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DISNEY PERFORMANCE TOUR UPDATE

February 1, 2018

Dear Choir Families,

We have many more details to share now that our tour is a little over a month from now. The performance days, times, and locations have been finalized from Disney, so we are able to solidify the itinerary.

Cost

So, we ended up in the “danger zone” with numbers traveling with us...71. That means we have the cost of about 30 seats on the buses that get shared among everyone. Plus, adding another park into the itinerary that we did not originally plan adjusted prices. We cut corners everywhere we could, but were not able to discount the price as hoped. The final cost per person traveling with the choir is \$1,050.

The final payment of \$250 is due February 9, 2018. Emails were sent out from our Choral Parents treasurer, Linda McCann, notifying individuals of what contributions to their individual goal remained. If you have any questions, please contact her at lmccann867@gmail.com.

Rehearsals

Since the group that is performing on this tour is made up of students from all 4 choir classes, as well as a few who were in class last semester but could not fit choir into their schedules this semester, and is also a mix of students traveling on the choir buses and the band/orchestra buses, we need to rehearse to figure out who is in the group and what they sound like! The following after school rehearsals have been scheduled. These dates were sent out via Remind, posted on social media, and put on the calendar that was distributed in class this week:

- Thursday, February 8 – 2:15-3:15 in the Choir Room
- Tuesday, February 20 – 2:15-3:15 in the Choir Room
- Tuesday, March 20 – 2:15-4:00 in the Auditorium

It is important for all performing with us to attend these rehearsals.

Uniforms

Disney has very strict regulations regarding what is acceptable for performance attire. In order to achieve uniformity for the group, we are providing custom embroidered performance polos for each performer. They are red and black color-block moisture wicking polos with the NH Choir logo embroidered on the left chest. A link to a Google Form size order was sent out via Remind and posted on the NH Choral Music website under Disney 2018. Sizes must be submitted ASAP as the order must be placed to GPSA so they can order the shirts and embroider them in time for distribution before we leave.

All singers will wear these polos along with black dress slacks and black dress shoes. Boys should make sure to wear a black belt and black dress socks. Girls should make sure they have actual dress pants and not

leggings along with black flats. No sandals, boots, flip flops, or high heels. We will only be in this uniform for the time immediately before and during our performance at Disney Springs. We must change back into regular park clothes as soon as we are finished performing, per Disney Performing Arts regulations.

Parent Meetings

There will be 2 parent/family meetings prior to our departure. Please plan to attend both of the following:

- **Tuesday, February 20 – 7:00PM, High School Auditorium.** At this meeting, we will go over the itinerary in fuller detail and will distribute all of the forms you will need to complete, including overnight permission slips, medication administration, emergency medical information, and teacher permission forms for the day students miss class prior to spring break.
- **Monday, March 19 – 7:00PM, High School Auditorium.** We will go over last minute details, like what you should pack, how much extra money to bring, when to drop off medications and luggage, and any other pertinent information.

Online Apparel Store

The fall NH Choir apparel store was successful, and we're offering many of the same items for the spring, as well as some lighter items such as shorts. Also, taking our cue from the instrumental folks, they requested a specific Disney design, and so we are offering the same items with North Hills Choir under the artwork instead of Marching Band or Orchestra. As soon as we are provided with the link to the online store, it will be sent out via e-mail, Remind, and posted online at www.northhillsschoralmusic.org.

Communication

If you are not on the Choral Parents e-mail list, please send an email to nhchoralparents@gmail.com to be added to the group so you don't miss any important information distributed to families. Everything that is sent out via email or handed out in class will also be posted on the choir website under the Forms & Handouts link as well as the Disney 2018 page. Check regularly!

Thank you to all who assisted in coordinating fundraising opportunities this year. Knowing we had a large financial commitment ahead of us, we planned as many different ways as possible for our families to defray the cost of traveling. Special thanks to the Choral Parents Association leadership of Jody Mawhinney, Linda McCann, and Tina Vojtko for keeping up with communication and coordination of our volunteers and finances. We're going to have a great time in Florida together, doing as our North Hills Alma Mater says, making "memories that never die."

And thank you for trusting me with the care of your sons and daughters while we make those memories and share the music in the "happiest place on earth!"

Musically yours,

Mr. Shaun Cloonan
NHHS Choral Director

TOUR ITINERARY as of February 1, 2018

(Locations and days are accurate, but times and specific details may adjusted/updated before we leave)

Day 1 – Thursday, March 22

3:30PM Buses arrive at NHHS

4:00PM Depart for Orlando

TBA Rest Stop: Beckley Travel Plaza, WV

Boxed dinner distributed when getting back on bus after rest stop, provided by NHCPA

Overnight on buses

Day 2 – Friday, March 23

TBA Driver change- Rock Hill, SC

TBA Provided breakfast en route with \$10.00 cash allotment

11:00AM Arrive at Sweet Tomatoes, 12561 S Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32836

Meet Tour Escort Lauren Campolongo, Provided Lunch at Sweet Tomatoes

12:30PM Bus from Sweet Tomatoes to Disney's Typhoon Lagoon

3:30PM Depart Typhoon Lagoon for Hotel: Hampton Inn Lake Buena Vista

8150 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836, Phone: (407) 465-8150

Check into hotel, get ready for Disney Springs, Provided Pizza Dinner at Hotel

6:30PM Depart Hotel for shopping at Disney Springs

10:00PM Bus from Disney Springs to Hotel

11:00PM Lights Out

Security on duty Midnight to 6AM

Day 3 – Saturday, March 24

6-8AM Provided hot breakfast at hotel – eat at your leisure

8:30AM Load bus for Walt Disney World – Magic Kingdom

9:45AM BAND PERFORMANCE: Marching in Parade

TBA Provided Lunch in Park with Disney meal coupon

TBA Provided Dinner in Park with Disney meal coupon

9:30PM Meet at front of park, take Monorail or Ferry to Transportation and Ticket Center

10:00PM Load bus for Hotel

11:00PM Lights Out

Security on duty Midnight to 6AM

Day 4 – Sunday, March 25

6-8AM Provided hot breakfast at hotel – eat at your leisure

8:30AM Load bus for Walt Disney World – Hollywood Studios

TBA Provided Lunch in Park with meal coupon

12:15PM Meet at front of park (inside park)

12:30PM Bus from Hollywood Studios to Animal Kingdom

3:15PM Meet at front of park (inside park)

3:30PM Bus from Hollywood Studios to Hotel

4:00PM At hotel: one hour for provided boxed Panera dinner, change into clothing for performance

5:00PM Bus from Hotel to Team Disney Building

6:30pm CHOIR PERFORMANCE at Disney Springs

Change back into park clothing before departing Disney Springs

7:30PM Bus from Disney Springs to Animal Kingdom

10:30PM Meet at front of park (inside park)

10:45PM Bus from Animal Kingdom to Hotel

11:30PM Lights Out

Security on duty Midnight to 6AM

Day 5 – Monday, March 26

- 6-8AM Provided hot breakfast at hotel – eat at your leisure
 - 8:00AM Check out of Hotel and Load Buses
 - 8:30AM Bus from Hotel to Walt Disney World – Epcot
 - TBA Provided Lunch in Park with meal coupon
 - TBA Choir Members attending ROCK ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE: Meet at front of park (inside park), and go with chaperones on Disney transportation to Disney Springs. Group will return to Epcot after dinner and performance at House of Blues.
 - TBA Students not attending Orchestra Performance: Provided Dinner in Park with meal coupon
 - 9:00PM IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth Nighttime Spectacular (12-minute show)
 - 9:30PM Meet at front of park (inside park)
 - 10:00PM Depart Epcot for North Hills High School
- Overnight on buses

Day 6 –Tuesday, March 27

- TBA Rest Stop Rock Hill, SC // Driver change
Provided breakfast en-route at breakfast buffet TBD
- TBA Rest Stop Sutton, West Virginia
Provided lunch en-route with \$10.00 cash allotment or stop for group meal
- 4:00PM Arrive at North Hills High School