

Disney Tour Final Update

March 19, 2018

Here are a few items to consider in the next day as we prepare to depart for Orlando:

1. **Schedule.** The overall itinerary has stayed very close to the one distributed at the meeting several weeks ago. Just a few changes:
 - a. **Departure time is 3:30PM on Thursday.** It would be easiest if everyone would just come to the choir room right after school so we can go over chaperone assignments, final details, bus lists, etc. The buses will pull up in front of the high school at 3:15, right after the middle school buses leave the hilltop for dismissal. We plan to have everything lined up outside and ready to go so we can load and be on our way in 15 minutes.
 - b. We are ALL able to attend the Rock Orchestra performance at the House of Blues on Monday! After several conversations with the manager at the site, we were able to work it out that there will be seats AND meals for each of us. There was a slight cost increase of \$2.50 per person that the Choral Parents Association covered to make this happen. We will now stay at the hotel a little longer to pack up, clean up rooms, check out, and load buses before heading straight to the House of Blues for the 11:30 rock orchestra performance. We'll head to EPCOT for the remainder of the day before departing for home that night. The itinerary worked out now that every group gets to see the others perform, supporting each other as one NH music family.
2. **Luggage/Medication Drop-off.** If you have medication that needs to be given to an adult, that should be dropped off in the Choir Room between 6:00-8:00PM on Wednesday night. Medication must be in a clear plastic bag with the student's name clearly labeled on it, as well as directions for when it should be administered and what dosage.

It's also the parent's discretion regarding OTC items such as Tylenol, Advil, Tums, etc. If parents trust their children to carry this and to use it responsibly, then they may carry it with them during the tour. If you'd rather it be kept with an adult and have a specific dosage or brand you want, bring that to medication drop-off as well and we will keep it separate from the general first aid items we will have on hand for emergency use.

Luggage drop off is your choice of: Wednesday night from 6-8PM, Thursday morning upon arrival for school, or immediately after school. It must be here by 3:00 on Thursday, as we plan to have everything lined up and ready to go on the sidewalk to meet the buses at 3:15!
3. **Fast Passes.** Ticket information has been on the bulletin board since last week and instructions for how to download the My Disney Experience app were sent out via Remind. Students who wish to schedule Fast Passes with each other must become "friends" in the app before scheduling. Our tickets allow us 3 FastPasses each day, allowing you to schedule a time to ride that skips the lines for rides. Remember that you must have everyone connected before scheduling. If you add someone after and try to schedule another FastPass, the previous ones will disappear.
4. **Money.** Spending money is at parent's discretion. The cost of the tour provides for each meal with either a Disney Meal Coupon (which works at several locations listed in each park and is good for a meal, a drink, and a dessert) or a cash allotment, unless the meal is specifically planned (like the lunch at Sweet Tomatoes, the House of Blues, pizza and Panera at the hotel, and breakfast on the way home). Dietary options for those locations as well as the Disney parks was sent out last week as well. Any additional money brought would be used for snacks, extra food items, or souvenirs. There will be time for shopping at Disney Springs on Friday night.
5. **When packing,** plan for the whole day. While right now the weather is calling for highs in the low 80's, when the sun goes down, the temperature can drop 10-15 degrees. Students typically do not plan enough layers. Consider sweatshirts, light jackets, etc. for evening park times.

Looking forward to a great time together! -- Mr. Cloonan



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NORTH HILLS HIGH SCHOOL – CHOIR
FINAL TOUR ITINERARY – ORLANDO 2018

Day 1 – Thursday, March 22, 2018

3:15pm Buses arrive at: North Hills High School
 53 Rochester Road
 Pittsburgh, PA 15229

3:35pm Bus Transfer: North Hills High School to Orlando
 TBA Rest Stop Beckley Travel Plaza, WV
 Boxed dinner en route – provided by North Hills Choral Parents Association

Overnight on buses

Day 2 – Friday, March 23, 2018

Early morning Driver change- Rock Hill, SC
 TBA Provided breakfast at a rest stop en route with \$10.00 cash allotment

11:00am – 11:30am Arrive at: Sweet Tomatoes
 12561 S Apopka Vineland Road
 Orlando, FL 32836

Meet Tour Escort Lauren Campolongo
 Provided Lunch at Sweet Tomatoes – 1 hour

12:30pm Bus Transfer: Sweet Tomatoes to Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon
 (Park Hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm)
 1145 East Buena Vista Boulevard
 Orlando, FL 32830

Students should take what they need for the water park and move the rest of their items under the bus with luggage since there will be no access to these buses again until the morning.
 Buses then drive to hotel and drivers are off for the rest of the day
 Drivers will move luggage into holding room or designated hotel rooms

3:30pm MEARS Bus Transfer: Typhoon Lagoon to Hampton Inn Lake Buena Vista
 8150 Palm Parkway
 Orlando, FL 32836
 Phone: (407) 465-8150

Get luggage and Check into hotel // Get ready for Disney Springs
 Provided Dominos Pizza Dinner at Hotel

6:30pm MEARS Bus Transfer: Hotel to Disney Springs
 1486 Buena Vista Drive
 Orlando, FL 32830

Free time for shopping and exploring Disney Springs

10:00pm MEARS Bus Transfer: Disney Springs to Hotel
 11:00pm Lights Out

Overnight in Orlando

Day 3 – Saturday, March 24, 2018

6:00am – 7:45am Provided hot breakfast at hotel – eat at your leisure
8:00am Bus Transfer: Hotel to Walt Disney World – Magic Kingdom
(Park Hours: 9:00am – 9:00pm)
Transportation and Ticket Center
Topiary Lane, Orlando, FL 32836
Arrive at Transportation and Ticket Center
Take Monorail or Ferry to Magic Kingdom Park Entrance
9:45am WATCH MARCHING BAND: Parade down Main Street
On your own Provided Lunch in Park with meal coupon
3:00pm Disney Festival of Fantasy Parade
On your own Provided Dinner in Park with meal coupon
9:00pm Happily Ever After Castle Show and Fireworks (18-minute show)
9:30pm Meet at front of park (inside park)
Take Monorail or Ferry to Transportation and Ticket Center
10:00pm Bus Transfer: Magic Kingdom to Hotel
11:00pm Lights Out
Overnight in Orlando

Day 4 – Sunday, March 25, 2018

6:00am – 8:15am Provided hot breakfast at hotel – eat at your leisure
8:30am Bus Transfer: Hotel to Walt Disney World – Hollywood Studios
351 S Studio Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
(Park Hours: 9:00am – 9:00pm)
On your own Provided Lunch in Park with meal coupon
12:15pm All Choir Members: Meet at front of park (inside park)
12:30pm Bus Transfer: Hollywood Studios to Animal Kingdom
2901 Osceola Parkway
Orlando, FL 32830
(Park Hours: 9:00am – 10:00pm)
3:15pm All Choir Members: Meet at front of park (inside park)
3:30pm Bus Transfer: Hollywood Studios to Hotel
4:00pm Arrive at hotel // Provided Boxed Dinner from Panera Bread
Change into clothing for Performance
5:00pm Bus Transfer: Hotel to Team Disney Building
1375 East Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
6:30pm TOUR CHOIR PERFORMANCE on Marketplace Stage at Disney Springs
Change back into park clothing before departing Disney Springs
7:30pm Bus Transfer: Disney Springs to Animal Kingdom
10:00pm Rivers of Light Nighttime Spectacular (15-minute show)
10:30pm All Choir Members: Meet at front of park (inside park)
10:45pm Bus Transfer: Animal Kingdom to Hotel
11:00pm Lights Out
Overnight in Orlando

Day 5 – Monday, March 26, 2018

6:00am – 8:00am	Provided hot breakfast at hotel – eat at your leisure
9:30am – 10:30am	Check out of Hotel and Load Buses: Make sure to pack for return day at Epcot and return trip, will not see buses again until park closes
10:45am	Bus Transfer: Hotel to House of Blues, Orlando 1490 E Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
	Bus Drivers go back to hotel to sleep for the rest of the day
11:20am	Doors open at House of Blues
11:30am	ROCK ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE at House of Blues Provided Buffet Lunch at House of Blues
12:50pm	Walk to Disney Springs Resort Buses Pick – Up Area Chaperones take students on Disney Resort Transportation Disney Bus Transfer: Disney Springs to Disney’s Beach Club Walk Transfer: Beach Club to Walt Disney World – Epcot (Back entrance) 200 Epcot Center Drive Orlando, FL 32821 (Park Hours: 9:00am – 9:00pm)
On your own	Provided Dinner in Park with meal coupon
9:00pm	IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth Nighttime Spectacular (12-minute show)
9:30pm	All Choir Members: Meet at front of park (inside park)
10:00pm	Bus Transfer: Epcot to North Hills High School
Overnight on buses	

Day 6 – Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Around 7:30am	Rest Stop Rock Hill, SC // Driver change Provided group breakfast buffet at restaurant in Rock Hill
TBA	Rest Stop Sutton, West Virginia Provided lunch with \$10.00 cash allotment
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Arrive at North Hills High School