

MUSIC TRIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. How do the hotel rooms work? How are the rooms assigned, and how many students are in each room?**

Students choose their own roommates. Each room will have 4 students in it. Room requests will be taken in January.
- 2. My mom/dad wants to chaperone. How do we sign them up?**

Mrs. Durkin and Mr. Smalley will hold a chaperone interest meeting in November where information will be provided. Chaperones will be chosen based upon child seniority, if they have ever chaperoned before, and other factors. Chaperones will be expected to pay for a portion of their trip.
- 3. What do the kids who do both band and chorus do on performance days?**

All members of the music department watch each other perform.
- 4. Do we have down time at the hotel?**

Sometimes the schedule allows for a little bit of free time before bed or in between meals and activities. Free time is a privilege, and is contingent on student behavior in the hotel. Students in multiple performing groups will have less down time at the hotel than those in one group. However, they will still be able to participate in all group activities. Please also know that the schedule is fluid and times will not be exact due to the nature of these trips, and is in fact part of the plan!
- 5. How are flights and busses assigned?**

Seat arrangements will be decided upon by the trip company. Band students will be on one of the flights providing a free checked bag for their instrument. Busses will also be divided by plane and/or chaperone.
- 6. Do you have to stay with your assigned chaperone?**

Students do not have to stay with their chaperones at all times. However, students must check-in with their chaperones at meal times, upon getting on the busses, at bed time, and periodically throughout the day while at our daytime activities.
- 7. Is this trip mandatory?**

The trip is not mandatory. However, it is an incredible experience and is strongly encouraged.
- 8. Is there any financial assistance available?**

If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Mr. Smalley or Mrs. Durkin directly and fill out the required paperwork. No assistance will be given without this discussion with the parent. It is also expected that any student in need of financial assistance participates in all fundraising activities and events.
- 9. I can't fit chorus/ band in my schedule for the full year. Can I still go on the trip?**

Of course! We strongly encourage anyone who cannot fit chorus/ band in their schedule for the full year to still participate in all of the rehearsals, concerts, competitions, etc. The only requirement is that since it is a competition, you practice and learn your music, attend your sectionals, and attend ALL rehearsals to make sure you can contribute to the group's success.
- 10. What is the student: chaperone ratio?**

There will be approximately 12 students per chaperone. Additionally, an assistant principal will be attending the trip with us.
- 11. Are these days excused by the school or count towards credit reduction?**

Because this is a school-sponsored trip, these absences are documented and don't count towards credit reduction.