

# Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS Music Dept. Spring 2018



Virginia Beach, VA  
(Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Spring Evaluation Trip is open to ALL students participating in the HS Music Program. This year the choral and instrumental groups and winter guard (no marching band) will travel via chartered bus to participate in the Festival of Music in Virginia Beach, VA.

Students will depart from the High School on the morning of April 12<sup>th</sup> and travel to Newport News, VA and stay at the Marriot Hotel at City Center, Newport News for 3 nights. On Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a full day of performances of all choral and instrumental groups. On Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, the winter guard will perform and after the award ceremony, the students will go to Busch Gardens Amusement Park, then transfer back to the hotel and lastly enjoy a bowling party and pizza to top off the trip before they head home on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. An outline of the itinerary is provided: performance times and the itinerary will be updated when times are confirmed.

The cost of the trip per student is **\$938**. All food will be covered except for the Lunch stop on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Christiana Mall Food Court. Itemized details of the trip are provided below.

**It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that all students sign-up for trip insurance.** The cost will range between \$23-\$37 per person based on the coverage chosen. If your student cannot attend due to illness, injured in sports or due to poor school attendance or disciplinary reasons, you will lose your payments therefore it is recommended to sign-up early for trip insurance with the first payment on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> to ensure you can get as much money back as possible. Last day to sign up for the insurance is October 27, 2017.

## **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Deluxe transportation via Raritan Valley Bus Lines from H.S. to location
- One (1) Lunch (Thursday) in Christiana Mall Food Court -\$10 pp
- One (1) Dinner (Thursday) stop at Virginia Living Museum, Newport News
- Three (3) Nights hotel accommodations at Marriott City Newport News
- Three (3) Buffet Breakfasts at hotel
- Festivals of Music Package which includes Competition & Award Ceremonies Day (Friday)
- One (1) Lunch (Friday) provided on festival performance day (Sandwich/Hoagie, chips, drink and cookie or similar)
- One (1) Dinner provided (Friday) on festival performance day (TBA based on performance schedule)
- One (1) day admission to Busch Gardens (Saturday)
- One (1) meal coupon or meal picnic at Busch Gardens (Saturday)
- Bowling Night with DJ, pizza & sodas
- Five (5) Private Nighttime security guards from 11 PM - 5 AM or Midnight to 6 AM
- Snacks on performance day with water, fruit and snack or similar

## **INSURANCE:**

**Optional Travel Insurance** - - Provides 100% Refund of trip payments made for Trip Cancellation up until departure date for covered reasons, such as injury, illness, parent main job loss, etc., which prevents you from traveling. It also provides for 75% Refund FOR TRIP CANCELLATION FOR ANY REASON up until 48 HOURS before trip departure, providing premium payment made with within 14 days of your first payment deposit to World Class Vacations. For a complete list of terms and conditions and to book, please visit the website at <http://www.travelguard.com/wcv>.

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**Sign-up form is attached - Send it in!**

## PRELIMINARY ITINERARY (subject to change):

- Thursday: Depart HS in morning, Lunch stop in Delaware, Dinner stop in Virginia, Arrive at Newport News VA Marriot check-in.  
Friday: Performance Day, all meals provided.  
Saturday: Winter Guard performance, Transfer to Busch Gardens, Award Ceremonies, Bowling party, all meals provided.  
Sunday: Breakfast, Check Out, Depart for Home, Stop for lunch in Baltimore-on your own.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

First Payment:	\$313.00, due by Oct. 23, 2017	SEE
Second Payment:	\$313.00, due by Dec. 1, 2017	CANCELLATION POLICY
Final Payment:	\$312.00, due by Jan. 26, 2018	BELOW

**OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE** is available and is highly recommended. Please visit [www.travelguard.com/wvc](http://www.travelguard.com/wvc) BEFORE OCTOBER 27, 2017

Check in the amount of \$313.00, payable to SPFMBA- Mail or drop off to:  
Al & Yvette Speranza, 2094 Westfield Rd Circle, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076  
NO LATER THAN Monday, October 23, 2017

**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THE MEMO FIELD OF ALL CHECKS**  
Any questions? Email: [spfmusictrip@gmail.com](mailto:spfmusictrip@gmail.com)

**\*\*\* CHECKS ONLY payable to SPFMBA\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Please do not put trip forms/payments in Blue Box at school \*\*\***

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:** See Music Booster website: [spfmusicboosters.org](http://spfmusicboosters.org)  
Opportunities are available to the students to help defray the cost of the trip. Fundraising credits will be applied toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the final payments. If you're unable to meet the payment schedule dates, please contact us to make alternate arrangements prior to the due dates.

## Cancellation Policy (separate from trip insurance policy)

- Cancellations before Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2017-no penalty  
Cancellations after Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 but before Jan 19, 2018-\$75 per person penalty  
Cancellations after Jan 19<sup>th</sup>-no REFUND unless substitute found

Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact:  
Parent/Student Trip Liaison: Michael McKenna: [spfmusictrip@gmail.com](mailto:spfmusictrip@gmail.com)



**ANY AND ALL INFORMATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



**TRIP SIGN-UP FORM**  
**Spring 2018 Music Department Trip**  
**Virginia Beach, VA**  
**Thursday April 12th to Sunday April 15th**



**YES, sign me up for the trip**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female (please circle)

Please List all Performance Group(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the trip letter and am aware that final price is subject to change due to possible fuel surcharges

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_