WASHINGTON DC

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

HMS/HJH WASHINGTON DC TRIP HISTORY

HJH 1976
White House
Lawn

HJH/HMS has had an 8th grade Washington DC trip for 41 years.

The trip is in November to avoid crowds in the Spring and to attend Veteran's Day events when possible.

Trip Coordinators & S.E.R.F.

Jane Fetty - eighth grade teacher;

Washington DC chaperone 10 times; 9th year coordinating

Julie Williams - seventh grade teacher;

Washington DC chaperone 7 times; 1st year coordinating

Ruben Pena - principal- 11 years on trip

S.E.R.F

Safety, Education, Respect, Fun

If students remember SAFETY first;
that the trip is for EDUCATIONal purposes;
to be RESPECTful to everyone & everything.
They will have FUN!

DATES OF TRIP
TRIP COST

Trip Dates:

Thursday - Sunday, November 1 - 4, 2018

We depart during the school day on Thursday.

Total cost of trip is $ 1219.00

($1348.00 with trip insurance*)

Company: NationsClassroom

REGISTRATION DUE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Registration Due Date: June 1, 2018
- Payment Schedule:
  - May 30: $99 deposit
    - (You may make a higher initial deposit or pay in full.)
  - June 15: $280.00 $312.25*
  - July 15: $280.00 $312.25*
  - August 15: $280.00 $312.25
  - September 15:$280.00 $312.25

*FULL REFUND PROGRAM(FRP):

For an additional $129.00, should a tour participant need to cancel for any reason prior to departure, the FRP guarantees you a full refund of all monies paid, minus the cost of the insurance.

NOTE: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO OPT IN FOR THE FRP at the time of registration

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE - GO TO
   www.nationsclassroom.com
   (Use the Trip id # 33891806 to register.)

2. BY PHONE: 877-270-1776
3. BY MAIL (Do not send payment to HMS.):
   Nations Classroom
   2211 Dickens Road
   Suite 204
   Richmond, VA 23230

FAQ#1

- Who chaperones trip?
  - Teachers, one administrator, & DARE liaison Officer Coughlin
  - Student to chaperone ratio is 12.5 to 1.
- How many flights and buses?
  - 5 or 6 flights/buses. Flights leave from both O'Hare and Midway. Multiple airlines.
- When do I find out flight time & time to come to school ?
  - Flight info will be given to students the Tuesday before the trip. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO CHECKED LUGGAGE, baggage tags will be used to identify carry-ons.

FAQ #2

- What happens if flights are delayed?
  - We will use SchoolMessenger system for any flight update or emergencies.

- How are Room Assignments/Bus Groups created?

  Students choose roommates in the fall during the first full week of school. Rooms of 4. PLEASE do NOT start thinking roommates now. Friends can change over the summer. Buses are created from the rooming lists so students are with some friends.

- What hotel ? Security?
  - Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City

    2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy
    Arlington, VA 22202; (703) 684-7200

  *No room service or TV charges allowed.

  - Evening security begins at 10:30 PM. Hallways are monitored throughout the night until 5:30 AM. If a student needs a chaperone during the night, the security guard will alert the chaperone. Security guard will not enter student rooms.

FAQ #3

- Do parents accompany students on the trip?
  - In general, this is a trip for students, not parents.
  - If you have a medical or behavioral concern regarding your child's participation, please see Mrs. Fetty or Mr. Pena.

- Is food included?
  - All meals are included beginning with lunch on the first day (Thursday) and ending with lunch on the last day (Sunday). Breakfast is provided at the hotel Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. Lunches and dinners vary. Bring snacks or money for additional food at airports or food courts.
  - Does my child need money? Food is included in trip cost so money would be for souvenirs or snacks. We do visit gift shops & vendors.

ITINERARY

- The following slides show an itinerary from a previous year.
- HMS 8th graders depart for the trip Thursday morning.
- A procedure will be in place for bringing luggage to school Thursday morning.
- Expected departure time from school is 9:30 am.
- More information will be sent home closer to the trip.

HINSDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS
BUS #5 FINAL ITINERARY

DAY 1

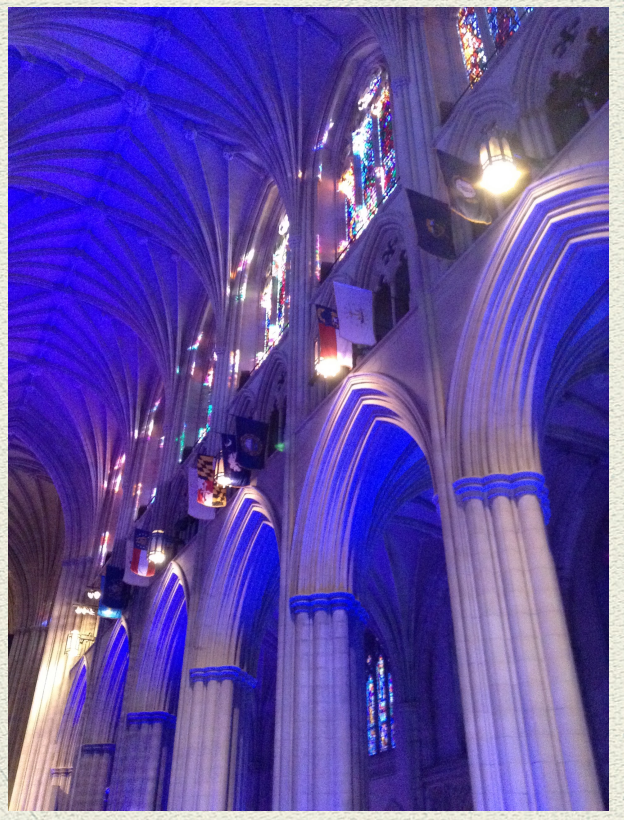
Wednesday

3:00P	Buses Depart for Chicago Midway Airpot 5700 S Cicero Ave, Chicago, IL 60638
7:30P	Depart Chicago Midway Airport Southwest Flight # 4029 Non-Stop to Washington Reagan Airport
10:15P	Arrive Washington Reagan Airport
10:45P	Hotel Check-in

DAY 2

Thursday

7:00A	Breakfast
8:00A	Depart
	Tour-FDR and Martin Luther King, Jr
	Photo Stop-White House
10:45A	Tour-National Cathedral
	Lunch-Air and Space Museum with $15.00 Cash Allotment
3:00P	Tour-Mount Vernon
	Dinner-Pentagon City Mall with $10.00 Cash Allotment
	Tour-September 11th Memorial
	Tour-Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam and WWII Memorials
10:00P	Return to hotel



DAY 3

Friday

7:15A	*Breakfast at Hotel*
7:45 A	*DEPART*
8:00A	*Tour-Arlington National Cemetery*
9:15A	*Wreath Appointment*
	Iwo Jima Memorial
11:15A	*Tour-National Archives*
	Lunch-American History Museum with $15.00 Cash Allotment
1:30P	*Tour-Washington Monument*
2:30P	*Group Photo-Central Photo*
3:20P	*Tour-Capitol Visitor's Center*
	Library of Congress
	Supreme Court
	Dinner-Union Station with $10.00 Cash Allotment
6:15P	*Tour- International Spy Museum*
	Tour-Jefferson Memorial
	View from top of Kennedy Center
10:00P	*Return to hotel*

DAY 4

Saturday

7:30A	*Breakfast at Hotel*
8:00A	*Check Out/Bags on Bus*
8:15A	*Depart*
9:00A	*Tour-Newseum*
	Lunch-at Newseum with $15.00 Cash Allotment
	Tour-Natural History Museum (time permitting)
12:00P	*Tour-Holocaust Museum*
2:45P	*Depart for Airport*
3:05P	*Group Check-in At Washington Reagan Airport*
	Dinner-at Airport with $10.00 Cash Allotment
5:05P	*Depart Washington Reagan Airport Southwest Flight#1749 Non-Stop to Midway*
6:15P	*Group Arrives at Chicago Midway Airport*
7:30P	*Approximate arrival at Hinsdale Middle School*

FORMS – Return to Mrs. Fetty

- ALL FORMS ARE IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME Handed out April 16, 2018
- NationsClassroom Parent Letter & Registration Information
- Form A : District 181 Form
- Form B: Regulations on Behavior Conduct Form
- Form C: Emergency Medical Release Form
- Form D: Medications Form
- Form E: ANGEL FUND Form

ANGEL FUND FORM - Available tonight. Please return to Main Office.

MEDICATIONS

- ALL MEDICATIONS NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE, MRS. PYRZ, BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018.

- CHAPERONES can administer Tylenol and Advil (ibuprofen) as long as it is on student's medications form AND doctor has signed the form.
- Other meds (listed on med form) must be in the prescribed bottle (package) with only the amount needed for the trip. This includes over the counter meds such as Claritin, Sudafed, etc.
- Please send only medications that are essential. As you can imagine, organizing medications for 250 students takes considerable time. Sending only essential items will help with this task in addition to the administration of the meds. (see photos)

HMS/WASHINGTON, DC ANGEL FUND

- Please make checks payable to:
  HMS/WASHINGTON, DC ANGEL FUND
- Return your donation with the form to the principal's office.
- THANK YOU!

∞ GUIDELINES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP∞

FORM B

CONTRACT : REGULATIONS on CONDUCT : WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Students and parents must read and sign this contract (Form B) which covers some behavior rules and regulations for the Washington DC trip. Specific behavioral expectations are clearly outlined in the student handbook in the section labeled *Conduct.*

∞ Guidelines for a Successful Trip∞

THE HMS STAFF, YOUR PARENTS and OTHER VISITORS TO OUR NATION'S CAPITAL are expecting exceptionally well-behaved young adults!!!

DO'S

DO - Remember that you are responsible for your behavior at ALL TIMES (on airplanes and buses, in hotels, restaurants, museums, monuments, memorials, walking on sidewalks — EVERYWHERE). There will be other people and tour groups in all of these places.

DO - Be courteous and show respect to all adults on the trip, i.e.: chaperones, museum guides, tour guides. Our main guide is the bus driver or step on guide. Listen and learn!

DO - Be courteous and show respect to all students on the trip. You have all earned the right to have an enjoyable experience. Be mindful of each other.

DO - Listen to announcements made by chaperones. They tell you important reminders as well as times for the following: wake-up, itinerary, departure, meeting time, meeting place, curfew, and meals!

DO - Practice promptness. Being on time is very important on this trip. What we get to see and visit will depend on following our time schedule.

DO - Stay with your group while on tour. When touring, ALWAYS use the buddy system.

DO - Report any problems or concerns to your chaperones.

DO - Stay in your room after curfew/bed check. If any emergency arises, contact the security guard on duty, and they will get a chaperone.

DO - Place your name on as many of your possessions as possible.

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FORM B

CONTRACT : REGULATIONS on CONDUCT : WASHINGTON DC TRIP

DO - Have parents supervise packing for the trip. Be sure your child is properly prepared. CARRY-ON ONLY! NO CHECKED LUGGAGE! The correct size is 9 in. x 14 in. x 22 in.
DO - Bring only cellphone as your electronic device. Remember a charger!!!
DO - Be responsible for your room key and all personal items at all times.
DO - Be responsible for the care and use of the hotel room and tour bus. If there is any room damage at check-in, report it to your chaperone. (Parents/Guardians are responsible for damages done by their child to hotel room or bus.)
DO - Bring sensible sums of money for snacks and a souvenir.
DO - Ask questions, and be active members of this extended learning community.

The Cell Phone Dilema

The issues with cell phones on the Washington trip are...

THE CELL PHONE DILEMMA

The need to stay in touch with loved ones, especially children, is something we take for granted in this day and age.

When on a field trip, there is a time and place for this kind of communication.

Please check the itinerary when trying to reach your child. For the DC trip, we recommend checking in with your child at meal times.

We also need to help children learn when it is appropriate to reach out to others. Texting is not allowed during tour time on or off the bus. If students are texting when they should be touring, the phone may be taken away.

GUIDELINES FOR CELL USE WHILE ON THE TRIP (FORM B)

DO - Use cell phone for documenting the trip for the required assignment.
DO - Use cell phone on airplanes and buses with staff permission.
DO - Use cell phone to keep in contact with parents at meal times and bed time.
DO - Answer cell phone if a chaperone is calling you while on the trip.

ITEMS TO BRING - PLEASE HELP WITH PACKING!

- luggage: one personal bag (backpack) and one carryon (9x14x22) (SHOW VISUAL AID)
- NO CHECKED LUGGAGE!
- follow airline liquid regulations
- school appropriate clothing
- comfortable shoes - lots of walking
- weather outlook: rain gear

- TAKING PICTURES: Put names on cameras/phones!
- $$$$: Food is included in trip cost so money would be for souvenirs or snacks. We do visit gift shops & vendors.

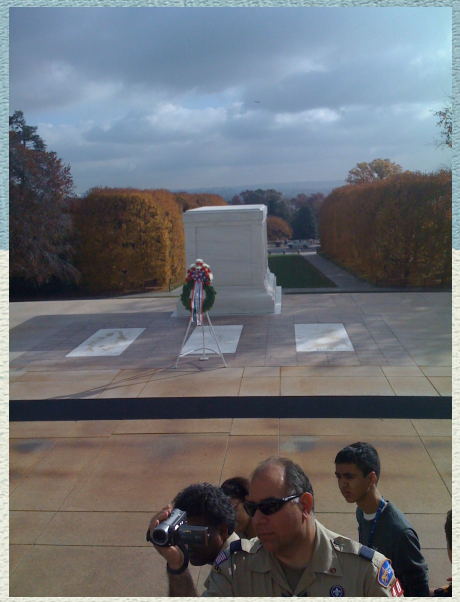
AIRPORT REMINDERS

- Carry-on baggage only to avoid checked luggage fee
- (9 x 14 x 22)
- Liquid restrictions for carry-ons
- Airport security
- Appropriate behavior

- Electronics*: cell phone, iPod, e-reader?, camera
- Don’t purchase items with liquid (like snow globes)

* It is recommended that students only bring a cell phone for emergencies and a camera if the cell phone is not used as a camera. Too many electronics detract from the focus and primary purpose of the trip. Also, avoids the risk of losing these items.

PROJECT ASSIGNMENT



- Every student, whether going on trip or remaining at school, must do a project.

- Students remaining at school may do a DC Simulation project and visit Illinois Holocaust Museum.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- No registrations will be accepted after August 15, 2018. (This does not include students new to the district in the fall.)
- Late registrations will be subject to a higher initial deposit.

- NOTE: This keynote will be available at the HMS website under Parent Resources.

GRADE 7 SPRINGFIELD REMINDER

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

REPORT TO SCHOOL: 5:30 AM RETURN TO SCHOOL: 8:15 PM

ITINERARY:

Five coach buses will depart Hinsdale Middle School at 5:45 AM and travel to Springfield. They will arrive at approximately 9:45 AM and begin touring the state capital.

The following sites will be visited:

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Illinois State Capitol, Old State Capitol and Lincoln's Tomb.

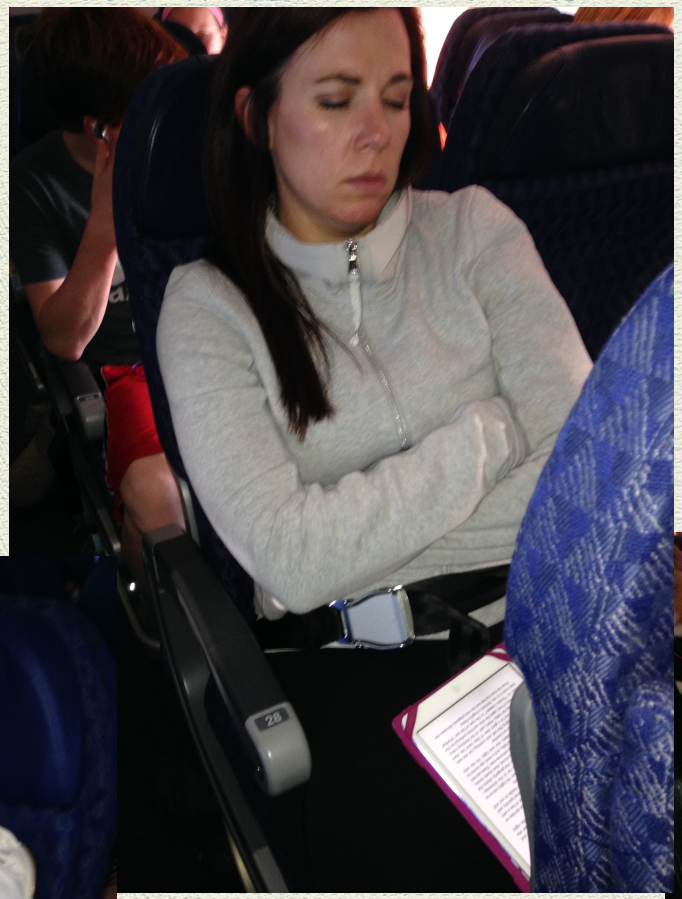
WHAT TO BRING & WEAR:

Bring a snack and a sack lunch with your name on it. NO CANS. NO SMALL CANDY PIECES.

Please make sure the lunch contains nothing breakable. Beverages need a lid.

Dress appropriately for a school trip and the weather. Gift shop will be visited.

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING MONEY FOR DINNER.

Cell phones and iPod or music devices with earphones are allowed. No movie players.

Appropriate movies will be played on the bus trip.