

Columbia High School Music Department Spring Trip 2010

Williamsburg, Virginia

April 15-18, 2010

To all music department students and parents,

We are pleased to announce that this year's music department spring trip will be to Williamsburg, Virginia. The trip is centered around an adjudication festival sponsored by Heritage Festivals and will include performance opportunities for our bands, choirs, and orchestras. Many of the final details are still being organized but the basic outline of the trip is as follows:

Thursday, April 15

Depart for Williamsburg; possible stop at George Mason University in Fairfax for a tour and/or master classes with GMU faculty; continue to Williamsburg; dinner; check in to hotel

Friday April 16

Visit to Colonial Williamsburg; Heritage Festival adjudication performances

Saturday, April 17

Heritage Festival performances (if necessary); balance of the day in Busch Gardens theme park with dinner and awards ceremony in the park

Sunday, April 18

Depart for home; US Marine Band concert in Fairfax on the way

The trip is open to students in all of the CHS music performing ensembles, AP Music Theory, Music Fundamentals, and Musician's Workshop classes. The cost of the trip, which is projected to be approximately \$400.00, includes all transportation, 3 nights at a hotel, 3 meals per day, and all admissions and gratuities. Specific details such as times, locations, etc. are still being planned, but we wanted to get as much information as we had out to everyone this week.

The cost of this trip is based on the number of participants and we hope that most if not all of our students will be able to join us for this great experience. CHSMPA has offered some great fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help students raise money towards the cost of the trip, and the music department students have been doing their part with the Holiday Trolley, bake sales, and so forth. We still have to pay the bills, however, so we ask that the following payment schedule be adhered to (over, please):

Deposit due February 26

- Complete the attached Participation Form
- Complete the attached Medical and Emergency Information form
- Hand deliver or mail the forms along with your **NON-REFUNDABLE deposit** payment to Mr. Bauer by Friday February 26.

Balance due March 19

- You will receive a follow-up letter in March including the following forms to be completed:
 - Student Contract (Must be signed by both Parent/Guardian and Student)
 - Instrument Identification Form
 - Personal Accounting Sheet (including fees paid, available CHSMPA account balance available, and balance cost of the trip)
 - Hand deliver or mail forms and payment to Mr. Bauer by **Friday March 19th**.
- **ALL FORMS AND PAYMENTS** should be in the form of check or money order (**NO CASH**) and payable to Columbia High School.

A current CHSMPA student account information list is posted in the music suite so that each student can check his or her current account balance. If you currently have funds in your student account and wish to use that money to cover all or part of the trip costs please indicate that amount on the participation form.

Thank you all for your continued support of the CHS music program and our 2010 spring trip. It should be a memorable time for everyone and a chance to make some great music together. If you have any questions regarding the trip please direct them to Mr. Bauer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bauer
Mr. Russell
Mr. VanBeveren