

Middle School Families,

We are just under two weeks away from our trip to Washington D.C.! In this email, you will find all the details including departure and pickup times, remaining balance for the trip, packing list, and a list of activities.

****ALL MEDICATION MUST BE DROPPED OFF TO IRENE MAIER BEFORE FRIDAY, 5/23****

Drop off and Pick Up will be at the following station:

Amtrak/Metro North Station
525 Water Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604-4315

Departure Details:

On Tuesday morning, 5/26, we plan to meet at 9:30 am before our 9:57am train departure time. **Please send snacks and a packed lunch** for the 5-hr. ride. I know there will be a sign up with snacks that will be meeting us for the duration of the trip once we arrive at the hotel.

Return Details:

On Friday evening, our train will leave Washington D.C. at 2:55 pm and is due to **arrive back in Bridgeport at 8:06 pm**. Please plan to meet us at that time. We will encourage students to purchase a decently sized snack and small meal before the train, but they may be hungry upon return.

Accommodations:

We will be staying at the [Holiday Inn Washington Capitol- Nat'l Mall](#) for our entire stay (5/26-5/29)

Packing List:

[Click here for a suggested packing list, including an important note about walking shoes and luggage size](#)

Electronics:

Students are welcome to bring a phone or other device on the trip, but it is certainly not required. **We will be collecting all devices (watches, phones, etc.) just before lights out and charging in the chaperones' rooms.** They will be returned after breakfast each morning. Students are responsible for their own devices throughout the day on the trip.

****We will give time for students to call you in the morning after breakfast and evenings before we collect phones. We ask, due to our busy itinerary, that communication be left to those times.****

Spending money:

While students have money allocated to purchase lunch and dinner as needed, you may send additional money for souvenirs, Starbucks, etc. This amount is up to your discretion and should be carried securely. See below activity list to help you plan accordingly.

Activities:

The following activities are scheduled during our trip: Tidal Basin Monument Tour, Capitol Hill (including tour of the Capitol Building), Visit the Supreme Court, an evening at the Wharf, and pedal boating in the

Potomac (weather permitting). We will also be visiting the following museums: National Museum of African American History & Culture, *United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, **Hirshhorn Museum of Art, Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, The International Spy Museum (including special exhibit Camouflage: Designed to Deceive).

*Due to limited release of advanced tickets, Day-of tickets need to be secured for our entry.

**Hirshhorn will be visited if the Holocaust Museum or pedal boating cannot happen.

Remaining Balance:

The remaining balance for the trip is **\$480**, bringing the total (including your \$500 initial deposit) to \$980. Please contact/send final payment to Anne Pearson or checks can be sent in and made out to Fraser Woods Montessori School.

Contact:

Should you need to contact us during the trip, our cell phone numbers are as follows:

Michelle Lamb: 845-797-0965

Lea Guglielmo: 203-512-8733

Liset Ray: 203-428-1837

We will reach out the first day and share an album for photos that we will update each day.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. All of this information can also be found on the MyFWM Resources page.

Take care,

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