

Fall Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

This December (2017), the Heritage Performing Arts Department will be traveling to Orlando, Florida as an extension to our classroom program. The trip is not a required portion of being in a class, but is a way to further their performance and learning experience. This trip is not a competition, but rather an exhibition of unique performances. The choir, band and orchestra will be learning how to make a movie soundtrack, and then rehearsing and recording a soundtrack to a Disney movie. The Theatre students would have the opportunity to work with Disney professionals to create a unique Broadway style performance. In addition, all students will participate in a series of leadership and educational seminars each morning run by Disney. Tentatively, we will be departing on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at the end of the school day, and we will be returning Sunday evening, Dec. 3.

To make this trip a possibility, we are asking for a number of things. First and foremost, we will need a registration form and a deposit from every student that would like to go. This deposit is \$125, and is due along with the attached interest form by May 26, 2017. If at that point we do not have enough people to go, we will cancel the trip and refunds will be issued. If we have enough people, then there will be \$125 due on the 30th of each month from June through September, with a "balance due" payment in October of all remaining costs. These checks should be made out to **Heritage High School**. The cost of the trip is expected to be \$900, including the deposit. This cost includes airfare, luggage fees, bus, hotels, workshop/performance/seminar fees and park fees for activities that we will be participating in while in Orlando (most meals will be up to the students to obtain, as we will be in the parks at those times). We are hoping to get this cost lower and perhaps even include some meals, once we know how many students are interested in going, so that we can begin negotiating for group discounts on things. There will be a few fundraisers between now and departure to allow each student to earn money towards the price of the trip. If cost is an issue for you attending the trip, please see your teacher to discuss possible options. We would hate to see the cost be a reason for someone to miss out on this great experience!

Seats will be filled on a first come first served basis. Even though we are planning to fly to Florida, we will need to use coach buses to move us around in Orlando. We are planning on using 2 coach buses, each seating 57 people. Sixteen of those seats are reserved for adults/chaperones. That only leaves 98 seats for students. There is the possibility to add a bus if we have significant interest from the students. All students attempting to register after the seats are filled for the first two buses will go on a waiting list until we have enough students to add the third bus. The airlines will dictate when this decision has to be made in order to keep the group together while flying.

There is also a need for chaperones to accompany the students to Orlando. Chaperones are housed only 2 adults per room, but will have the same park admissions, bus transportation, airfare and hotel accommodation fees. They will be expected to help keep track of the students, to provide supervision at all times during the trip, and provide any other assistance as needed. The chaperone trip cost will be the same as the students, and they have the same \$125 deposit due on or before May 26, 2017. Please fill out the appropriate portion of the attached form if you are interested. *There is a limit to how many chaperones can go. If you are interested and we don't have room for you, your deposit will be refunded.*

Please understand that all school rules will apply while we are traveling, as well as a few others to assist with organization and supervision. At this time, the most important rule to make you aware of is that **any student that violates any county policy may be flown home immediately at the parent's expense**. In addition, School Board policy mandates that if the School Board or its appointed personnel deem that world events dictate that the trip needs to be cancelled, that they have the right to cancel the trip without being held liable for the financial repercussions. Mr. Herrmann, Mr. Krimmel and Ms. Ramacci will go over the rest of the rules with the students involved as the trip gets closer, but if you have any questions please feel free to call us at the school at any time. Thank you and we look forward to a fun and rewarding trip.

George Herrmann

Jack Krimmel

Angela Ramacci

Disney Trip Interest Form
Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2017

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Parent Work Phone: _____

_____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parents e-mail: _____

Childs e-mail: _____ Current Class: _____

___ I am interested in participating in the trip _____
(student signature)

Please attach a check for \$125, made out to **Heritage High School**

Parents Name: _____

___ I understand and give permission for my child to travel by bus under the supervision of Mr. Herrmann, Mr. Krimmel, Ms. Ramacci and various other adults to Orlando, Florida and will participate in a variety of educational and fun activities while there. I understand that this trip will take place from Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2017. I understand and agree that if my child engages in any activity that violates a Loudoun County Policy, or in any way endangers himself or herself or any other person or property, Mr. Herrmann, Mr. Krimmel, Ms. Ramacci or their designee has permission to send my child home immediately by airline and that I will be liable for costs associated with this action. I further understand that the School Board and their duly appointed representatives have the right to cancel the trip without being held liable for any monetary losses that occur due to the cancellation.

(Father signature)

(Mother signature)

(Legal guardian signature)

(Guardian relationship)

___ I would like to chaperone for the trip (please attach check for \$250 –parent and child - instead of \$125)

(Parent signature)

(Parent printed name)

SCHOOL USE ONLY:

Date: _____ **Check #** _____ **Amount:** _____