

Monday, January 22, 2018

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

As many of you already know, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade is traveling again to Washington, D.C. for their class trip. As in the past, the trip will strike a nice balance among cultural, historical, and recreational experiences, complementing much of the work students have already done in their classes. The trip promises to be a fun, educational, and busy experience for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Enclosed you will find an itinerary and other trip information. We'll leave the morning of Friday, March 16, and return the afternoon of Wednesday, March 21. We are working to keep the cost of the trip the same as last year, \$700.00. Unlike last year, we are going to divide this amount into three payments (\$250.00 February, \$250.00 March, \$200.00 April). This amount covers transportation, lodging, fees for all activities, and breakfasts in Washington. Students are responsible for their other meals, as well as gifts, souvenirs, and anything else they wish to buy. We recommend that students bring \$225.00 for meals. If you have any questions or concerns about the cost of the trip, please feel free to contact me by Friday, March 2; we have limited funds available to help families with a demonstrated need.

Parents are invited to an informational meeting on Thursday, March 8, in Barks 100. However, all relevant trip information will be shared with parents through MyBaylor, and parents may contact me at any time if they have questions about the trip. We believe this trip is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience valuable life-skills and curricular lessons beyond the walls of a traditional classroom setting. We're looking forward to a great trip.

Respectfully,

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## **Proposed Itinerary: Baylor School Washington D.C. Trip**

### **Friday, March 16, 2018**

6:00 a.m. Depart from the Baylor  
5:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel  
6:00 p.m. Dinner at Springfield Mall food court  
7:00 p.m. Depart for Washington D.C.  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bus and/or walking tour  
9:00 p.m. Return to hotel

### **Saturday, March 17, 2018**

8:45 a.m. Leave hotel

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

- Iwo Jima Memorial (Ken Brewster) – Bus 1
- World War II Memorial – Bus 2
- White House photo opportunity – Bus 3

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. National Mall - travel group (lunch, museums, IMAX and Planetarium)

4:30 Return to the hotel

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Walking tour of monuments and memorials

9:00 p.m. Return to the hotel

### **Sunday, March 18, 2018**

7:15 a.m. *Leave for National Cathedral (optional)*

8:00 a.m. *Service at the National Cathedral: St. Mary's Chapel 45 minutes (optional)*

8:45 a.m. Leave hotel

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

- Iwo Jima Memorial (Ken Brewster) – Bus 2
- World War II Memorial – Bus 3
- White House photo opportunity – Bus 1

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Air and Space Annex  
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - travel groups (lunch, museums, and off-Mall options)  
4:30 Return to the hotel  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Walking tour of the monuments and memorials (continued)  
9:00 p.m. Return to the hotel

### **Monday, March 19, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Leave hotel  
8:20 a.m. Arrive at Arlington Cemetery  
9:00 a.m. Ceremonial changing of the guards (class)  
10:30 a.m. Meet at buses

- Iwo Jima Memorial (Ken Brewster) – Bus 3
- World War II Memorial – Bus 1
- White House photo opportunity – Bus 2

11:00 a.m. Travel groups dropped off at the National Mall  
11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Travel group time (lunch, museums, and off-Mall options\*)  
3:00 – 5:20 p.m. Holocaust Museum  
5:30 p.m. Return to the hotel  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner  
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Movie at Springfield Town Center

### **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Leave hotel  
8:45 a.m. Capitol  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. National Cathedral  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch – travel groups  
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Newseum  
4:30 p.m. Return to the hotel (pack)  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and shopping at Tysons Corner Center  
8:30 p.m. Return to hotel (pack)

### **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

6:30 a.m. Depart from Springfield, VA  
Rest stop (15 minutes)  
Lunch in Roanoke, VA  
Rest stop  
5:30 p.m. Arrive at Baylor

## MONEY

Students will be paying for lunches, dinners, and any other incidentals such as gifts, snacks, and souvenirs. You may want to talk with your child about how best to manage his or her money. We will keep a close watch on this, but students need to be careful. If you like, we will be glad to hold your child's money in a safe place and dispense it as he or she needs it. We also encourage students to bring most of their money on a debit card. It is often helpful if students bring their Baylor ID for student discounts. (We recommend that students bring approximately \$225.00 to cover meals for the week.)

## CLOTHING

Students will need clothing for six days; dress on the trip is casual. (Casual means khakis or jeans and polo-style shirts or T-shirts, all of which must be in good repair.) Students must be dressed appropriately for a school trip, at all times. **If students wear anything that reflects poorly on them, their families, or Baylor, they will be required to change.** It's important that we present ourselves appropriately.

### **Suggested items to bring: (March weather is hard to predict in Washington)**

6 – 7 pairs of long pants (khakis or jeans)

4 - 5 short sleeve shirts (T-shirts or polo-style)

3 - 4 long sleeve shirts

sweater or light jacket

coat, gloves, hat, scarves (winter gear)

2 pairs of comfortable walking shoes

rain gear

Please label all items.

## MEDICAL AND HEALTH ISSUES

- Melissa Ebel, from Baylor's Health Center, is going on the trip and will handle medical and health concerns. We also have access to medical clinics and a hospital.
- Parents must **update Magnus** if a student's medical or insurance information has changed.
- Students are responsible for their own medication, which should be kept with them (inhalers, Epi pens, diabetic medication, etc.), or in the hotel room (allergy medication, over-the-counter medications, etc.). Only three exceptions **require** Melissa Ebel to hold a student's medication: prescription mood-altering medications, prescription ADHD medications, or prescription pain medications.

If there are special circumstances, parents may request that a chaperone hold and administer additional medication. All medication given to Mrs. Ebel must be stored in the original prescription container, which in turn should be stored in a Ziploc bag clearly labeled with the student's name. Instructions should be placed in the bag. Students should only bring enough doses for the trip; extra medication should be left at home. Medication bags should be given to Mrs. Ebel on Thursday, March 15 between 11:30 – 12:15 p.m. in the Health Center, or brought the morning we depart.