

Tabb High School Bands

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To Tabb High School Band students and families,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information regarding the band's spring trip to Orlando, Florida! The trip dates are Wednesday, May 27, 2020 (departing PM) to Sunday, May 31, 2020 (arriving PM). Our trip is going to be both an educational experience for the students, as well as a time of rest, relaxation, and fun after all of the hard work the band members have put in this year. The trip is open to all members of the band program and the ensembles that comprise it. Please look over all of the information below, and let me know if you have any questions.

Included with the trip:

- 3-night accommodations at Red Lion Resort
- 3-day park-to-park admission to Universal Parks
- 1 arrival breakfast at Bubba Gump's
- 1 pizza party
- 1 meal at Margaritaville or Buca di Beppo
- 1 meal, games, and racing at Andretti Indoor Karting and Games
- 1 admission to Blue Man Group performance plus Talk Back with cast member
- 1 workshop with local university music educator

Trip Itinerary (*tentative*)

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

6:00pm Student arrival, load buses, depart THS for Orlando!

Thursday, May 28, 2020

8:00am Arrive at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL
8:30am Breakfast at Bubba Gump's
10:00am Enter Park and enjoy your day!
9:00pm Park closes, load buses for hotel
9:30pm Hotel check-in and pizza party
11:00pm In rooms and lights out

Friday, May 29, 2020

6:30am Wake-up call
6:30-800am Breakfast in hotel dining room
8:30am Load buses
9:00am Arrive at Universal Studios, enter park, and enjoy!
6:00pm Dinner at Margaritaville (in-park) or Buca di Beppo
8:00pm Blue Man Group performance plus Talk-Back
10:00pm Load buses for hotel
11:00pm In rooms and lights out

Saturday, May 30, 2020

7:00am	Wake-up call
7-8:30am	Breakfast in hotel dining room
9:00am	Workshop with local university music educator
11:00am	Load buses for Andretti Indoor Park
2:30pm	Load buses for Universal Studios
3:00pm	Arrive at Universal Studios, enter park., and enjoy!
9:00pm	Park closes, load buses for hotel
11:00pm	In rooms and lights out

Sunday, May 31, 2020

6:00am	Wake-up call
6-7:30am	Breakfast in hotel dining room
7:30am	Check out of hotel, load buses
8:00am	Depart Orlando for THS
10:00pm	Arrive at THS, unload and clean buses, go home

Monday, June 1, 2020

7:20am	1 st block begins
9:08am	2 nd block begins
10:08am	3 rd block begins
12:23pm	4 th block begins
2:05pm	Dismissal

Approximate Trip Cost

At the date of this writing, the approximate cost for the trip is \$800. This price includes the activities on the trip, hotel accommodations, and charter bus transportation. The price of the trip is based on an approximated number of paid travelers, and may fluctuate based upon the number of folks who end up attending the trip.

Payment Schedule

Mr. Lawson will collect payments at school up to and including the due date for each installment. All checks should be made payable to Tabb High School; please write a phone number on the check if it is not already included, as well as your student's name in the memo line. **Please note: all payments made to Tabb High School for the band's spring trip are non-refundable.**

Commitment Form and down payment/Payment #1 of \$200.00 are due Friday, January 31, 2020

Payment #2 of \$200.00 due by Friday, February 28, 2020

Payment #3 of \$200.00 due by Friday, March 27, 2020

Payment #4 of \$200.00 due by Friday, April 24, 2020

** This final installment will reflect the final cost as dictated by student participation*

Any variations from this payment plan must be discussed with Mr. Lawson

Student Participation

In order for a band member to participate in this trip, the following conditions must be met:

- Student must be cleared of any current financial obligations owed to the Tabb High School Band Program (i.e.: band fee, shoes/gloves, etc.).
- Student must be enrolled in a band class (exceptions will be made for guard members and students with scheduling conflicts who have been unable to participate regularly).
- Student must maintain an overall grade of “A” or “B” in their respective band class(es).
- Student must not have an “unexcused” absence from a performance.
- Student must follow all rules and regulations as specified by the YCSD Student Handbook and in the THS Band Handbook.
- Student must follow the payment schedule or coordinate alternate payment methods/plans with Mr. Lawson.

Chaperones

Our trip to Orlando, FL will require adult assistance! If adult family members are interested in helping chaperone, please contact Mr. Lawson and/or Ms. Amy Robinson, TTBP Chaperone Coordinator. The number of adults able to go will depend on the number of students who sign up for the trip. Also, please note the following:

- Chaperones will be based on an approximate ratio of one adult per eight students. Each chaperone will be responsible for rooms in which their students are residing during our trip
- One chaperone will be designated as the “head chaperone” and work directly with Mr. Lawson in helping to plan for the supervision of our band members throughout the trip.
- The final selection of adults to serve as chaperones will be made by Mr. Lawson. There will most likely be a significant number of individuals interested in these positions, but, unfortunately, not all will be selected. If you are not chosen to attend, please do not take this personally. The procedure for chaperone selection will be fair and designed to provide the best experience for the students.
- Chaperone cost for this trip will be the same as the student cost (\$800.00).

Final thoughts:

This spring trip is intended to be both an educational experience for the students and an absolute blast! Trips such as this are immensely rewarding (both musically and as a band family) and result in lasting memories for the students.

Please keep in mind, though, that this trip is completely optional. I understand that the cost of the trip may not fall into every family’s budget, but I truly hope that every student is able to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via either email or phone.

Sincerely,
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