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Disney Performing Arts Workshop Information Letter



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Dear HMS Music Families,

We are very excited to announce that the Hope Band, Chorus and Orchestra will be participating in the **2020 Disney Performing Arts Workshop** at Walt Disney World this spring. We will be traveling to **Orlando, Florida** for the workshop April 29 - May 3 2020. We will be leaving Hope Middle School late Wednesday evening by charter bus and will be returning early Sunday morning. As a part of the workshop we will have three day passes to visit Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios.

The cost of the trip will be \$750.00 and includes transportation, workshop staff, admission to the three Disney Amusement Parks, Hope trip t-shirts, \$100.00 meal card, and two nights at the **Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort**. The first deposit of **\$250.00** is due **Friday, November 15, 2019**. The first deposit is important because it will be needed to secure the hotel room block at Disney. You **must** pay the first deposit to secure your spot on the trip.

Meeting: An important information meeting will take place in the HMS cafeteria on **Tuesday, October 1st at 6pm**. If you have any questions or you/your student is planning to travel on this trip, it is essential that you attend.

FUNDRAISING: We will have fundraisers to allow your student the opportunity to raise funds to offset the cost of the trip.

Trip Details: Our workshops will be on Friday, May 1st. However, we have not yet received all of the trip details from Disney Performing Arts. As specifics are made available, we will pass this information to you. Please read all of the information below.

Travel and Lodging: We will depart from HMS on Wednesday April 29, 2020 at approximately 9pm by charter bus. We will travel through the night and arrive at Walt Disney World Thursday morning. Students are encouraged to bring snacks, electronic devices, a small pillow and a small throw blanket for the bus ride. Students are also encouraged to bring portable battery chargers for cell phones and electronics while on the bus and in the parks. We will be staying at the Caribbean Beach Resort at Walt Disney World Thursday and Friday night (April 30 and May 1 2020). There will be four students per room. Students will be allowed to choose same gender roommates. There will be a curfew and students will not be allowed to leave their room without traveling in a group with their chaperone. Chaperone rooms will be distributed throughout our block of

rooms. Chaperones will share a room with one other chaperone. Chaperones will monitor the halls/grounds throughout the night. When we are done in the park on Saturday evening (May 2, 2020), we will board the buses and drive through the night returning Sunday morning (TBA).

Workshop: Our workshops will be Friday, May 1st. Students will wear their Disney trip shirt and be shuttled by bus to the workshop site. Depending on the time of the workshop, students will return to the bus to store instruments and change clothes. At this time we do not know our workshop site.

Walt Disney World: During our stay at Disney, students will attend the Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios and Epcot Center. Specific days and times are not known yet. Students will be in a group with a chaperone at all times. Students will be able to choose groups. Groups will consist of same gender 7th and 8th grade students from the same performing ensemble. Students will be assigned the same chaperone for the entire trip. In most instances, the four students who share a room will be in the same chaperone group during the day. While in the park students will wear a HMS Trip T-Shirt at all times. Students will receive three shirts for each of the days in the park. Students should be aware that this is a physically demanding trip. Visitors to Disney parks walk an average of 8-10 miles per day. If this is a concern, it is highly suggested that you consider your involvement in this trip. Students will not be allowed to stay in the hotel rooms by themselves as the rest of their group & chaperone visit the parks, resort pools and restaurants. Students are also encouraged to discuss their groups assignments with each other in advance. Students who like to ride roller coasters should sign up with others who like to ride roller coasters and students who are not roller coaster enthusiast should sign up to be with others that do not plan to ride the roller coasters. Students are required to be with a chaperone AT ALL TIMES during this trip. Students should NEVER be found alone or without a chaperone. This poor and unsafe choice will result in an automatic consequence once we return to school.

Chaperones: We will need chaperones for the trip as space is available. Chaperones will have to pay their portion of the trip (\$750).

Potential chaperones should be aware that this is a fun yet physically demanding trip. Typically, visitors to Disney walk an average of 8-10 miles per day. Chaperones will be responsible for accompanying the same group of students for the entire trip. We ask that all chaperones wait in line with the students for the roller coasters and rides. Chaperones do not have to ride the rides/roller coasters but you **MUST** wait in line with the students. If you choose not to ride the rides, you will just tell the ride attendants and exit to the side once all riders are loaded. Basically, students are to be with their chaperone AT ALL TIMES while in the parks and at the resort. The only exception is at night when students will remain in their rooms with their roommates while chaperones take turns monitoring the halls. Chaperones will travel with us on the charter bus to help ensure the safety of all our students. Keep in mind that we travel at night and you will sleep two nights on a bus. In addition, chaperones will have a night shift rotation between curfew and morning monitoring of our students' rooms (tentatively a 1 hour block). Chaperones will be assigned a room with one other chaperone. Rooms have 2 queen beds

Payment: The cost for the trip is \$750 per person. This includes workshop registration and staff, charter buses, two nights lodging, park tickets for three days, \$100 meal card, and three trip T-shirts.

Payment Schedule for Students and Chaperones:

1st	\$250.00	November 15, 2019
2nd	\$250.00	January 15, 2020
3rd	\$250.00	March 2, 2020

- Any chaperones wishing to bring additional family members will be responsible for the full price of the room. This will be an additional \$319.00 (due January.15, 2020).
- Additional bus cost per person is \$150.00 and due by January 15th 2020.
- All park tickets for additional non music students and additional family members can be obtained through us. Numbers and payment for additional tickets are due to HMS by January 15th 2020. Cost is \$256.26 per ticket (3 day ticket - NOT Park Hopper).

If you are interested in chaperoning please fill out the attached form and return to school ASAP. Please indicate any additional family members that will also be traveling with us to Disney.

Students will need to bring additional money for meals, snacks and beverages. Park meals can be quite expensive (typically \$5-\$10 for breakfast and \$10-\$20 for lunch and dinner). Their \$100 meal card that is included in the \$750 cost does not typically cover all food, snacks & beverages for the 3 days. Students may need money additional money for meals and souvenirs.

Deadlines are firm. Payments can be made by cash, check (made out to Hope Middle School) and credit card. Credit card payments can be made online. Please contact your child's director for online credit card payments. (not for debit cards) We will have fundraisers to allow students to offset the cost of the trip. All profits that each student receives will apply directly to their trip balance.

Parents: As we receive more information from Disney Performing Arts, a detailed itinerary will be provided. Please sign and return the attached contract indicating your intentions for this trip. We understand if things change between now and first payment due dates but we want to know which students plan on fundraising and attending this trip.

*Please detach this page and return to school ASAP. **Intent form due Friday, November 15, 2019.**

2020 Disney Performing Arts Workshop Family Intent Contract

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) Email Address(es): _____

**We will communicate trip updates via email throughout the year. Please provide us with a reliable email address.*

Parents: Please initial and sign below.

____ My child intends to participate in the 2020 Disney Performing Arts trip.

____ I understand that all payments must be made on or before the listed deadlines. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of my student's trip without refund of any previous payment.

____ I understand that if a student receives out of school suspension (OSS) at anytime during the 2019-2020 school year, they will not be able to attend and no refund will be made.

____ I understand that if my student should be suspended or assigned in school suspension (ISS) during the dates of the trip he/she will not be allowed to attend and no refund will be made.

____ I understand that if my child becomes a discipline problem during the course of the school year they will not be allowed to attend the trip and no refund will be made. I understand that safety is our number one concern.

____ I understand that **no refunds** can be made for any reason once the first payment is made.

____ I understand that I need to provide additional money to cover the cost of food, snacks, beverages, souvenirs and incidentals while my student is on the trip.

____ My child and I understand that this is a physically demanding trip. We understand that a great deal of time and effort will go into making this trip a possibility for my child. We will ensure we display an "**attitude of gratitude**" at all times while on this trip.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

*Please detach this page and return to school ASAP if you are interested in being a chaperone.
Chaperone Intent form due Friday, November 15, 2019.

**2020 Disney Performing Arts Workshop
Chaperone Intent Form**

As a chaperone I am aware that I will supervise a group of students for the entire trip. I will remain with my group at all times other than in their hotel room. I understand that I need to wait in all ride lines with my group to ensure student safety but I do not have to ride the roller coasters and/or rides. I understand that while on this trip I will be required to help correct inappropriate behavior when observed from any HMS chorus, orchestra or band student(s). I will help to remind students that they are representing their families, directors and Hope Middle School while on this trip. I understand that this is necessary to ensure student safety at all times (this will be conveyed to all HMS chorus, orchestra and band students prior to leaving campus). I understand that I will have at least one night shift rotation where I will monitor the hotel hallways for a 1 hour block of time. I understand that I will ride the charter bus to and from Disney World. I understand that this is a physically demanding trip. I understand that my cost of this trip is \$750 as a chaperone.

Chaperone(s) Signature _____

Name(s) (please print) _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Please list any additional family members who will need park passes, hotel and/or bus seats.
