**2019 New Orleans Jazz Band Trip
April 11-14**

Dear Jazz Band Parents

The DHS Band Boosters sponsor a band trip each year for all students in the band program. The trip is optional, yet all students are strongly encouraged to attend this educational and memorable music experience. Pending school district approval this year the jazz band will travel to New Orleans to do a music clinic at The University of New Orleans, touring the city and attending lots of free jazz performances at the French Quarter Jazz Festival. A more detailed itinerary will be out as the trip logistics develop. We anticipate the trip will cost around $1200 per student. **No student will be excluded from the trip due to lack of ability to pay. Information regarding the trip will be distributed via the email list as well as on our web site.**

Tentative itinerary, subject to change.

April 11 - Depart airport (likely SF) early in the morning. ~4:30 flight (non stop) with time difference, we would arrive sometimes in the early afternoon. Check in to hotel, stow equipment, and walk through French Quarter and listen to music. Dinner together, perhaps at French Quarter Market or nearby. More music after dinner. Check in at 10pm.

12 - Up at 6:00am. Breakfast at 7:00am. Clinic at Univ. of NOLA in morning. Lunch break. Performance at Post Office in French Quarter in afternoon. Dinner together. More music at the festival. Check in at 10pm. \*

13 - Up at 6:00am. Breakfast at 7:00pm. Second performance TBD (hopefully at National WWII Museum) sometime in morning. Tour the museum after performance, lunch at the museum. More music at the festival. \* Dinner together and final night of music at the festival.

14 - Up at 6:00am. Breakfast at 7:00 am. Go to French Quarter for morning parade. Back to hotel, pack up, check out. Go to airport for trip home. Lunch at airport.

\* - On these days, we can arrange for walking tours of the French Quarter. There are many free (or low cost) museums and music attractions throughout the area.

**Financial Information**The total cost for the bands to take this trip will be over $30,000. We anticipate the cost to be around $1200 per person**.**  The trip expenses will be covered by family donations and by fundraising events throughout the year. Band Boosters exists in part to ensure that all students who want to attend the band trips are able. Please pledge what you are able to contribute. Together we can make this great trip happen!

We will be collecting pledges for donations toward this trip in 3 installments between now and January. ***In order to determine if we have enough parent support for a trip we must know your pledge intentions as soon as possible. We will soon be making large payments to secure our reservations, and we will only proceed forward with the trip planning if we can determine that we have enough funds through pledge donations and our anticipated fundraising efforts to make this work!***

**First Pledge due November 1st (but please earlier if possible)**

 **Please note: Turn in you trip form by October 15. If possible, include your pledge. If you can’t do your first pledge until November 1, then that’s ok. We at least need to know how many people are going.**

**Second Pledge due December 15th**

**Final Pledge due January 10th**

**First pledge installment (deposit) should be received by: November 1: Initial Installment Deposit - $400 (or 1/3 of your total pledge)**

*Please complete the official trip reservation form and* ***return it (with your trip pledge deposit if possible) by October 15th*** *to the Tom Slabaugh or mail it directly to:*

**DHS Band Boosters**

**New Orleans Jazz trip**

**P.O. Box 73522**

**Davis, CA 95617**

**First pledge installment should be received by: Nov. 1, 2018**

**The Second pledge installment should be received by: Dec. 15, 2018**

**The Final pledge installment should be received by: Jan 10th, 2019**

NOTE: Installments are **non-refundable after January 15th**, as we will be using the funds to begin paying trip costs now. Large expenses will be paid long before our travel date and will not change even if a student cancels. Therefore, we can’t guarantee that we will have funds to reimburse those who cancel after signing up for the trip.

**Fundraising**

There are several fundraisers that we must do during the year to support ALL of the bands’ activities, including contributing funds for trips. We need EVERYONE to participate! The largest fundraisers are Coconut Grove, Direct Donations from parents, and the Tea Party letter campaign. Please see the attached handout on Fundraisers, and contact Cynthia Kerner after the meeting, or by email cjkerner@sbcglobal.net, or 530-400-7598

**Chaperones**

Yes, we need them. If you are interested in chaperoning the trip, please indicate this on the registration form. The $1200 estimated cost of the trip is based on quad rooms. Triple, double and single rooms will cost more, so plan accordingly to pay for it. Those costs will be determined once rooms have been booked.

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