

**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE THIS TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD. PLEASE KEEP THIS HANDY TO REFER BACK TO. Putting it in a folder with other notes is ideal.**

### Rules and Regulations for Washington, DC

- **All fees must be current in order to go on the trip (lunch, extracurricular).**
- Bills need to be paid on time for services rendered.
- **Deposit due Friday, March 25, 2019 (\$500.00);** final amount in November 5, 2019. Amount to be given later after we get all of the prices.
- Copy of insurance card will be needed and a medical permission form signed at a parent meeting in November.
- **A "D" or "F" in conduct at any time will keep your child from going on the trip.**

There are three rules the student must follow: Respect yourself, respect others, and respect property.

**This trip is a privilege, not a right. This is an educational trip mixed in with lots of fun.** Your child must be on his/her best behavior or he/she will have the following consequences:

1<sup>st</sup> offense will result in a conference with student.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in a phone call to parent from the chaperone.

3<sup>rd</sup> offense or severe problem will result in the student being sent home at your expense, and face disciplinary action by the school administration.

**Remember this is an educational trip. There will be plenty of time to socialize, but when the tour guides are giving their information, this is the time to take in as much knowledge as possible. Please talk to your child about this to make sure they are still interested in going.**

The following actions are expected from every student:

- Be polite and courteous to everyone.
- Obey all instructions by the tour guide and chaperones.
- Accept decisions made by the chaperones.
- Possess a positive attitude.
- Compromise a lot.
- Sit in their assigned seat on the plane unless we fly Southwest.
- Don't touch the flight attendant button on the plane.
- No comment if anyone wants to open their luggage at the airport.

#### **Airports are very serious about security.**

- Keep the buses clean of trash and stay on your assigned bus the whole trip.
- When they're given a time to be somewhere, be there promptly.
- Have good manners in all restaurants.
- Sleep in their assigned room.
- Be quiet at all times in the hotel hallways (we are not the only guests).
- Never leave their room without permission of a chaperone.
- If they need anything call a chaperones' room. They will know our room numbers.
- Enter the rooms of people of the **same** gender only when given permission by the chaperones. **Never enter the rooms of people of the opposite sex for any reason.**
- Always travel in groups of at least three, especially to public bathrooms.
- **Students may not bring electronic devices. No e- books, I-pods, I-pads, etc.**
- **Students may not bring anything that an x-ray machine will detect as dangerous (toys, weapons, etc).**
- They may bring their cell phones. Cell phones will be given to students when we tour certain museums and at food courts. They will be able to call in the morning and at night when we arrive at the hotel. Phones will be collected before they go to bed. They need to bring their chargers. All phones will be charged in their chaperones' rooms each night. **Since they will not have their phones at all times they should not rely on their phones as their camera.**
- **Phone chargers must be brought. Please put their name on the charger.**
- Please do not bring medicine that is provided by the school. These OTC medicines are on the medical form you will sign in November. All prescription medications will be put in a special packet and given to the students by the assigned chaperone. Details at the November meeting.

Students may bring one medium suitcase, and one carry-on bag. We think their book sack is perfect as a carry-on. If their luggage is over 50 pounds there is an additional charge of at least \$90.00. Be sure their carry-on will fit in the overhead compartment, or under their seat. In the carry-on bag, place their spending money, camera, gum, candy, snacks, personal hygiene items, and a small umbrella. An extra change of clothes (jogging suit) is advisable in case the suitcase is lost. Any article that will not be needed until we arrive at the hotel should be packed in their suitcase. Snacks should be put in their suitcase. A few snacks may be put in the carry-on. Some years students bring so many snacks, they eat like there is no tomorrow, and they wind up feeling bad. They don't normally eat that much and their bodies rebel!! They may chew gum only on the plane. Most places in DC do not allow gum. The weather may be cold. Make sure they have long underwear, hat, gloves, sweaters, warm socks, and a heavy overcoat. You can always remove the layers if the weather is warm. We will be walking a great deal. Make sure their shoes are comfortable. Leather tennis shoes or hiking boots are probably the best. No shoes with a heel.

Jeans are appropriate to wear everywhere. **There may be no holes or tears in their jeans, or anything written on the backside.**

Clothes may be worn more than once. Girls' shirts must be appropriate. Please do not let them pack too much. They will be carrying their own luggage. People who are sharing a room can decide who will bring the hair dryer, the curling iron, etc.

One can of air freshener per room is advised.

We ask that each student have an inexpensive watch since they will not have their phones every minute of the day.

Please check your child's suitcase before they leave. Make sure they have not packed any alcohol, tobacco, or anything else inappropriate. **Anything inappropriate will result in staying home with no refund.**

We will ask that you bring their luggage on the Sunday before we leave, after we go to 9:30 Mass.

We like to go to Mass as a group the day before we leave. If you will not be attending Mass have your luggage at the junior high building by 10:45. Luggage will be checked at school for anything inappropriate. If a different Mass time is needed we will email to let you know.

#### **Guidelines for checked-in luggage**

- **Do** put personal items in clear plastic bags in case screeners have to handle them.
- **Do not** lock luggage.
- **Do not** pack footwear on top of other things.
- **Do not** pack drinks in your suitcase.

#### **Guidelines for carry-on luggage**

- Liquid items may not be any larger than 3 ounces.
- Liquid items must be in a clear storage bag.
- Book sack is the preferred bag. It must fit under your seat.
- Pack a jogging suit and underwear, in case your luggage gets lost along with a toothbrush, toothpaste and any other personal items you might need if luggage is lost.