

December 11<sup>th</sup> , 2007



Dear Choral Parents and Students,

With the arrival of the Holiday Season, things for the Philadelphia trip are beginning to come together. In case it hasn't made your calendar yet, dates for the choral trip for Concert Choir and Light Touch are April 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The estimated cost for this trip is \$350.00. 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:

**Friday**- Depart from Chantilly HS early in the morning for Philadelphia. That morning and afternoon we will be visiting some of the historic sites of Philadelphia including the National Convention Center, Independence Park, and the Liberty Bell. That evening we will be eating dinner at the Hard Rock Café and will then attend a baseball game at Citizen's Bank Park to watch the Phillies take on the Chicago Cubs.

**Saturday**) - Have breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will be performing at the Heritage Music Festival where each group will perform and be adjudicated. Following the festival, we will go to the Philadelphia Aquarium that afternoon. That evening dinner is provided by the Heritage followed by the awards ceremony. Following the awards, we will depart for Chantilly, arriving home about midnight.

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 form and return it to your director by Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 \$250 in their trip account by January 24<sup>th</sup>. The final balance must be paid by Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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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