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Students and Parents,

In an effort to bring our nation’s past to the present day lives of our students, 8th graders at North Hills Middle School will be taking a day trip to Washington, DC. This **optional** academic trip will take place on **Friday, April 24, 2020**.

Team Carnegie, Team Heinz, and Team Westinghouse will collectively depart the school in the early morning of April 24th and will return that night. In between will be experiences that will ignite students’ understanding and appreciation for our nation’s history as well as those who shaped it.

The experience will include visits to:

The Smithsonian National Museum of American History

This museum houses more than 3 million artifacts of our nation’s history. It includes historical exhibits like The Star-Spangled Banner and America’s Wars in addition to popular culture collections.

The National Mall and Monuments

The National Mall has been the location of many historic events. Here, students will take in monuments that recognize the contributions from everyday Americans as they visit the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials as well as the Washington and Lincoln Monuments.

Significant Washington, D.C. Landmarks

Depending on seasonal scheduling, we will be visiting the variety of landmarks that our nation’s capital has to offer outside of the National Mall and Museum area.

We hope that each student will consider taking advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

David Lieberman

Enclosure: FAQ

PRIDE TRADITION EXCELLENCE



8th grade trip to DC - April 24, 2020



8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. Parent/Guardian Information & Permission Form

Basic Information:

Trip Date: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

Departure Time/Place: 5:30 AM from North Hills Middle School (*should be @NHMS by 5:15 AM*)
**We will leave PROMPTLY at 5:30 AM, and we are unable accommodate late arrivals.*

Estimated Return Time/Place: 11:15 PM at North Hills Middle School

Trip Cost: \$90 payable to North Hills Middle School by February 18, 2020

Expected Meal (Lunch/Dinner) Money to Bring: \$30 Cash (*not included in trip cost*)

Trip Notifications:

To opt-in for parent/guardian text message updates from North Hills Middle School Staff during the trip, please follow the directions below. This is entirely optional, and the service, Remind101, does not make your mobile number available to others. To sign-up, text **@nhmsdc(including the @ sign)** to **81010**. If successful, it will ask you to reply with your name; however, your mobile number will not be shared.



Trip Expectations:

All students attending the trip will have discussed the Parent/Guardian information letter with their Parent/Guardian(s) and agree to all terms set forth by North Hills Middle School. All North Hills School District policies, procedures, and rules will be in effect. During the remainder of the school year, if a student displays a pattern of behavior that is inconsistent with the expectations and decorum that one should exhibit when representing our school in a public setting, he or she may be asked to not participate in this experience. *A completed permission slip acknowledges an acceptance of this expectation.*

Other Important Information:

- If a student has been placed on the social probation list, he/she will not be eligible to attend. Any money/deposit made for the trip will be forfeited and refunds cannot be granted.
- Prior to the trip, each student will be provided with an itinerary that will outline each of the stops and *projected* time frames during the trip. Students will be assigned a chaperone and students must remain with their chaperone throughout the entire day.
- Students must remain in assigned seats during travel to and from Washington, D.C.
- If your son/daughter appears to be ill, injured, or not medically cleared by a physician prior to departing for Washington, D.C., they will not be able to attend the trip.
- If any local authorities detain your son/daughter during the trip for any reason, it is the responsibility of the **parent/guardian(s)** to arrange transportation and supervision for your son/daughter. All costs associated with any such issue will be the responsibility of the **parent/guardian(s)**.

Trip Payments:

A non-refundable deposit of **\$20** is due by **Friday, December 13, 2019**. All remaining trip payments (**\$70**) are due by **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**. Students may submit payment-in-full prior to that date. Checks must be made payable to North Hills Middle School. **All** payments are **non-refundable** (no exceptions), as all transportation costs will be paid in advance of the day of the trip.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Trip to Washington, D.C.

Who is eligible to attend the trip?

Any current North Hills Middle School 8th grade student is encouraged to attend this trip. Students who have been placed on social probation at *any* point following the announcement of this trip during this school year are not permitted to attend.

Do all students have to attend?

No. This trip is entirely optional. Students who do not travel will be expected to attend school as scheduled on April 24, 2020.

What is the cost?

The cost for each student is \$90. This will cover the cost of transportation, and a snack provided by the school as well as a t-shirt to be worn the day of the trip.

How are we getting there?

Students will travel via motor coach. Students will be divided by teams as part of this process and select a peer to sit with throughout the day.

When are we leaving?

Students will be expected to be at North Hills Middle School NO LATER THAN 5:15 AM. WE WILL DEPART PROMPTLY AT 5:30 AM.

What if I miss the bus?

Due to the detailed itinerary we are unable to accommodate late arrivals. Regretfully, we will not be able to provide a refund for any such occurrence. Should this happen, these students will be expected to attend the regular school day at North Hills Middle School.

When are we returning?

We will be scheduled to depart Washington, DC around 5:00 PM. We expect to return to the Middle School at approximately 11:15 PM.

How will I get to/from North Hills Middle School for the trip?

Students will need to arrange for their own transportation to and from North Hills Middle School for the trip. There WILL NOT be any school provided transportation to and from residences.

Where will my child eat during the day?

Students will eat an early lunch en route to Washington, D.C. at one of three locations based on their team and bus assignment. They will receive water after arriving in Washington, D.C. They will eat an early dinner at one of the Smithsonian Museum food courts and/or National Place food court a prior to departing for Pittsburgh. On the trip back, they will be provided with a snack and drink on the bus.

Who will pay for my food during this trip?

Students will be financially responsible for purchasing their lunch and dinner. It is recommended that they bring \$30 for food that day.

How much money should I take?

While the choice of how much money to bring is an individual decision, we recommend bringing \$30 for meals. Any additional funds needed are at the discretion of the individual student.

What should I wear?

- ★ School issued trip t-shirt
- ★ Comfortable shoes
- ★ Weather appropriate attire (check the weather before departure)
- ★ Sweatshirt/Hoodie/Jacket for the bus ride

What can I bring on the trip (School IS NOT responsible for lost or stolen items)?

- ★ Camera
- ★ Phone
- ★ Backpack (subject to search by Smithsonian Security)
- ★ Sunscreen

What can't I bring on the trip?

- ★ Your own food and beverages
- ★ Any item not listed above that is prohibited in the North Hills Middle School Handbook (inappropriate attire, weapons, etc.)

How can I pay for the trip?

Students are encouraged to participate in the optional fundraiser of selling cookie dough. All proceeds from the sale will help to finance their individual cost. Any surplus of funds beyond the cost of transportation will be dispersed to individual students for use at their discretion (food, beverages, souvenirs).

Can I sign up later?

No! A non-refundable deposit of \$20 and permission slip is due by Friday, December 13, 2019. **No field trip enrollments will be accepted after that date.** Checks should be made payable to *North Hills Middle School*.

To whom do I submit payment?

All funds will be turned in to Mr. Lieberman's office on or before the dates mentioned above.

Are there refunds?

No. The submission of any and all funds is final, and refund requests cannot be honored.



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8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.
Friday, April 24, 2020



Cookie Dough Sale

From February 3 - February 14

You Sell:

- ✓ Cookie Dough Tubs at \$20/each

You Earn:

- ✓ \$8 for EACH SALE
- ✓ Each sale reduces your trip cost.

Your Goal:

- ✓ Sell 12 = You paid for your trip!
- ✓ If a student exceeds their trip cost, additional profit **cannot** be credited to that student for the trip. All funds will be considered "donations" to the general trip fund. We are unable to distribute any surplus funds as cash payments.

Important Selling Info:

- ✓ Fill out your form using PEN
- ✓ Fill out your name and school info
- ✓ **All payments due with orders**

When are orders due?

- ✓ Orders **WITH MONEY** are due by Tuesday, February 18
- ✓ Checks can be made payable to **North Hills Middle School**

When do I pick up the dough?

- ✓ After school on Thursday, March 5, 2020
(3:00 – 5:30 PM in Lower Level of the MS Annex Gym Lobby)



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IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your Calendar:

- **Non-Refundable Trip Deposit (\$20) & Permission Form Due** –
Friday, December 13, 2019

- **Trip Information / Cookie Dough Fundraising Begins** –
Monday, February 3, 2020

- **Cookie Dough Fundraising Orders Due** –
Friday, February 14, 2020

- **Cookie Dough Order Pick-Up – MS Annex Gym Lobby**
Thursday, March 5, 2020
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

- **Trip Payment Balances & Permission Forms Due (\$70)** –
Tuesday, February 18, 2020

- **Trip to Washington, D.C. (Arrive at NHMS by 5:15 AM)** –
Monday, April 24, 2020

Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Due with \$20 Trip Deposit by Friday, December 13, 2019

Information/Permission:

Student Name (Print): _____ Team _____

Student Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

I have read and discussed the information letter with my parent/guardian and agree to act in a school-appropriate manner during the entire trip experience.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I have read and discussed the information letter with my son/daughter and understand the expected behavior of him/her. I give him/her my full permission to attend the field trip to Washington, D.C. I allow my child to be notified during the trip using the Remind app for safe contact with their chaperones.

Emergency Information:

Parent/Guardian Contact 1: _____ Relation to Child: _____

Mobile Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact 2: _____ Relation to Child: _____

Mobile Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____

If a Parent/Guardian cannot be contacted, please contact: _____

Relation to Child: _____ Mobile Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____

In case of an emergency, an immediate attempt will be made to contact the parent or emergency contact. I give my permission for my son/daughter to be treated at a local medical facility in case of an emergency.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Medical Information:

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications/Instructions (if applicable): _____

***Staff members will be equipped with basic first aid supplies. Students will be permitted and encouraged to carry epi-pens and inhalers, if applicable. Non-emergency medications should be taken prior to a student's arrival at school on the day of the trip.