



Washington D.C.

Final Parent meeting

March 28, 2019



Overview

- Introduce Chaperones
- The Itinerary
- What to expect on tour
- Transportation
- Lodging
- Packing
- Spending money
- On-tour safety
- Rules of the road





Our tour

Departure date: **Tuesday, May 28th at 6:15 am**

Arrive at CMS 5:45 am

Return date: **Friday, May 31st late evening**



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What to expect on tour

- **Tour Director**

- With our group 24 hours a day
- Handles all logistics, including checking into hotels and managing free time activities

- **Walking Tours**

- Many sightseeing tours are led on foot
- Bring comfortable walking shoes (more than one pair)
- Dress appropriately for cities and weather

- **Hurry up and Wait**

- Timed tickets
- security
- Group travel



Lodging

- **Our hotel: TBD**

- The hotel information will be sent to students and parents as soon as EF Tours finalizes the accommodations and details.
- Bus Company: Northeast Charter

- **Hotel rules**

- Obey curfews and Chaperone directions
- Be respectful of other guests
- Boys and Girls are separated

- Dr. Fraczek Cell Phone Number

- 617-378-8932
- @mfraczek on Twitter





T-Shirts

- We would like all students to purchase a t-shirt to wear on Day 2 of the Trip.

(See the Flyer)

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/cms-8th-grade-trip-to-dc>

- \$18 per shirt
- The link is also located in the Mustang Minute and the T-Shirt flyer has the directions and information
- Shirts must be purchased by MIDNIGHT, April 25th



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Packing

- **Don't forget to pack:**
 - **1 Suitcase (under the bus)**
 - **[EF Tour Bag or large backpack + string bag](#)**
 - Jacket/rain gear
 - Phones and chargers (emergency charger)
 - Bathroom bag (shampoo, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.)
 - Medications and copies of prescriptions (in your carry-on bag)
 - Camera
 - Comfortable walking shoes
 - *See Packing List in student information packet*





Spending money & Food

- **\$20-30 per day** to cover snacks, and souvenirs
- Gratuities are already included
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner in DC are provided
- Please submit any dietary restrictions online to EF **AND** to the CMS office.
- Bring snacks (no peanut products please) for the bus and for during the day (note that at the Capital - no food/beverage.)
- We will share a sign-up link for parents to donate food and water for the trip.
- Bring a reusable water bottle



On-tour safety

- Full-time Tour Director
- Professional overnight security
- Nationwide network offices and a 24/7 Emergency Service
- Student Travel ID Badges and backpacks



Information for Student Travel ID Badges:

Group Leader name: **XXXXXX XXXXXX**

Group Leader Information



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Rules of the road

- Your attendance at scheduled program activities is **mandatory**.
- When at the hotel, please be courteous of other guests. Remember that the walls are thin.
- Hotel rooms are shared by members of the same sex only at all times! Girls and Boys have separate floors and should stay on their own floor.
- No smoking or use of alcohol or any other prohibited device. This is grounds for being sent home.
- Be punctual, attentive and respectful of all chaperones and guides.





Final Notes

- Please turn in paperwork before leaving tonight if possible - if not by **FRIDAY, APRIL 5th!**
- All medications should be given to the nurse by **Monday, MAY 6th!**
- Email or call with questions!
- We will have a final student meeting with all chaperones the week before the trip during school hours.
- Roommate forms are due Friday, March 29th. Guidance, teachers and principal will work with students to finalize rooms.

