

WESTBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

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Dear WHS Performing Arts Families,

It is with great excitement that I am writing this letter to let you know that the WHS Performing Arts programs will be traveling to Orlando, Florida from April 16-20, 2020. This trip is open to all members of the WHS Choral Union (Women's Chorale, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, & Chamber Singers), Orchestra Program (Concert Orchestra & Chamber Orchestra), Band Program (Concert & Symphonic Band), as well as members of our Drama Program. The trip will be organized in conjunction with WorldStrides. WorldStrides is a reputable and accredited program for school-based trips and Westborough High School has had a positive experience working with them in the past.

Our goal is to have one adult chaperone per ten students in order to maximize student safety and management. There will be a few Fine Arts Department staff members joining us on the trip, but we would look to recruit parents that are nurses/physicians to participate in the festival tour to support the medical needs of our students. Chaperone volunteers are needed!

The students will travel to and from Orlando via airplane, and transportation with Disney will be primarily shuttles and coach buses. Accommodations will contain four students per room. Adults will be assigned two per room. Most importantly, students will be strongly impressed upon that they are ambassadors of not only WHS, but also the Westborough community. Consequently, the students will be held to our high WHS expectations for behavior, dress, and conduct (as outlined in the WHS Student Handbook) with a zero tolerance policy.

A tentative outline of the festival tour schedule is provided in a separate handout. You will notice the schedule is full, which allows the students to be actively engaged in musical, educational, and meaningful experiences the entire time without considerable "down" time.

The current estimated cost of the festival tour is \$2025 (Based off of 175 Participants). This would include most of the student's meals, accommodations, entrance fees to theme parks, and transportation. Students will be responsible to pay for a few meals on the trip on his/her own. Fundraising will be a large part of the WHS Fine Arts Department's efforts throughout the school year in order to lower the cost of the trip.

Our trip is fully supported and approved for both its musical and educational experience by the Superintendent and School Committee. If you have any questions or concerns about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Christopher Martin

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Payment Schedule

Total Cost: \$2025 (based upon 175 students)

Description	Date	Amount
Deposit*	June 5, 2018*	\$250*
Payment 1	September 13, 2018	\$450
Payment 2	November 15, 2018	\$700
Final Payment	February 12, 2019	\$700 (minus credits from fundraising)

****Please note: the initial deposit payment is fully refundable up until the September 13th payment.****

Fundraising Opportunities

SCRIP Program (WFAEA): Ongoing (please see handout provided)

Yankee Candle Sale: October 2019

Great American Fundraising (Magazine Drive): January 2020

Restaurant Nights: monthly

please note that restaurant night proceeds are applied to the overall cost of the trip and for such things as instrument rentals, chaperone costs, and general supplies

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PARTICIPATION AND DEPOSIT FORM

This form must be handed in with your \$250 deposit on June 5, 2019
Siblings may submit one check for each payment

Checks must be made out to "Westborough High School"

Student Name: _____ 2019-2020 Grade: _____

Ensembles: (circle all that apply):

Concert Band Concert Orchestra Women's Chorale CenterStage
Symphonic Band Chamber Orchestra Concert Choir
Mixed Chorus

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Preferred Parent Contact Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

CHAPERONE VOLUNTEER FORM

_____ Yes! I would love to chaperone _____ I am a nurse or physician

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Please note that Chaperones will pay a reduced rate which will be determined after all deposits have been collected. Nurses and Physicians that volunteer to travel with us will attend the trip at no cost.