

Preparing for the Spring Trip to Nashville

Here is some updated information regarding the upcoming trip. I've attached a copy of the itinerary provided by New Horizons. On Friday morning, the parent chaperones and color guard will be sleeping in a little bit and then travelling to the downtown area for some shopping time before we meet after lunch for the Country Music Hall of Fame for the afternoon performance. Otherwise the itinerary will look the same for everyone throughout the trip. We will plan to meet at CB East at 6:00 AM on Thursday, March 11. We will plan to return to CB East around 4:00-4:30 PM on Sunday, March 14.

Please pay close attention to some of the information most important to parents, including the flight information, hotel information, meals, and attire. Here's a summary of that information:

Flight Information

We will depart from Philadelphia on Southwest Flight #2282 on Thursday, March 11, at 9:55 AM. We will depart from Nashville on Southwest Flight #818 on Sunday, March 14 at 10:25 AM.

Hotel Information

Millennium Maxwell House
2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37228
(615) 259-4343
<http://www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumnashville>

Meals

(meals at the student's expense are listed in bold)

Thursday

- Breakfast: students should eat before arriving at East, or they can plan to purchase some light fare at the airport gate.
- Lunch: Hard Rock Café (provided)
- Dinner: Pizza Party at Hotel and Senior Roasts (provided)

Friday

- Breakfast: Private buffet breakfast at the hotel (provided)
- **Lunch: Student Expense (wind and percussion players will be eating at the student center at Vanderbilt University; parents and color guard will be down town – fast food).**
- Dinner: Old Spaghetti Factory (provided)

Saturday

- Breakfast: Private buffet breakfast at the hotel (provided)
- **Lunch: Student Expense (Opry Mills Mall food court)**
- Dinner: Rainforest Café (provided)

Sunday

- Breakfast: Private buffet breakfast at the hotel (provided)
- Lunch: At the airport before departing for CB East

Essentially, the students should be prepared to pay for 3 lunches (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

Packing

Students will be allowed two pieces of checked luggage. For students who are responsible for an instrument that cannot be packed within their checked luggage, their instrument is their second piece of checked luggage. For all flute and clarinet players, the instrument should either be taken as carry-on or packed within the checked luggage. For all large instruments, we have submitted an equipment manifest to Southwest ahead of time. We will assume any charges for the instruments as part of the registration fees for the trip.

Students should not plan to bring video game systems, laptop computers, or similar electronic devices. Besides risking equipment damage or theft, we are embarking on a three day trip with over 75 other students who share many of the same likes and dislikes. It would be nice to think that our kids can survive without bringing their electronic devices. Portable music players or other handheld devices are fine. Try a deck of cards. ☺

Please check your students luggage before they depart. Make sure they have packed appropriate concert attire, semi-formal attire, casual outfits, bath toiletries, sheet music, instrument, etc.

Some important items to consider:

- Concert attire: We will wear white tops with black bottoms. Color guard will wear their parade uniforms.
 - Girls: long black skirts or pants, with a long sleeve white (not off-white or ivory) top that lacks embroidery, patterns, pinstripes, or other embellishments. Girls should wear black shoes – no flip flops or sandals.
 - Boys: black pants, dress shoes, black socks. White tuxedo shirt with bow tie and cummerbund. These items can be purchased at Kohls, Ventresca's, For Males, or Sartoria's.
- Semi-Formal Attire: Students should dress nicely for the symphony. No jeans. Boys should wear a tie and dress shoes. Girls may wear skirts or pants and a nice top. Please make sure that girls are dressed appropriately.
- Casual: Students will be wearing one casual outfit on the day of departure. Friday is either concert attire or semi-formal. Saturday is entirely casual (including the Grand Ole Opry). Sunday is also casual.

Students may also pack a carry-on bag for the trip. It is strongly recommended that students pack some type of back-pack or easily carried bag that can be used as a day-bag during the trip. Students may want to pack a light rain coat, bring a book or other homework, or valuable small personal items. Some people prefer to pack essential toiletries in their carry-on bag.

When preparing carry-on luggage, consider visiting the following website to verify the TSA's most recent regulations regarding carry-on items:

<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm>