



Nashville, TN Music City Classic

Wednesday, April 15 ~ Sunday, April 19, 2015

Mr. Matthew J. LaPine, Director

Dear students and parents,

I am pleased to announce that we have finally received our airline accommodations for this year's bi-annual field trip! This year's trip highlights include:

- Performing in the **Music City Classic** festival and competition at Tennessee State University
- A recording session and tour at the historic **RCA Studio B**, Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio
- Attending a performance at the **Grand Ole Opry**, the home of Country Music
- A meal and entertainment aboard the **General Jackson Showboat**
- A visit to the **Country Music Hall of Fame**, the world's largest popular music museum
- Dinner and dancing at the **Wildhorse Saloon**
- An awards ceremony at **The Hermitage** estate
- Time at the **Opry Mills** shopping center
- Accommodations at the incomparable **Gaylord Opryland Hotel** with a security guard on duty overnight
- Round-trip airfare with luggage included between Newark-Liberty International and Nashville International Airport

The complete trip itinerary can be found at the end of this packet. The opportunity to perform in these venues is once-in-a-lifetime, and I am very pleased to be able to offer these experiences. The cost of this trip is \$1,095 which includes all admissions and fees, all hotel accommodations, round-trip airfare and luggage, complete bus transportation, and meals. I have worked very hard over the last many months to keep the costs as low as possible without interfering with the integrity of the trip. Of course, this cost is reduced by individual profits from the Cheesecake Fundraiser (students and parents should refer to their Charms account for an exact student balance).

At this point, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due, along with the attached permission slip, completed and signed (please make sure to complete both sides). All checks should be made out to "Bernards High School." If you would like to pay a larger portion of the field trip cost up front, you are more than welcome to do so; however, only the \$100 deposit is due at this time (you may not use the funds in your Charms account for this deposit). For families who would like to purchase travel insurance, please contact Mr. LaPine for accurate pricing and availability.

Permission slip and a \$100 deposit (check made out to "Bernards High School" are due on or before Tuesday, November 25, 2014. *There are no extensions to this date*, as we have a hard-deadline which we are required to meet. You are more than welcome to return the slips and deposits at any point between now and the deadline. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. I know that this is going to be a fantastic musical and educational experience for the students in the choirs at Bernards High School!

Best regards,

Matthew J. LaPine
Director of Choral Music
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BERNARDS HIGH SCHOOL

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Student's Name (print): _____

Field Trip Destination: *Music City Classic, Nashville, TN*

Departure Date: *Wednesday, April 15, 2015*
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Departure Time: *1:00pm (from*

Return Date: *Sunday, April 19, 2015*
BHS)

Return Time: *around 1:00am (to*

Cost Per Student: *\$1,095 (minus profit from Cheesecake Sale Fundraiser)*

Mode of Transportation: *Airplane (Southwest)/Charter Bus*

Lodging at: *Gaylord Opryland Resort*

Costs: All non-included costs/expenses are the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian. This would also include expenses relating to extending the field trip due to unforeseen circumstances.

Safety Extension: In the interests of safety, it could become necessary to extend the field trip. The Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the school Principal and trip chaperones, would make this decision. In the event the trip is extended, all participants shall remain on the trip until such time as the Superintendent determines it is safe for the students and staff to return home.

Conduct: Students, parents and chaperones must be aware that all school policies, rules and regulations apply on the field trip. Special caution is hereby provided relative to the prohibition of the following: possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages; illegal possession and/or use of drugs and/or substances; possession and/or use of tobacco products. Students found in violation of school policies, rules and/or regulations will be subject to being sent home, at parental expense and with no reimbursement, prior to the conclusion of the field trip. The Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the school Principal and the trip chaperones would make this decision.

Class Absences Alert: Students and parents are alerted that all absences from all classes that students might incur as a result of attending this field trip shall **not count toward loss of credit** under the school's *Attendance Policy*. It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to determine whether the student should participate in this trip if it will jeopardize the student's ability to receive credit in one or more of the student's classes.

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All school policies and rules will apply on all field trips. Chaperones and students must be specifically informed of this requirement. In particular, there is no drinking of alcoholic beverages, abuse of any substances, or smoking on any field trip by either staff or students. If a student violates school policies and rules, he/she may be sent home prior to the end of the trip. The Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the building principal and field trip advisors attending the field trip, will make this decision. All expenses will be the responsibility of the student's parents.

During the trip I can be reached at (Phone number): _____

If I am unable to be located, please call:

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____



_____ *I will be responsible for transporting my child home if the trip returns after dismissal time.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date:** _____

EMERGENCY TREATMENT PERMISSION

NORMALLY, MEDICATIONS WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERED DURING SCHOOL TRIPS. ONLY STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS ARE PERMITTED TO SELF-MIDICATE WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THEIR PHYSICIAN.

Authorization is given to transport the above named student to the nearest medical facility and to provide emergency medical care.

Personal Physician's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please list below significant medical history, allergies and medications currently being taken

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____