or call Mrs. Sharp ([esharp@lexingtonma.org](mailto:esharp@lexingtonma.org) ; 978-835-3152), if necessary
- ▶ Washington, DC blog
- ▶ Link on our Diamond webpage

blog will be updated each night with a recap of the day with photos

Thank you...

For understanding and following all  
expectations.

And, for your support for this trip!

