

MHS NYC trip spring meeting



Trip Adults

Teachers: David Kaminski, Laura Ridarelli, Kara Vautour

Nurses: Paige McNealey, Maria Rice

Chaperones: Robert Boshans, Kim Boyd, Colleen Casey, Erin Dyer, Marybeth Keene, Tom Keene, Julie Keohane, Kathleen O'Connor, Shauna Perry, Juli Thornell, Lindsay Van Kauwenberg, Lori Vincente

Money/Medications

Pay off your balance with BRT if you haven't.
The FOM will mail checks to those with credit in their accounts (email went out this afternoon).

Students must submit a school permission slip. No exceptions.

Medicine will not be dispensed without a Medication Consent Form and Medication Order Form.

We are not dispensing OTC medications.




“Chain of Command”

Chaperones will track their group of 6-11 students. Teachers will check in with chaperones.

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

Cell phone calls do not substitute for live check-ins.

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



Supervision

- 2 or 3 rooms of students (8 to 12) 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) 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 Cetner 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 4
- 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.
- MHS/MPSD will NOT reimburse anyone who loses their trip due to academic ineligibility

Itinerary

Before the trip

Now to Monday, April 7

Drop off prescription medications to MHS Nurse S. Cherry

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 am – 3:00 pm: drop off luggage and instruments to MHS band room

3:30pm: luggage searched by police dogs

Itinerary

Thursday

Thursday April 10

4:45 am: Chaperones meet

5:00 am: students arrive and have carry-on bags searched

5:30 am: Load buses

6:00 am: Depart MHS

rest stops (need own money)

1:00 pm: arrive at Six Flags Great Adventure

Dinner in park with provided meal voucher

7:00 pm: Depart Six Flags

9:30 pm: Arrive/check in Sheraton NY Times Square

11:00 pm (?): bed

Itinerary

Friday

Friday April 11

7:00 am: Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am: Load buses

9:00 am – 10:30 am: Broadway Imagined! Workshops and back to hotel

Box Lunch at hotel

Walk to attractions rest of day/night

1:00 pm: Radio City Music Hall Backstage Tour

3:00pm: Top of the Rock Tour

5:00pm: Dinner at Gayle's Broadway Rose

7:00pm: Broadway Show: *Wicked*

11:00pm (?): bed

Itinerary

Saturday

Saturday April 12

7:30 am: Breakfast at hotel

9:00 am: Hotel check out

9:30 am - 12:30pm: Step on Tour of NYC

12:30 pm 3:00pm: lunch (own money) and free time (shopping?) at end of tour

3:00 pm: Depart for Marshfield

Rest stop (dinner with own money)

9:30 pm: arrive back at Marshfield High School

Packing

We have a packing checklist.
We will distribute it several ways.
Here are the categories:

Instrument/musical supplies

Clothes (shirts, pants, underwear, jacket, footwear, swimwear, 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 aren't denied

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!

