

WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

7100 Whittier Blvd. B102-104 Bethesda, MD 20817

August 2011

Dear Parents,

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the 2012 Music Department Trip. This will be the first time our music department will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee a leader in America's music industry and known as "Music City, USA". We will depart from Whitman at approximately 9:00 pm on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 and will be returning on Sunday, April 22nd by 1:00 pm. This year, we will be traveling after spring break-therefore avoiding Easter, Passover and any family vacation plans. Also, as with all music trips, students will be excused from 2 days of classes, Thursday, April 19th and Friday, April 20th. The following ensembles will be traveling: Chamber Choir, Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Treble Chorale, Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. The total cost of the trip is \$720.00 and includes:

- Two Nights Deluxe Accommodations at downtown Nashville's Renaissance Hotel
- Participation in Educational Performance Clinics at Vanderbilt University
- Admission to a concert by the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and a show at the Grand Ole Opry
- Admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame, the historic Ryman Auditorium and The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson
- All-Inclusive Meal Plan Featuring 10 Meals (Breakfast Thursday- Breakfast Sunday)
- Create-A-Video keepsake DVD for each student participant made from group's still photos.
- Whitman Music Department T-Shirt
- Round-Trip Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- \$1,000,000.00 Liability Insurance Coverage
- All Attractions, Hotel Taxes and Gratuities

Our students will have the opportunity to perform for and be critiqued by professors at the nationally recognized Blair College of Music at Vanderbilt University. Also our students will gain historical perspective of the American music industry as well as American history.

It is extremely important that everyone complies with our payment schedule for this trip and returns all required forms in a timely manner. Please note the following payment schedule:

First payment of \$180 – Friday, September 9, 2011

Second payment of \$180 – Friday, October 28, 2011

Third payment of \$180- Friday, December 9, 2012

Final payment of \$180- Friday, January 27, 2012

Feel free to make a one time payment of \$720 and make checks payable to Walt Whitman High School

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made after February 17, 2012 are 100% Non-refundable

A general information meeting will take place in March to answer any questions you might have regarding the trip. Together with the parent booster organizations we have worked hard to optimize the financial, educational and social values to be gained from this trip. As always, thank you for your continued support and encouragement for your child's music education.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davidson

Terry S. Alvey

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