***2020 Victoria, B.C SPRING BAND TOUR
Thursday May 14th – Tuesday May 19th***

Dear 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 and invitation from the Victoria Day committee in British Columbia, this year the bands will travel first to Seattle, then on to Victoria B.C. to perform at the Victoria Day celebration events around the city of Victoria. The itinerary will also include visits to local attractions and planned group activities. The students will have some free time, with chaperones always providing appropriate supervision. A more detailed itinerary will be available as the trip logistics develop.

Note that most AP tests will be over by this date, but arrangements will be made for a group of later travelers who may need to attend AP exams on the morning of departure. In addition, if your child is involved in a sport team or other outside activity, please check the dates of these events so that you are not surprised in May that there is a conflict with the band trip.

***General Itinerary*:**

**Thursday May 14th
 Depart from DHS via carpools to Sacramento Airport
 Fly to Seattle
 Stay overnight at Embassy Suites Hotel, Lynnwood, Washington**

**Friday May 15th
 Arrive University of Washington
 Students to attend music clinics
 Take ferry to Victoria B.C. and check into Marriott Victoria Inner Harbour**

**Saturday May 16th – Monday May 18th**

 **All bands perform at scheduled events throughout city**

**Participate in the Victoria Day Celebration events on Monday**

**Free time to explore Victoria**

**Scheduled group activities and occasional meals (with meals on own)**

**Visit to Butchart Gardens**

**Tuesday May 19th**
 Ferry back to Seattle
 Fly from Seattle to Sacramento
 Carpools to return home in the evening

**Passport Information**

Because we are going to Canada, every traveler will need a passport or passport card to travel outside the country. Traveling with a passport is the easiest and preferred document to travel with the band tour. The current cost is $ 65-145, if your student needs to obtain one. For full details visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport.html> for application and other information. Each family is responsible for researching passport requirements depending on their personal situation. Please ensure that your documentation does not expire within 6 months of the trip and do not wait until the last minute to apply. Processing times can take from 6-8 weeks (routine). Expedited delivery is available at a higher cost. Processing times are available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/requirements/processing-times.html>

Prior to departure in May, the tour coordinators will be requesting a copy of each tour member’s documentation for verification.

**Financial Information**

The total cost of this trip will be over $100,000. The trip expenses will be covered by a combination of family donations and by fundraising events throughout the year. The Band Boosters exist in part to ensure that all students who want to attend the band trips are able.

We anticipate the trip will cost around $1,000 per person. **No student will be excluded from the trip due to lack of ability to pay**

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 of this magnitude, 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!*** As logistics are finalized and the budget adjusted accordingly, installment payments may be adjusted accordingly.

**First Pledge due Wednesday, September 25th ..……….$350**

**Second Pledge due Friday, November 22nd…………..….$350**

**Final Pledge due Friday, January 17th ………………….……$300**

**First pledge installment (deposit) should be received by: Wednesday, September 25th:**

*Please complete the official trip reservation form and* ***return it with your trip pledge deposit before September 25th*** *to Tom Slabaugh in the Band room or mail it directly to:*

**DHS Band Boosters**

**Victoria BC Spring Band Tour**

**P.O. Box 73522**

**Davis, CA 95617**

**The Final pledge installment should be received by: Jan 17th, 2020**

NOTE: Installments are **non-refundable after January 17th**, 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.

**Chaperones**

Yes, we need them. We anticipate needing 10 chaperones for this event. If you are interested in chaperoning the trip, please indicate this on the registration form. The $1,000 estimated cost of the trip is anticipated to be the same for chaperones, but while the students are 4-5 to a room, chaperones’ rooms will be double occupancy.

**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 stay tuned to further information on fund raising events from the Band Boosters.

**Information regarding the trip will be distributed via the list serve email list and directly from the coordinators.**

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