

# Riverside High School Bands

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TO: Parents

FROM: David Schwartz, Director

DATE: 2/8/18

RE: Florida Trip

Please bring this to the parent  
meeting on Wednesday, February  
28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m

This will be the final letter to you regarding the trip. I cannot believe the time is here already. I have been on the phone confirming last-minute details these past weeks. Enclosed is a current copy of the itinerary for you to keep. This will change a little as we are making final adjustments. Each student will receive a copy of the itinerary when we leave. Below are the rules/guidelines for the trip. Please take time to review these **WITH** your child and sign the attached form. I am sure you realize that without rules, a trip with this many kids would not be possible. **THERE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE JRW CAFETERIA.**

Any medication that your student will be taking during the trip must be handled by a school approved nurse, myself, Mr. Draime or Mr. Wolf. A doctor's form stating it is okay to administer the medication is required by law. The form is included in this packet. One form for each medication! The forms must be readable. **No faxed doctor's signatures.** NO Exceptions! This includes prescription drugs as well as over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, Tylenol, Advil, etc. The same school policies are in effect. If you have a medication order from your doctor on file in the Riverside clinic, your student can ask the RHS school nurse for a copy of it to give to me. If there is not an order on file in RHS, you must have one filled out and returned to me. All forms are due in my office NO LATER than Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Package and label any medications with explicit instructions and give to me well before we leave. All medications must be in the original containers! Your student is responsible for coming to get their medications during the trip. I will not and cannot track them all down. Please do not send **Advil or Tylenol**. We will have these available--Ibuprofen 200mg and Acetaminophen 325mg--but we must still have the doctor's form.

One other item of business I need to address is the emergency medical form. The med forms for this trip need to be notarized because we are leaving the state. I would like to have several notaries at the parent meeting to help you out if you need. If you are a notary and are willing to help at this meeting, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call or email and let me know. The med form and rules/guidelines signature form needs to be in my office by Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> or before. *(Required forms for EVERY student marked with a star in the upper left corner.)*

All students need to be fitted or refitted for a marching band uniform. *(Band room—use back door)*

Dates: Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 p.m. to approx. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. to approx. 5:30 p.m.

All students need to bring with them to the fitting, the following:

- black socks *(will be packed in your uniform bag)*
- light weight shorts *(this is what you will want to wear under your uniform in Disney)*
- black t-shirt *(this is what you will want to wear under your uniform-not packed in bag)*
- Seniors--bring your senior cord to the fitting
- marching band shoes *(will be packed in your uniform bag)*

*If you do not own a pair of marching shoes, you can use a pair from the marching band for \$10.00. All shoes must match. Disney is very strict about their uniform policy. We need to look our very best.*

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## **Florida 2018**

### **Rules, Regulations and Guidelines**

As a Riverside Local Schools Board of Education approved educational field trip, all school rules of conduct and behavior as listed in the Riverside High School Student Handbook will be in effect throughout the entire trip. Infractions will be dealt with on the spot according to the Riverside Code of Conduct with further action, if needed, taken upon return to Riverside.

Flagrant violations involving alcohol, chemical abuse, theft or destruction of property will result in the immediate return of those student(s) involved to Painesville via the next available form of public transportation at the expense of the parent or guardian.

#### **Suitcases/packing**

- One suitcase ONLY. No exceptions. Keep suitcases to a minimal size. No large suitcases will be permitted. We have a great deal of musical equipment to take. The equipment and uniforms will be loaded first. Whatever room is left will be for luggage. We left stuff behind last time!
- Students are permitted to take **one** small carry-on on the bus, i.e., book bags (*Must have towel and bathing suit for Blizzard Beach.*) (*Your purse is not a carry on unless it is extremely large.*)
- Pack clothes that may be worn more than once--mix & match. Light colored clothing will help you stay cool.
- Dress comfortably for the bus ride—it's long, but don't look like a complete scrub--no pajamas, etc. The bus does get very cool at night (for the drivers)—sweatshirts?
- Please encourage students to leave valuables at home. (no laptops, grandma's diamond earrings, etc.)
- Once the students are on the bus and it is loaded, they will not be able to access their luggage until we reach the hotel. Make sure that any necessities (especially money) that your student needs are in their carry on. We will be on the bus for a long time!
  - \*This means that you must pack your swimsuit, towel and anything else that you need/want before we get to the hotel Friday afternoon in your carry on—that's about a day and half from when we leave.

#### **Uniform (Prepacked)**

- Full marching uniform is required for Saturday (3/24/18) Magic Kingdom Parade
- Beret, uniform coat, neck liner, pants, black socks, and white marching shoes.
- Hair must be worn up—plan ahead, have a plan! No gum, no sunglasses (during parade), no earrings (Disney rule), and ALL marching shoes must be immaculately WHITE!

#### **Dress: All school rules apply**

- The weather is likely to be very unpredictable in March—especially in Florida. Prepare, however, for any condition. It is spring. Anything can happen, even rain!
- DRESS FOR WORKSHOP
  - Nice shorts (No athletic shorts—dress shorts, khakis, Docker type shorts only)
  - Nice shirt (No T-shirts!, polo, dress like, etc.)

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*Dress continued...*

- Bathing suits—must be tasteful! If you are embarrassed for the staff/adults to see you, don't wear it.
- NO t-shirts with offensive slogans or drawings at any time
- Remember you are representing Riverside High School and your state.
- Each person is solely responsible for his/her own luggage and personal belongings. The school **WILL NOT** be responsible for lost luggage or belongings.

**\*Money:** Things students will need money for:

- Thursday—dinner (*fast food stops—you know what it typically costs you to eat*)
- Friday— breakfast en route, Lunch at Blizzard Beach water park
- Saturday—Tuesday—Lunch or dinner (Students receive one Disney Meal Coupon each day we are in the parks. This coupon is valid for one entrée, one beverage and one dessert at select food locations throughout the parks.) *See attached for places it can be used.*
- Wednesday—meals en route home (*We leave Tuesday night and arrive home Wednesday night.*)
- Any souvenirs you may wish to purchase
- Disney gift cards are a good way to break up the money (*and you can get Fuel Perks!*)
- These amounts are up to each individual family

## **Medicines**

- A doctors note (on Medication form included) stating it is okay to administer any medication is required for ANY **AND** ALL medications (prescription and over-the-counter.) NO Exceptions!
- Any medication that your student will be on, must be handled by the contracted nurse, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Draime or Mr. Wolf. This includes prescription drugs as well as over-the-counter drugs. The same school policies are in effect.
- Package and label any medications with explicit instructions in the **original** containers and give to me several days before we leave (due by Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>)

## **Hotel and Room**

- All room assignments are final and will not be changed
- All students are responsible for the care of their room. Any damage to the rooms will be paid for by the students assigned to that room before we leave.
- There is no reason to use the telephone in the rooms. NONE. Do not call between rooms. If you need to phone home in an emergency, find Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Draime, Mr. Wolf, or Mr. Wolf.
- Do not move furniture or beds
- Keep the room noise and TV set at low levels. No electronic devices are to be used without headsets. The hotels have strict guidelines pertaining to noise, not only in the rooms, but in the halls, lobby and other areas. The hotel's quiet hours will be enforced out of courtesy to others.
- Designated times for you to be in your rooms are to be complied with without question. Do not leave to go to the vending machines, ice machines or ask chaperones to bring you stuff after hours. Plan ahead.
- The "pay T.V." will be turned off if possible. Do not use it.
- Chaperones will check rooms at night at curfew.
- There will be two security guards hired by us on duty at night.

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## *Hotel & Room continued*

- You are to maintain quiet until breakfast. Remember that there are other guests in the hotel. Noise during quiet hours will not be tolerated.
- You must come to breakfast with shoes and looking somewhat presentable—DO NOT come in pajamas/night clothes.
- You are not permitted to leave your room for any reason until breakfast. Each door will be taped at room check. I will remove the tape each morning before breakfast.
- NO boys in girls' room and vice versa.** If an infraction occurs, both parties will suffer the consequences--no exceptions.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is prohibited. All rooms will be nonsmoking rooms. You will be sent home at your expense.
- All school rules will be in force along with the appropriate penalties for misbehavior.
- No running through the halls or stairways--no horseplay.
- DO NOT** open the door for strangers. All adults with the tour will identify themselves.
- Riverside students should not be in parts of the hotel not associated with us or our interests. People not with our group should not be invited into our area of the hotel.
- During any free time at the hotel students are not permitted to leave the hotel property.

## **Buses**

- Students will ride only on the bus they are assigned. Changing is not permitted.
- When the director, chaperone, driver or tour guide address the bus, give him/her your undivided attention. REMOVE ALL HEADPHONES (*both ears*) and LOOK UP.
- Be seated as soon as you enter the bus so attendance can be taken.
- Remain in your seat while the bus is moving. Moving, stretching on the highway will be permitted.
- Stay out of the aisle!!
- Electronic devices must be of a small size and be used with headphones only.
- Drivers will be instructed not to play the radio or tapes over the bus system. Each individual has a right to his/her own sounds.
- The buses will have a DVD player. You may bring in acceptable movies (**G, PG, PG-13 ONLY**) to watch on the trip. Clear **ALL** movies with Mr. Schwartz prior to leaving. Movies must be in by Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Label all DVDs clearly with student's name on the outside of the case!
- Snacks are fine but should be limited to non-messy food items. Coolers and glass bottles will not be permitted. Try to avoid large beverages on the bus for obvious reasons.
- Keep the bus clean at all times. It is not the driver's responsibility to clean up after you.
- Rest stops will be made every few hours. Use the bus restroom sparingly. Use the restroom when we stop as a precaution. We cannot stop every 2 or 3 hours—it would take forever to get there.
- No flash pictures are allowed on the bus, especially at night. This creates a problem for the driver.
- Take your shoes off before putting your feet on the seats.
- Remain in your seats until the bus completely stops AND you are told to unload by Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Draime, Mr. Wolf, or Mr. Wolf, only.

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## **General Instructions**

- Disrespect of any nature towards the chaperones, parents, directors or staff will not be tolerated!!!! This trip is a privilege—NOT A RIGHT.
- Students should remain in groups. Never venture off on your own. You must always be in a group of no less than four (4) Riverside band students. **This will be strictly enforced!**
- Students late to “Check in times” will spend the remainder of the day with a chaperone.
- **DO NOT LOSE YOUR TICKET!!!** It will cause massive delays and possible expense.
- All organized activities are mandatory. Stay together on all tours.
- Students are not permitted to “park hop.”
- EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO ACT AS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AT ALL TIMES AND TO FOLLOW THE CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL SCHOOLS.
- Every student needs to have some form of identification.
- Anytime we leave a public place, students should make sure that it is at least as clean as it was when we got there. Any problems will delay our schedule until the mess is cleaned up.
- If severe problems occur with a student, the parents will be called collect and if need be, sent home at the parents’ expense.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. The band department is an important part of the High School and community. You are a large, colorful, visible, hardworking, disciplined segment of the student body. Everywhere we go we will be judged as a group, not as individuals. People will form an immediate opinion of our school and community from your actions, attitudes and behavior. Let’s give them something pleasant to talk about and remember as you have always done in the past. This promises to be a great trip! The kids have worked hard this year. I am sure we all will be very proud of these fine young men and women upon their arrival back from the trip.

Musically yours,

Mr. Schwartz