

November 26th, 2007



Dear Choral Parents and Students,

With the arrival of the Holiday Season, things for the New York trip are really beginning to come together. In case it hasn't made your calendar yet, dates for the choral trip for Magic Touch, Select Choir, Symphonic Chorale and Touch of Class are April 3rd – 6th, 2008. The estimated cost for this trip is \$850.00. We are still working out the details, but as soon as we have the final trip price, we will pass it onto you.

Here is the tentative itinerary:

Thursday- Depart from Chantilly HS approx. 5AM for New York City. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express located at 232 West 29th St. This is a brand new hotel. Upon arrival, check in, have lunch, and go sightseeing. We are planning to have a behind-the-scenes Broadway vocal / dance workshop that afternoon. Later, we will eat dinner and attend a Broadway show that evening.

Friday (Concert Choir Performance Day)- Have breakfast and do more sight-seeing that morning. Eat lunch and go to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for the Concert Choir performances. Select Choir and Symphonic Chorale perform that afternoon. The awards ceremony is also during the afternoon. That evening, have dinner and attend the New York Philharmonic Orchestra concert featuring the music of Beethoven.

Saturday (Show Choir Performance Day) - Have breakfast and go to the theater for Show Choir performances. Due to the extra time required for the Show Choir performances, students who are not in one of the show choirs will be able to do some sight-seeing on their own with a chaperone. All students are required to be at the theater when the show choirs are performing. Following the awards there is a banquet and dance. We will be returning the Chantilly HS following the

dance – leaving between 12:00 and 1:00 in the morning and returning to Chantilly between 5:00 and 6:00 in the morning.

Now that you have a general run down on the schedule, it is important that we know who is going to be going on the trips. Please fill out the attached and return it to your director by Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

Because all of the expenses must be paid well in advance for this trip, we also must collect money well in advance. In order to participate in the trip, each student must have \$650 in their trip account by January 17th. The final balance must be paid by Feb. 14th. If there are financial needs or difficulties, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact us. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

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