

August 1, 2019

Dear Parents of Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

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

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

The trip is planned for **April 23-26, 2020**. We must have 45 students to run the trip. The cost of the trip with 45 students attending is **\$615**. The way reservations 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 the past two years. There is a great deal of walking and the kids as busy most of the time. The kids were very well behaved the past two years and enjoyed their trips.

Please note that this trip is for 8<sup>th</sup> grade GOMS students only. We 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 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 Letter WDC.pdf](#)
2. Tour Itinerary [2. Tour Itinerary WDC.pdf](#)
3. Enrollment Form [3. Enrollment Form.pdf](#)

The first payment must be received by Son-Tours by September 21, 2019. 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). The first year we ran one bus and last year we ran two busses.

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

All of this information will also be posted on the school website (<http://goms.oxfordpublicschools.org/>).

Regards,  
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