



Norwayne Middle School Eighth Grade D.C. Trip

Trip Dates: May 22-25, 2018 Philadelphia then Washington DC

We will be touring Philadelphia, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Flight 93 Memorial, and many DC monuments and memorials. A finalized itinerary will be available in May.

Trip Cost: \$460.00 (DC Dinner reduces this \$25 automatically)

Students are responsible for \$435.00

Fundraising opportunities include:

- 7th grade fundraiser
- NMS September fundraiser
- Butter Braid sales
- Sam's Pizza
- Other?

Rewards from fundraisers stays in the individual student's account. No payment is due when fundraising activity rewards exceed the payment due. (For example, if the Fall Butter Braid sale profits exceed \$125.00, no payment would be due in October or November.)

If you are interested in being a chaperone or helping with the DC Dinner in March, please notify me in writing or indicate this on the DC guidelines handout.

Payment schedule:

September 22- \$25.00 deposit due from all students by October 4, 2018

October 18- \$75.00

November 15- \$75.00

December 13- \$50.00

February 15- \$75.00

March 15- \$75.00

April 12- \$60.00 All final payments MUST be made by this date.

There will be no refunds after May 1, 2019 unless the student has become ineligible due to suspension.

Thanks for your help and support!

Behavior guidelines for the Philadelphia–Washington DC Trip are listed below. These guidelines vary somewhat from the Student Handbook because of this being an overnight, out–of–state trip. These guidelines are for 8th graders only and for the DC Trip exclusively.

Students receiving any of the following would NOT be eligible to go on the Washington DC Trip.

- ***(10) disciplinary detentions***
- ***(3) Saturday Schools***
- ***(2) in–school suspensions/ out–of–school suspensions***
- ***(1) Out–of–school suspension for more than two days***
- ***Failing grade in 2 academic classes***

It is our desire to work with parents and students in an effort to see an improvement in behavior and the establishment of clear expectations and goals. Students who do not improve their behavior throughout the year may not be permitted to attend the Philadelphia–D.C. trip. This trip is a reward and a privilege, not something that is just expected.

Students must be enrolled at NMS by January 1, 2019 to be eligible for the trip. *Students absent more than 18 days would also be ineligible, unless there are special medical considerations approved by the school administration.* (See below)

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.

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 20–24 chaperones**
- **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**

Room assignments will be posted electronically 20 May 2018. 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.

Please read the guidelines, annotate if you plan to attend this trip, sign below, and return it to Mr. Kerns.

At this time I plan to go on this trip_____

I do not plan to go on this trip_____

Washington DC Trip Guidelines have been read and I agree to the eligibility requirements.

Date_____

Parent Signature_____

Student Signature_____

Student Printed name_____

***Any special considerations medical or otherwise I should be made aware of before this trip:**

Please annotate one choice below:

Yes_____ I am interested in serving as a chaperone. No_____ I am not interested at this time.

*****If interested in being a chaperone, please circle which parent wants to chaperone:**

Mom Dad

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