

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students:

It's time to begin planning for our annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington, D.C. This is a great chance for your student to prepare themselves for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade US History curriculum, as well as experiencing firsthand the new Civics unit in 8th grade Social Studies. As many former 8<sup>th</sup> graders will tell you, it is an unforgettable and memorable experience. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit and learn not only the history, but also the culture, of this iconic American city.

As we plan this trip, it is important to know how many students are interested in going. Also, we would like to know if you as a parent are interested in chaperoning!

Typically, we leave for Washington, D.C. the week before Memorial Day. This year's trip is May 21-24, 2019.

Please fill out the form below, and have your child return it to their homeroom teacher ASAP. To secure your child's place, we will be collecting a NON REFUNDABLE \$175.00 deposit, to be turned in no later than October 19, 2018. When trip details are finalized, a payment schedule and trip details will become available to you. Interested chaperones, please fill in your name as well. The cost for chaperones will be based off of a double occupancy rate.

To help defray the cost of the trip, we have boxes of candy bars for students to sell if they wish. There are 60 candy bars in each box and should be sold for \$1 per bar. Each student will get \$30 toward their trip balance for every box of candy sold. They are available at the main office at the end of each school day.

In an effort to keep lines of communication open, we have set up a few different options as channels that parents and guardians can access:

- Email all inquiries to [aczerwiec@epsd.us](mailto:aczerwiec@epsd.us) or [mdowner@epsd.us](mailto:mdowner@epsd.us).
- Join our Facebook group, WBMS 8th Grade DC Trip 2019. This is a great way to communicate with parents, as well as a portal to find any announcement that will have gone home with your child that day. Please note that the Facebook group is only for parents.
- Sign up for the Remind text group for both parents and students. This, in addition to the Facebook group, is a way to communicate home and remind everyone about important information. Students are welcome to be involved in the Remind group. To join Remind, please text @mracze to 81010. If you're already a Remind user, please add @mracze to your class lists.

I also invite you to attend Open House Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:00 PM to meet with the trip coordinators, discuss the trip, and to ask any questions you may have.

The first payment of \$175 is due on October 19. Parents interested in chaperoning, please submit your name and deposit as well. All payments are to be turned into the office. We look forward to seeing you at Open House!

Thank you, and we look forward to traveling with you!

Adam Czerwiec  
Trip Coordinator

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone's name (if interested): \_\_\_\_\_