

MHS CA trip spring meeting



Trip Adults

Teachers: David Kaminski, Laura Ridarelli, Scott Brenner, Kara Vautour
Trip Coordinators: David Kaminski, Michael Maresco, Nancy Bowers

Nurses: Denise Weber, Paige Burns

Chaperones: Joe Balboni, Nancy Bowers, William Bowers, Scott Brenner, Heather Cole, Brian Grindle, Reg Jacobs, David Kaminski, Michael Maresco, Kerry Murphy, Tracy Niland, Michelle Pesko, Stacey Ryan, Laurie Sleeper, Kate Smith, Sharon Southwick, Elizabeth Vaillancourt, Steve Vaillancourt, Caroline Weber

Money

Everyone has received statements. Students must be paid in full and all music department bills must be paid before we leave. As of Monday, only cashiers checks, money orders, and online payments (see the FOM trip page) will be accepted.

Students will be left outside of MHS on the morning of 4/11/19 if they are missing any missing paperwork or money when we depart. Students who cause delays with the processing of outstanding items that morning will be held out of activities on the trip for the length of the delay.

Diplomas will be withheld for all students who owe the FOM money for any reason. Thanks for your understanding.

Chain of Command

Mr. Maresco, Mrs. Bowers, and I will confer with the teachers to identify issues that need resolution. Once a decision has been made, Mr. Maresco and Mrs. Bowers will send word to bus captains. Bus captains pass the word to all chaperones. Chaperones inform the students.

Chaperones will have all student cell numbers and will share theirs with their students.

All trip adults are to be listened to and obeyed whether or not the adult is the student's teacher or chaperone.

Itinerary

Wednesday

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 am – 3:00 pm: drop off luggage to MHS band room

3:30pm: luggage searched by police dogs

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: drop off prescriptions to trip nurse

Be prepared to receive your trip T-shirt upon arrival Thursday am.

Be dressed appropriately (no pajamas) for a day of travel when you arrive.

Itinerary

Thursday

Thursday April 11

1:30 am: Chaperones meet

1:45 am: students arrive and have carry-on bags searched

2:45 am: Depart MHS

5:20 am: first flight departs

7:55, 8:35 am: 2nd and 3rd flights depart

11:00 am: first flight arrives at LAX

1:35, 2:40 pm: 2nd and 3rd flights arrive at LAX

4:00 pm: first 2 buses arrive at Santa Monica Pier (no swimming)

6:30 pm: all arrive at Bubba Gump Shrimp and Seaside on the Pier for dinner

8:30: room check by chaperones before students enter rooms

8:30 pm – 10:30 pm: Hotel/pool time (hotel name here)

11:00 pm: bed

Do not expect to change clothes at any point on Thursday; trip t's until the hotel.

Itinerary

Friday

Friday April 12

7:00 am – 8:00 am: breakfast/meeting at hotel

10:00 am – 6:00 pm: Universal Studios Theme Park (multiple check-ins with chaperones)

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Dinner at Universal Studios CityWalk

8:45 pm: meeting at hotel

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm: hotel time

10:30 pm: bed

Itinerary

Saturday

Saturday April 13

7:00 am – 8:00 am: Breakfast/meeting at hotel

9:30 - 11:00 am: visit Grammy Museum

11:30 am - 1:30 pm: lunch in vicinity of Museum

2:00 - 6:00 pm: step-on bus tour of LA and Hollywood

7:00 pm: dinner at hotel

7:30 - 10:30 pm: hotel/pool time

11:00 pm: lights out

Itinerary

Sunday

Sunday April 14

7:00 - 7:30 am: breakfast/meeting

8:00 - 8:30 am: arrive at Disney

8:30 am - 8:30 pm: rides, fun, meals on own, several check-ins

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm: hotel (no pool), preparation for performances

10:00 10:30 pm - chaperone checks

10:30 pm - lights out

Itinerary

Monday

Monday April 15

6:30 - 7:00 am: breakfast/meeting

7:00 am: load buses

7:55 am: band buses inspection at Disney

8:00 - 8:30 am: chorus and orchestra students arrive at Disney

11:30 am: orchestra performance

12:00 pm - 7:30 pm: rides, fun, meals on own

7:45 pm: chorus performance

8:45 pm: depart for hotel

9:30 -10:00 pm: packing, room checks

10:30 pm: lights out

Itinerary

Tuesday

Tuesday April 16

5:00 – 5:30 am: packing/loading

5:30 – 6:00 am: breakfast/meeting at hotel (students wear trip t-shirts)

7:00 am: arrive at LAX

9:30 am: first flight departs

11:40 am, 12:40 pm: 2nd and 3rd flights depart

7:45 pm: first flight arrives at Logan

9:30 pm: two buses arrive in Marshfield

10:40, 10:45 pm: 2nd and 3rd flights arrive at Logan

12:30 pm: 2nd and 3rd flights arrive at MHS

Disney Rules

No photography or video of any kind backstage (turn phones off)

Photos and video are allowed only during the performance from the audience.

Uniforms, instruments, and equipment are allowed only on our buses, backstage, and on stage. No one will go through the park in uniform with an instrument.

Shoes: ALL BLACK, full-soled, no sneakers, no sandals, no flip-flops (backstage and on stage); footwear is worn at all times

Socks must be black

Changing into and out of uniforms happens only backstage (no park restrooms)

Tuxes, dress, black shoes, and black socks will all be stored in garment bags (from FOM chaperones) with name tags on the bus. The bags (full or empty) will ALWAYS be on the bus during the day Monday.

Packing

1 checked bag - 62" total in dimensions, 50 lbs. max (\$75 penalty for overweight bags - to be paid by student at airport)

Instruments larger than 10"x16"x24" will also be checked

We will review which instruments are check and which are carry-on in class;
drumsticks go in checked bag

1 personal carry-on bag (to go under seat in front) - 18.5"x8.5"x13.5"

Instruments smaller than 10"x16"x24" will also be carried on and stowed overhead; some very small instruments can go in the checked luggage

The personal carry-on bag can contain one clear, quart-sized plastic bag holding individual containers of liquid, gel, toothpaste, or aerosol. No container of these can be more than 3.4 oz.

Packing

We have a packing checklist.

We will distribute it several ways.

Here are the categories:

Clothes (shirts, pants, underwear, jacket, footwear, swimwear, etc.)

Concert Dress (tuxes, dresses, shoes, etc.)

Toiletries

Necessities (ID, cash, tote, etc.)

Medical (inhaler, epipen)

Carry-On (phone, charger, headphones, reading, valuables, etc.)

Call bank/credit card with dates/locations so charges are denied

Packing

Special Notes:

Students MUST bring MHS ID card

Students 18 and over must have drivers license or passport

Do NOT bring prescriptions in luggage or carry-on bag (only inhalers and epipens)

Larger containers of liquid, etc. can be packed in checked luggage

No open bottles/container on arrival at MHS or at airport

No knives, lighters, butane curling iron, vaping materials

No Samsung Galaxy Note 7,

Razor in checked luggage only

Do bring empty water bottles

Do wear insulin pump (mention the pump at the security gate)

Mark luggage with something distinctive

Spending Money

Thursday: Breakfast, lunch, water, snacks (all at airports) - \$35

Friday: Dinner at Universal City Walk - \$30

Saturday: Lunch/snacks (between Grammy M. and tour) - \$35

Sunday: Lunch, Dinner, snacks (Disney) - \$45

Monday: Lunch, Dinner, snacks (Disney) - \$45

Tuesday: Lunch, Dinner, snacks (in transit) - \$45

Food not covered by trip estimate: \$235

Plus souvenir money.

Please bring \$5 cash per student to leave for housekeeping on Tues. AM

Supervision

- 2 rooms of students (8 or 9) are assigned to one chaperone.
- Bus assignments are by room and chaperone groups.
- Students must ride their assigned bus.
- Students can mix freely with any other students on the trip but must NEVER be alone at any time.
- Chaperones do not follow students around. There are physical check-ins (calls and text do not count.) They are frequent enough that kids cannot get into trouble.

Discipline

We have a saying in the music department: sometimes good kids make bad choices.

We have many experienced adults on the trip to help guide kids' choices. We also have excellent kids going on the trip. We expect students to be well behaved and polite with each other, the trip staff, and those around us. We expect transgressions to be minor.

For minor problems like not arriving on time for a meeting, student may get a little extra time helping with trip luggage. For something like being caught being out on one's own, a student may need to spend some length of time with Mr. Kaminski instead of with friends.

Discipline

More serious violations (like leaving the hotel room during the night or smoking/vaping) will be handled on a case-by-case basis and may involve school-based discipline after we get back.

Very serious offences like drug use will involve consultation with Principal Keuther and parents. Transgressions like this would result in a student being sent home (with a chaperone) at the parents' expense.

Eligibility

- Term 3 grades close April 5 (next Friday)
- Term 3 report card determines eligibility for trip.
- Must have 5 C-'s or better in classes that meet 3/6 days.
- Must pass PE.

Conclusion

You can always reach me:

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Many thanks for your patience with us and with all you've done to get us to this point!

