



Barber Middle School Performing Arts



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DUE by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd (Signed with \$200 deposit)

BMS Performing Arts Department

Spring Trip

May 4 - 7, 2017

Dear Parents:

We would like to take this opportunity to give you a few details about the Performing Arts Department's annual Spring Trip. This information will give you insight about the time frame, fundraising opportunities, behavioral, attendance, and grading policies for this trip. More details will be provided as the departure date approaches. We especially want to stress the fundraising opportunities for your eighth grade student. We have had numerous students, in years past, who have raised enough monies to supplement a large portion of the cost. **The non-refundable initial deposit of \$200.00 is required in order to guarantee the cost per student, and is required by the tour company.** In the unlikely event that the trip is canceled by the school, the deposit will be refunded. Students will have the opportunity to use a portion of the profit from the Fall Fine Arts Fundraiser in October towards their payment. We offer this incentive so that all students who have shown dedication to the program will have an opportunity to take part in what has become an eighth grade tradition.

We plan to participate in a Disney Performing Arts sponsored event at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. The estimated cost is \$650. This package cost covers hotel accommodations with private night security, charter buses, unlimited admission to four theme parks in the Orlando area such as Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom and Disney – Hollywood Studios, and nine meals (3 per day). Payments will be spread out into three increments within a five month period. The payments are as follows:

September 4th - \$200 (non-refundable deposit)

October 2nd - \$225

January 8th - \$225 (final payment may change slightly if the estimated cost changes)

***Upon receipt of this signed document AND the initial \$200 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit, your student will be added to the Disney 2017 roster. Although this signed document is mandatory for trip participation it is the deposit that reserves your child's place on the trip.



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We realize that this might be the first time your child has traveled away from your family. There will be an adult assigned to your student and our rules, guidelines, and check-in points will be established to ensure the accountability and safety of each student. Although these chaperones are in close contact with the students that they are assigned, students are permitted to spend time in the parks in small groups without constant direct supervision. Please realize that students attending the trip represent themselves, their families, their music programs, and Barber Middle School as a whole. Our trips have always been a great success due to the compliance of all classroom, school, and trip rules.

Below we have provided the Behavioral, Concert/Event Attendance, and Grading Policies that are used to determine a student's eligibility. Please read them carefully and initial by each to accept agreement. Only fully initialed contracts will be accepted. Providing your initials next to each section ensures that both parents and directors are on the same page in regards to these policies which are put forth to ensure the safety and eligibility of each child.

Performing Arts Department Disney Trip Consequence Plan

INITIALS _____

BMS Performing Arts Department Behavior Plan

All offenses are based on classroom guidelines found in Band, Chorus, VA Comp, Orchestra and Dance Handbooks. Offenses can include but not are limited to excessive talking, disruptive behavior, profanity, disrespectfulness, lack of participation in the classroom, and intentional destruction to classroom equipment.

- I. Behavior Guidelines in Fine Arts (band, chorus, va comp, orchestra, or dance)
* If a student is given an administrative referral and given In-School Suspension in any of their fine arts classes, the student will be denied permission to go on the trip and will be fully refunded the amount of money paid by parent minus the \$200.00 deposit. Fundraising money does not apply.
- II. Behavior Guidelines in all other classes
 - A. If a student receives ISS two times, they will not be permitted to attend the spring trip and will be fully refunded the amount of money paid by parent minus the \$200.00 deposit. Fundraising money does not apply.
 - B. If a student receives OSS in any class at any time during the school year, the student will not be permitted to attend the trip and will be fully refunded the amount of money paid by parent minus the \$200.00 deposit. Fundraising money does not apply.



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Concert/Event/Rehearsal Attendance Policy

The band, chorus, orchestra, and dance are performing ensembles, and as such, regular attendance at rehearsals, clinics, and concerts is a necessity to ensure a quality, rewarding performing experience. The invitation to participate in Disney Performing Arts at Walt Disney World is a privilege and is considered a reward for the students' continued commitment to the Barber Middle School Performing Arts Programs. Students are expected to attend all extra-curricular rehearsals, clinics, symphonic camps, community performances, and concerts throughout the year. Please refer to your student's performing ensemble handbook for concerts, events, and extra rehearsals that have been scheduled for the year. Mandatory before and after school rehearsals will be held so that the group of students who are attending the trip may rehearse together. These dates will be scheduled after student contracts have been received. Failure to participate in the above performances will result in your student losing trip eligibility.

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BMS Performing Arts Grade Policy

In addition to behavior and attendance, it is very important that your student be proficient in the standards being taught daily in our classrooms. There is an audition process to be accepted to participate in the Disney's Performing Arts Programs; Walt Disney World only accepts groups of the highest quality. Should a student not maintain a "B" (80 % or higher) average in any of their performing classes, the student will not be allowed to attend the trip. Progress reports are sent home every six weeks and grades are updated frequently (and can be viewed using SYNERGY). Should you have a concern or question about your student's grade, please make it a priority to contact your child's director so that we can provide insight and assistance before the grade goes on a report card.

*NOTE** If a student is removed from the trip for any reason, the family will be refunded the entire amount paid minus the deposit; however, if the school has already made the purchase of the park tickets, the student will receive the park ticket and the meal vouchers as a refund in lieu of money. This purchase usually happens in the spring and the directors will notify the parent if it is a money refund (minus the deposit) or a park ticket/meal vouchers refund.*

****Failure to submit the initial deposit to secure a students' place on the trip by the above date will be interpreted by the directors that a student is no longer attending the trip.**** Our department is excited and looking forward to our upcoming trip to Orlando. Again, more information and details will be coming home the closer we get to the trip date. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Grogan at robert.grogan@cobbk12.org.



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Spring Trip Student Contract

Due Friday September 2nd

My child, _____, and I have read and accept the guidelines as stated for the BMS Performing Arts Department Trip on May 4-7, 2017, and I have initialed agreeing to the Behavioral, Concert/Event Attendance, and Grading Policies regarding this trip. Furthermore, I understand and acknowledge Barber Middle School's policy regarding a refund for the trip should the need occur. I understand that \$200 is due no later than September 2nd.

All Fields are required

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Parent Email

Parent Phone Number

Student Signature

Date

* If you are interested in chaperoning the Disney trip, please check the box and sign below. Because chaperoning a trip of this magnitude requires a lot of work, our department will pay a portion of the cost of the trip for all chaperones. This amount cannot be determined until the student participation number has been finalized. Please note that chaperones will be required to ride the bus as well as stay in the hotel with our students. Keep in mind that all chaperones will be randomly selected based on the number of students attending the trip. Indicating your interest does not guarantee a chaperone position.

YES! I would like to be considered for a trip chaperone this year!