

August 3, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming 8th Grade Students,
INITIAL INFORMATION
OPTIONAL 8th GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Last year we brought back the optional 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC. Prior to last year, 2007 was the last time GOMS ran a trip to Washington DC. We had a wonderful time last year, the students were excellent, and by all accounts the trip was: fun, educational, and safe.

We will run the trip to Washington DC again this school year.

This is an optional trip. It is in addition to the class trip run by the teachers which spends a day in Boston. As it is optional trip the school does not offer payment aid.

In addition, because the trip takes place over three nights; student behavior over the school year is expected to be exemplary in order to attend the trip.

The cost of the trip is non-refundable (if trip insurance is not purchased) and inappropriate student behavior during the school year may lead to a student not being able to attend the trip.

TRIP DATES

The trip will take place April 25, 2019 - April 28, 2019.

MINIMUM SIGN-UP, PROCESS, and WAITING LIST

We must have a minimum of 45 students to run the trip.

The tour company will take reservations on a first come - first served basis. The tour company will fill the first bus with 45 students. Then a waiting list will be created. If an addition 45 students sign up a second bus will be booked. After that another waiting list will be created and if an additional 45 students sign up a third bus would be booked.

COST

Based on 45 students per bus the cost of the trip will be \$609.00 per student.

The tour company does offer options for numbers of students on the bus and that may become an issue based on the number of sign-ups.

I am planning on 45 students per bus at a cost of \$609.00 a student. The cost could run to \$709 if we ran busses of 35 students.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING

I wanted to put this information out so you today so you can talk to you child and determine if he or she wants to attend the trip.

The tour company handles all of the sign-ups and payments.

We chaperone the trip with school staff at a 1:8 student ratio. Should I need parent volunteers (based on a large sign-up) I would ask at a later time.

NEXT STEPS

I will contact you once the tour company is ready to begin processing sign-ups. This should be in the next few weeks.

Attached is the Tentative Itinerary for the trip for your review.

[Tentative Itinerary.pdf](#)

My Best,
Anthony

Anthony T. Hibbert
GOMS Principal
203-888-5418
hibberta@oxfordpublicschools.org
@GOMSprincipal (on Twitter)