

September 21, 2018

Dear Parents of 8th Grade Students,

I am happy to announce that GOMS will be again sponsoring an optional 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C.

I am the leader of this trip and will be communicating about it as the year progresses.

The trip is planned for **April 25 – April 28, 2019**. We must have at least 45 students to run the trip. The cost of the trip with 45 students attending is **\$609**. The way reservations for this trip work is once we have 45 students we book a bus and then every student who enrolls after #45 is waitlisted until the second bus is full, then we book the second bus. The same process would work towards a third bus. We take as many busses as we fill. Therefore it is important to book your reservation as soon as you can.

GOMS does not collect any monies or secure your child's reservation – this is done by our tour company (Son-Tours). I have attached the enrollment form for you to use and send to them. Alternately you can enroll online with them. That information is also on the enrollment form.

I have attached the itinerary for this trip. We had a wonderful time last year. There is a great deal of walking and the kids are busy most of the time. Last year they kids were very well behaved and enjoyed the tour.

Please note that this trip is for 8th grade students only. I believe I have enough GOMS staff willing to chaperone that I will not need any parent volunteers. Should that change I would send something out in the late winter.

Please also be aware that the students are booked four to a room. We work out the roommate selection in late winter. There is a double / single occupancy rate for adults – please ignore that part of the form as it does not pertain to our trip.

To Summarize:

I have attached three documents:

1. Parent Letter [1. Parent Ltr WDC.pdf](#)
2. Tour Itinerary [2. Itinerary Great Oak Middle WDC.pdf](#)
3. Enrollment Form [3. Enrollment Form.pdf](#)

The first payment must be received by Son-Tours by October 25, 2018. But please remember that the order in which they receive deposits is the order that students are registered for the trip. Once we have 45 students registered everyone after that is then waitlisted until the second bus is filled (with an additional 45 students). Last year we ran just one bus down to Washington D.C.

If you have any questions about the trip feel free to email or call me.
I want to also let you know the 8th grade has a whole class – day trip to Boston in the spring. The trip to DC is an optional additional trip and not subject to financial assistance from the school.

Best,
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