

Request for BOE Approval:

Trip to Washington, DC
March 23 – March 25, 2018

1. The educational purpose of the trip to Washington D.C. is to allow students an opportunity to see the center of our nation's government. The historical venues and sites include Mount Vernon, the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museums, Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, the World World II Memorial, Korean Memorial, and the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.
2. The trip will begin at 7 AM on Friday, March 23rd and will return on Sunday, March 25th, 2018 at approximately 9:00 PM.
3. I have included a copy of last years itinerary which should reflect this years trip closely; the outdoor activities may be rearranged due to weather (switching an indoor museum visit with an outdoor visit if one day is rainy and the other dry).
4. The number of students will be 40-50.
5. The trip will be open to district students - primarily 11th graders taking US History as it ties in with the US History Curriculum.
6. Cost to students will be \$320.00 (\$100 deposit at sign up and final \$220 due by Friday, February 9th). If the student's economic situation makes that figure a burden, some financial assistance is available. In the past, Catholic Charities and staff have helped pay for students to go.
7. James Cole will be the teacher in charge.
8. The travel agency is still Washington Educational Services Tours (WEST). Teachers receive a discount on travel costs and accommodations.

9. The number of adult chaperones will be 4
10. No additional cost for liability.
11. The school nurse will have info on student insurance
12. There will be no fundraising for this trip.
13. See answer to #6
14. Funds will be reimbursed through WEST (Washington Educational Services Tours).
15. There will be no use of school equipment other than the parking lot for arrival and departure and the LGI for two pre-trip meetings.
16. The cost to school would be limited to the use of the photocopier and the hiring of substitute teachers. In the past we were able to consolidate the teachers' schedules so that fewer substitutes were needed than the number of chaperones going.
17. The head chaperones will monitor conditions in Washington to determine which museums, etc. might be closed off due to weather or national emergencies.

Additional Notes:

This is our 16th consecutive year for the trip and we follow the same basic itinerary but several things have changed over the past few years:

- We will ask the Rennselaer County Sheriff's Office to bring in their K-9 unit on Friday, March 23rd at 6:30 AM to check bags.

- Two years ago we started having students drop their luggage the day before and chaperones have searched them and we will do this again this year but have asked the K-9 unit to help us by sniffing students & bags getting on bus.

DC 2017 Tentative Itinerary

All times/admissions are subject to change due to traffic, weather or unexpected circumstances. Travel by charter bus with a bathroom & dvd player –PG/PG-13 ONLY

Thurs., March 30th: Drop off travel bags at the HS LGI Room BEFORE 3:30 PM

Day 1: Friday, March 31: (A DAY AT APHS)

- 6:20-6:30 Load bus at APHS
- 7:00 AM Depart APHS – 2 stops en route to Mt. Vernon
- 2:30-3 PM Arrive at Mt. Vernon – George Washington’s Estate in Virginia
TOUR MT VERNON – historic house, grounds, museum, gift shop
- 5:15 PM Depart Mt. Vernon for **IWO JIMA MEMORIAL** (Marine Corps Mem.)
- 6:30 PM Arrive at hotel – **KEY BRIDGE MARRIOTT HOTEL**, Arlington, Virginia
- 7:00 PM **ORDER FOR DC GEORGETOWN CUPCAKES DUE ONLINE BY 5 PM**
- 7:15 PM **PIZZA PARTY AT HOTEL** (Please advise Mr. Cole of food allergies)
- 9:00 PM **TOUR JEFFERSON, LINCOLN, VIETNAM & KOREAN MEMORIALS**
- 11:00 PM All students in hotel rooms for night – a security guard will be posted in the hallway for the night.

Day 2: Saturday, APRIL 1:

- 7:00 AM Wake up Call
- 8:15 AM Meet in hotel lobby for bus departure to DC ZOO
- 11:30 AM Bus departure from Zoo to Smithsonian Museums
Visit to **SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS OF CHOICE** – in groups with chaperone
*Holocaust Museum (Must get Free tickets after 10 AM and come back at assigned time), Museum of American History, Museum of Natural History, Art Museums, American Indian Museum, Air & Space Museum
- 4:15 PM Bus Pick up at Air & Space Museum
- 4:30 PM DC CUPCAKE – bus drop off for those who ordered & walk back to hotel
- 6:00 PM Meet in hotel lobby for trip to **Union Station** for dinner on own in groups
- 9:15 PM Meet in Union Station Lobby for bus pick up
NIGHT TOUR of CAPITAL, WWII Memorial & WHITE HOUSE

Day 3: Sunday, APRIL 2:

- 7:00 AM Wake up Call
- 8:10 AM Check out: Load luggage on bus and turn in room keys
- 8:20 AM Depart hotel for **ARLINGTON CEMETERY - JFK Eternal Flame,**
9 AM - Changing of the Guards-Tomb of Unknown Soldier & Arlington House
- 10:30 AM Depart for Baltimore & Home
- Noon-2 PM Lunch in groups on own at **Baltimore’s Inner Harbor** (Hard Rock Café, etc)
- 6:30 PM Dinner stop at highway rest stop
- 9:30 PM Arrive back at APHS