

June 6, 2009

Dear Choir Members and Families,

I am writing to tell you exciting news about next year's choir tour! Pending school board approval, all of the members of the Lake Zurich High School choir program are invited to travel to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida between Monday, December 28, 2009 and Saturday, January 2, 2010. The choir will participate in Disney's famous *Candlelight Processional* at Epcot. This mass choir performance is done with touring high school choirs, professional choirs and a professional orchestra. The program (which tells the Christmas story through poetry and song) is always narrated by famous person. You can find many wonderful clips of the *Candlelight Processional* online. It truly is a special event and a very unique performance opportunity! Also, we will be able to celebrate New Year's Eve as a choir in the Magic Kingdom! I do hope this trip appeals to many students. Thank you to all the students and parents that offered feedback in our choir tour survey. Your information was very helpful!

Tentative Itinerary

We will be departing from the Performing Arts Center parking lot on Monday, December 28 at approximately 8:00am on coach buses. We will return from Walt Disney World on Saturday, January 2 at approximately 9:00pm. Students will miss no days of school to participate in this tour.

Participants

All choir members are invited to participate in this tour. Please know that you are financially responsible for your participation. The cost of this trip will be between \$875 and \$995 per person. The final price will be determined once the participant list has been finalized. Because we are traveling on coach buses (much less expensive than flying, but a very significant cost), the final cost will be determined by the number of buses needed to travel. We will collect participation commitments and deposits in the order in which they are received. It is our intention that every student wishing to participate is able to travel; however, adding an extra coach bus for two or three people is simply economically irresponsible.

Payment Calendar

We are very aware that many families are facing tough financial times! Many, many fundraising possibilities will be offered during the year. At this time, we will need a trip deposit from every student wishing to participate. Should you change your mind in August when school begins, your deposit will be refundable. Deposits will no longer be refundable after Labor Day. Any trip is expensive for the choir to undertake. Please be considerate. Make all payments on time!

before Thursday, June 18	\$100 (refundable until Labor Day—September 7, 2009)
Tuesday, September 1	\$300
Thursday, October 1	\$300
Monday, November 2	remaining balance as determined by number of participants
TOTAL	between \$875 and \$995

Cancellation Policy

More information will be available soon. Since the trip will be coming up quickly once school begins, the cancellation and refund policy will be very strict. At this time, a commitment deposit must be made to secure a spot on the tour. This deposit will be refundable until September 7, 2009 should you need to change your participation status.

Fundraising

We will be doing at least one fundraiser per month to help students defray the costs of traveling; we even hope to develop some summer fundraisers. A student's participation in fundraising lowers that student's touring expenses. As always, we are happy to offer as many opportunities for fundraising as possible; but, we will not do fundraising for you. Listed below are the scheduled fundraisers. Additional fundraisers will be announced once the school year has begun.

August	Choir Car Wash
August	Restaurant Fundraiser
September	Choir Car Wash
September	Restaurant Fundraiser
August/September	<i>Entertainment Coupon Book Sale</i>
September/October	Purdue Glee Club concert ticket sales (tentative)
October	Restaurant Fundraiser
November	Restaurant Fundraiser
December	Restaurant Fundraiser
November/December	Holiday CD Sale
TBD	Sing-a-thon

Rooming Arrangements

Students will need to sign up in rooms of four. This information will be needed once the school year begins. Please plan ahead!

Chaperones

More information will become available. Parents wishing to chaperone should contact me soon. Male and female chaperones are required though limited space is available. I appreciate your willingness to help; please understand not every parent may be able to chaperone this exciting trip. Chaperones may have to pay at a significantly reduced rate.

Additional Information

Should you need any more information about the trip, Walt Disney World, *Candlelight Processional*, payments, payment plans, fundraising or anything else, please feel free to contact me. I am happy to answer any questions. Our choir website should be updated soon to reflect this information as well as any tour news. Have a safe and restful summer. It is much deserved!

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Trip Commitment Form

Please print neatly!

Student Name _____

Parents/Guardians _____

Contact information:

This information will be used for any summer communication regarding the trip, fundraising, so on.

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Deposit information (\$100):

The preferred method of payment for the deposit is by check. The trip deposit cannot be taken from student fundraising accounts. Future trip payments may be taken from student fundraising accounts.

Check number _____

Delivery:

This trip deposit is due before Thursday, June 18. You may—

-deliver it to Mr. Juknelis in the choir room before final exams are over;

-deliver it to the main office in a clearly marked envelope and ask the office to put it in Mr. Juknelis's mailbox (note, the school is closed on Fridays);

-mail it to Lake Zurich High School Choir
Attn: Nick Juknelis
300 Church Street
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Questions?

Please call or email!

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