



Fairfax High School

Music Department
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October 29, 2009

Dear Music Department Parents and Students:

Each spring, the music department travels to a regional music competition. This year we will be traveling to the Fiestaval competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 25-28, 2010.

This trip is an integral part of the music department's curriculum in that it allows the students to hear ensembles from other regional areas in performance, to have their own performance evaluated by recognized adjudicators against a national standard, and to continue the process of self-evaluation and mastery. The spring music department trips have proved to foster growth in our students educationally, musically, and socially.

Each student is important to his or her ensemble. It is imperative that the integrity of the ensemble be maintained in order to ensure the best educational and musical outcome for all members. The viability of each ensemble is compromised by poor instrumentation or voice representation. This will have a direct effect on our performance ability and evaluations.

We are now at the point when the trip payments must begin. Therefore, we must have a commitment from parents that you intend for your child to participate. It is our hope that every member of the music department will participate in this experience and it is our goal that any student who wishes to go on the trip will be able to do so. A number of fundraisers are already in place, which are a means by which any student might pay for the trip. Any money that is raised through these fundraisers will accrue directly into each student's trip account.

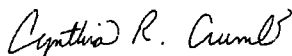
The Payment Schedule, Tentative Itinerary, and Statement of Intent (all students must return this form by November 23) are attached to this letter. The price of the trip covers:

- T-Shirt
- Transportation
- Housing (6-8 to a condo for 2 nights)
- Security
- Adjudication and awards w/ meal voucher
- Two dinners
- Boat cruise
- Hard Rock Amusement Park admission

Please note that an adjustment may need to be made in the total cost of the trip should a change occur in the number of buses needed. Please also note that the first payment, due November 23, is non-refundable as the buses and hotel rooms must be reserved at this time.

We look forward to working with you as we plan and prepare for this memorable trip. If you should have any questions concerning the trip, please do not hesitate to contact your child's director. Many thanks in advance for your commitment to have your child participate.

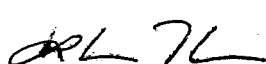
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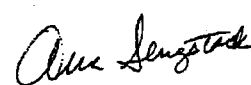
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FHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
March 25-28, 2010
Payment Schedule*

November 23, 2009	\$100.00	<u>Non-refundable deposit**</u>
January 15, 2010	\$195.00	
February 12, 2010	\$200.00	
TOTAL	\$495.00	

Checks payable to:

Band: FHS Band Boosters

Chorus: FHSCPA

Orchestra: FHSOPA

*Money will not be refunded for cancellation after February 12, 2010 (cancellation notice must be in writing from the parent/guardian)

**Money earned through fundraisers may not be used to pay non-refundable deposit

Tentative Itinerary

Thursday, March 25

Departure: Band – 5:30 AM; Chorus and Orchestra – 6:00 AM

Lunch Enroute (Lumberton, NC)

4:00 PM – Arrival in Myrtle Beach

Beach if time permits

Dinner – Boat Cruise for Band

Broadway at the Beach for Chorus and Orchestra

Grocery stop

Check-in to condos

Enjoy Condo Amenities

Friday, March 26

Breakfast in condos

Adjudication

Lunch

Beach, Barefoot Landings, or Broadway at the Beach

6:00 PM – Chorus and Orchestra depart for Boat cruise

Band – Dinner at Barefoot Landings

Free time

Return to condos

Saturday, March 27

Breakfast in condos

Beach

11:00 AM – Check-out and depart for the Hard Rock Amusement Park (now known as Freestyle Park) – meal voucher

9:00 PM – Depart for Fairfax

Sunday, March 28

Meals and rest stops enroute

7:00 AM - Arrival at FHS

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Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
March 25-28, 2010

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I have read the attached information and (check one):

- My child will travel with the Fairfax High School Music Department to Fiestaval in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 25-28, 2010. I understand that the total cost of the trip may be adjusted should a change occur in the number of buses needed. I also understand that the deposit is non-refundable and no refunds for cancellation will be made after February 12, 2010.
- My child will not travel with the FHS Music Department to Fiestaval in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 25-28, 2010.

Student Name: (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL students must return this form, completed and signed, by November 23, 2009. If your child will be traveling with us, please return this form with the \$100.00 deposit.