

Wednesday, December 13th, 2017

Dear 8th Grade Concert Chorus Parents,

I was very pleased and impressed with the performance of the 8th Grade Concert Chorus at our concert. We have been working to organize a special performance trip (and celebration of sorts) for these students, and would like to share details with you and find out your interest. Here is a tentative itinerary:

Saturday, April 14, 2018

5:30 a.m. Depart Apex Middle School by Charter Bus
9:00 a.m. Arrive Tabb High School, Williamsburg, VA - Festival/Performance
10:30 a.m. Spend time at Busch Gardens (awards ceremony TBA)
9:00 p.m. Depart Busch Gardens
12:00 midnight Arrive Apex Middle School

The projected cost of this trip is \$82 per student, and \$45 per adult. Included in this cost is a per-student/-adult festival fee, park admission, and t-shirt for students (shirts are optional for chaperones, and cost an additional \$8). BAMCAT will be covering the cost of the buses for chorus students this year.

If your child/you choose to attend, payments may be made in three installments; you may pay the full amount on January 5 if you choose:

Friday, January 5 \$25 **REQUIRED NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit due (per student/chaperone)
Wednesday, January 31 \$35 payment (recommended)
Wednesday, February 28 Remaining balance due

Students and chaperones also need to be prepared to purchase two meals in the park.

Chorus students can apply fundraising money they earned from earlier fundraisers. Due to the requirements from Music in the Parks, we can only offer a partial refund (minus the deposit) until Friday, March 2nd. After that point, we will no longer be able to refund any money.

If your family has a specific concern regarding the cost of the trip, please contact me to discuss options. Likewise, if you are in a position to provide financial assistance, please let me know. Also, please keep in mind that an important aspect of this trip is performance-related. If your child is not able to sing the music we will perform, or if his or her behavior adversely affects our ability to rehearse in class, then it would not be prudent or fair for him or her to participate in this event.

Field trips are great fun – I love them! They’re a great way to extend the classroom, broaden our range of experiences, and to just hang out with each other and have fun. I hope you will consider having your child attend, and maybe consider attending yourself.

Thank you!

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Please complete and return this portion **with deposit in a sealed envelope** by Friday, January 5th.

Student Name _____ I plan to participate! Circle one: Yes No

Parent Signature _____ Would you like to chaperone? Yes No