



AMERICAN HISTORY MARCH NEWSLETTER

THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

As the school year comes to a close, we will be finishing strong in class shifting our focus from revolution to Manifest Destiny and the Civil War. We will be spending a lot of time learning about Philadelphia and D.C. to prepare students for our trip.

Mrs. Hess will be coming to speak to the eighth grade students a few times over the next several weeks to provide students with details of the trip.

FINAL PAYMENT

The final D.C. payments are due Friday, April 12.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Room assignments will be posted electronically 20 May 2019. We will accommodate student requests as best as we can, but due to the number of students attending, not all requests will be filled. Room assignments will be final.

IMPORTANT DATES

★ Parent Meeting: 8 May 2018 at 6:00 pm in the PAC

★ Chaperone Meeting: 15 May 2018 at 6:00 pm in Mr. Kerns' room—**All Chaperones are required to attend this meeting!!!**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND D.C. TRIP

It has always been the goal of this trip for the students to experience the most out of D.C. as possible, from both an educational aspect as well as a social aspect. Norwayne's policy concerning cell phones has always been that students **DO NOT** bring them along on the trip. There are numerous reasons for this policy. Primarily, we want the students to engage with one another and enjoy their surroundings. This trip provides an amazing opportunity for students to build friendships and experiences that they can cherish for the rest of their lives. We do not wish to see students spending four days glued to their devices and missing out on what the trip has to offer. Along with the experience, there are security issues concerning the phones as well. Many of the exhibits we go to involve metal detectors and security checkpoints. Checking electronic devices will slow us down tremendously and may cause us to miss time stamps for tickets that we worked very hard to purchase. It takes a long time for 150 people to get through these stations and we do not want anything extra to slow us down. In addition to security concerns, many exhibits do not allow artifacts and displays to be photographed, so there is no point in having the devices anyway. There is also the fear/possibility of a cell phone being lost, stolen, or damaged and none of these are situations we want to encounter for obvious reasons. This policy also extends to any other electronic device that has LTE and/or wifi capabilities given the fact that apps and programs can be utilized similarly to a cell phone.

FAQ Concerning phones:

Q: Will I be able to contact my child during the trip?

A: YES!!! All chaperones have cell phones and are instructed to allow students to utilize their phones to call home or check in or whatever the case may be. Each parent and student will also have a phone number to reach Mrs. Hess or Mr. Kerns in case of an emergency.

Q: How will I pass time on the bus without the use of my device?

A: Each bus is equipped with T.V.s and we show movies along the way to and from D.C. Each bus also has a list of games and other activities to partake in along the way.

Q: What if my child wants to take pictures of their trip?

A: Chaperones have devices to take photos and we generally send out a link to photos from each day to any parent who is interested! Students may also bring personal cameras (digital or disposal)

As a result of the important topics in this month's newsletter, students will be receiving participation points for returning this slip by Tuesday, March 26th. We have read the March newsletter:

Student name (printed) _____ Student Signature & date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please cut this section off to return to school and keep the remainder for your reference.

CHAPERONES

We are blessed to live in a district that has so many people willing to volunteer their time and money to help make this trip a success for the students; however, that does mean there will be many people that will not be selected as well. Selecting chaperones for this trip is a difficult process, listed below are a number of considerations that are taken into account throughout the selection.

- We try to take about 6 staff members
- Depending on the group size each year we take around two dozen chaperones (there were 47 volunteers this year so about 1/2 of the volunteers will not be selected)
- Special/unique medical considerations for students are taken into consideration first
- We aim to have a couple medical personnel on each bus (nurses/EMTs/Doctors/etc)
- We need a different number of male and female chaperones depending on group demographics (we want parents to be in the room with their children when possible)
- Once these considerations are met, we use a lottery system to fill remaining slots— potential chaperones who have helped with D.C. related events throughout the year get their names submitted twice
- We try to limit the amount of chaperones who have already attended this trip so we can spread the opportunity to other parents; however, experienced chaperones are of value as they know the ins and outs of the trip

These considerations allow us to have a 1:3 or 1:4 adult to student ratio and still keeps our group somewhat small to navigate congested attractions. The names listed below are those who were selected to be chaperones this year. As always, life happens, and sometimes those who are selected can no longer attend. If you are selected and cannot attend this year's trip please notify Mr. Kerns ASAP so we can consult our wait-list and find a replacement.

Medical Personnel– Shannon Kolesar	Medical Personnel– Kellie Hanzie
Medical Personnel– Stacy Bauman	Medical Personnel– Debbie Rupp
Medical Personnel– Laura Brookshire	Medical Personnel–Lyndsey Shepherd
Kevin Armstrong	Amber Morlock
Jason Bittinger	Mary Larrison
Joe Duplaga /Mark Faircloth	Bethany Hess
Chad Erhard	Cortney Everhart
Nicholas Gasser	Darlene Csapo
Matthew Gill / Brian Sachara	Sara Ringle
Nate Hackworth	Edward Plain
Craig Simmons	Jason Gallion
Doug Rupp	Steven Ringle
Julie Heyden	Christine Hasinski /Andrea Moran

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.