

WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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August 30, 2010

Dear Parents,

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the 2010-2011 Music Department Trip. We will be traveling to Orlando Florida to compete in the Festival Disney High School Music Competition. We will depart from Whitman on the evening of Wednesday, April 13, 2011 and will be returning on Sunday, April 17th. This year, we will be traveling before spring break therefore avoiding Easter, Passover and any family vacation plans. Also as with all music trips, students will be excused for 2 days of classes, Thursday April 14th and Friday April 15th. 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 \$675.00 and includes:

- **Two Nights Deluxe Lodging at Springhill Suites Marriott Village**
 - **Two Buffet Breakfasts at Hotel**
 - **1 Buffet Breakfast at Rainforest Café**
 - **\$75 Disney Dining Card Per Person**
 - **Round-Trip Deluxe Motor coach Transportation**
 - **3 Day Park Hopper Pass including admission to The Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney Hollywood Studios and Animal Kingdom Theme Parks**
 - **2 Private Security Guards for Each Evening at Hotel**
 - **Whitman Music Department T-Shirt**
 - **\$1,000,000.00 Liability Insurance Coverage**
 - **Participation in "Festival Disney" and Awards Presentation**
 - **Group Travel Insurance**
- All Attractions and Hotel Taxes**

The students will not only have a great time but they also benefit from the educational experience and personal growth derived from traveling and performing. Our students will have the opportunity to compete on a national standard with other high school ensembles from across the United States and receive critiques and ranking from leading conductors and music educators. Traveling together, performing music, and competing make a high school music education complete.

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 \$175 – Friday, September 17, 2010

Second payment of \$175 – Friday, October 29, 2010

Third payment of \$175- Friday, December 10, 2010

Final payment of \$150- Friday, February 25, 2011

Feel free to make a onetime payment of \$675 and make checks payable to Walt Whitman High School

Cancellation Policy: There is a \$50.00 per person fee for cancellations made February 1 through March 1, 2011

Cancellations made after March 1, 2011 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 club presidents, we have worked extremely hard to optimize the educational, financial and emotional value to be gained from this trip. As always, thank you for your continued support and encouragement for you child's music education.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davidson

Terry S. Alvey