

September 25, 2017

TO: STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF THE 8TH GRADE, ST. PAUL'S, JANESVILLE
FROM: MARK FENRICK
RE: INFORMATION ON CLASS TRIP TO THE ORLANDO, FLORIDA AREA

For thirty-nine years, St. Paul's class has taken a spring trip to the Orlando, Florida area. The trips have been both educational and recreational in design, and they have been successful in terms of enjoyment and cooperation of everyone involved. Considering the value of group travel experience, the educational aspects of the trip, and the economy of using the group rates and motor coach travel, it is one of the best field trips we can offer to the graduating students.

Students participating in this trip will spend **four days and three nights** in Florida. The departure date is Sunday morning, April 29, 2018 and the return date is Friday, May 4, 2018. Tourist attractions which will be voted on (by the students) to visit include: Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Sea World, Universal Studios, and Islands of Adventure. The top three attractions will make up our itinerary. Following the vote, Mr. and Mrs. Fenrick will choose a waterpark that will give us the best deal, based on our chosen parks.

Travel to Florida is aboard an air conditioned and restroom equipped VanGalder Motor Coach with reclining seats. All transportation needed in Florida will be provided by this bus and the cost is included in the original trip fee.

Students are lodged at the Holiday Inn Main Gate East in Kissimmee, Florida. This motel includes a restaurant, game room, swimming pool, and lounge area. Rooms are shared by **(4) students, (2) students and an adult, or (2) adults. We prefer to have two students with each adult. Parents staying in a room by themselves will be charged extra for the hotel.**

All the students and chaperones will be expected to participate in all group activities. Although the attractions are visited as a group, students also have the opportunity to be in smaller groups with their own friends. No one, however, is allowed to walk or ride anywhere unaccompanied, regardless of how small the area. We are confident that students will exhibit Christian conduct and consideration for others wherever they are. Reasonable behavioral rules will be observed.

Each day's activities will be concluded with group devotions. A room check is made around 10:30 p.m., and students are not allowed to leave their rooms until the next morning. They may call a chaperone by telephone at any time during the night should a need arise.

We try to keep the cost affordable, but it always depends on the number of people going (specifically riding the bus). Last year, the students and adults paid \$695. The **first payment of \$300** must be made by October 27, and the remainder will be due by February 7. If additional time is needed for the final payment, please discuss this with Mr. Fenrick. Something can be worked out. Reminder notes will be sent home prior to each of these dates.

Additional notes on the trip

1. This is a class trip. Because of this, **we do need at least 2/3 of the students** in the class going on the trip. If we have less than that, the trip may be cancelled and your deposit refunded.
2. Adults are sometimes extra and we usually only have 2 adults in a room. Adults choosing to drive down or fly down will still be charged the **full price**. Parents traveling on their own who wish to visit parks before we arrive will need to purchase their own tickets for those days. If an adult chooses to have a room to him/herself, there is another additional charge.
3. If any parents are needing extra nights at the hotel (ie. Arriving a day before the group), **Mr. Fenrick will make those reservations** for you. You will pay him in addition to the rest of the fees owed.
4. Food costs are in addition to this total. In the past years, they have ranged from \$150.00 to \$300.00, depending upon your child's eating habits. A meal at most parks (burger, fries, and drink) costs approximately \$10-12. Breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are included in the price of the trip (whether they eat or not).
5. The bus price is based on the number of people who are going. If a person cannot go for some reason the money for the bus cannot be refunded. Some of the tickets may be refunded, and the motel may be refunded, but we are unable to refund the bus money, or some of the attraction money.
6. We will be allowing the students to select 3 attractions. Mr. and Mrs. Fenrick will pick a waterpark that can give us the best deal based on their choices.
7. A final meeting will be held the Tuesday before the trip. It will be **April 24, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M.** We will discuss some of the rules of the trip as well as go over details on exactly what to bring on the bus.
8. Each student is given an **emergency form**. It needs to be notarized. It needs to be **turned in with your first payment**. Parents going on the trip will also have to fill out a **background check**.
9. There is a rule about fees owed to the school. The rule, simply stated, is that any adult is not allowed on the trip if they still owe the school tuition money or any other fees. All school accounts are to be settled before being allowed to go on the Florida trip. If you have made payment arrangements (ie. Monthly payments), AND are up to date, then you are exempt from this rule.
10. Adults going along on the Washington, D.C. or Florida trip are acting in the capacity of chaperones. This means that you are accompanying and supervising the group along with our staff. In such a capacity, there is to be **no alcohol** consumed while on this trip. Failure to follow this request will jeopardize future trips you may wish to participate in with your other children.