

August 12, 2019

Dear Dodgen 8th Grade Orchestra Parents,

The Dodgen 8th Grade Orchestra will have the opportunity to go to Walt Disney World, Florida on January 29- February 2, 2020 for a wonderful musical experience. We will be participating in one of the *Disney Performing Arts Workshops*, which is recognized by N.A.fM.E.(National Association for Music Education). The workshop that we will take part in is called "You're Instrumental". This workshop focuses on understanding the demands of a professional music through the use of a mock studio recording session. Our students will learn how television and movie soundtracks are put together by studying musical effects, listening skills, sight-reading techniques and focusing techniques. The grand finale of our workshop will be having our students record music for a brief Disney animated work.

This trip is optional for students, though we do hope that all of our 8th grade orchestra students will be able to participate in this great opportunity. An itinerary for the trip has been included. Exact times are subject to change as the trip draws closer. The dates and price of the trip are firm. The cost for the trip is **\$700**. This includes motorcoach bus transportation, 9 meals (meals *not* covered are---Wed.dinner, Thurs. lunch/dinner, Sun.lunch), four nights in a hotel, workshop participation fee, all theme park admissions and gratuities. The trip cost has been broken down into two payments. They are as follows:

October 8-----\$300(**NON-refundable** deposit)

December 12---\$400

All Dodgen 8th Grade Orchestra students have the opportunity to attend this trip. Student behavior expectations for this trip will be the same as at school. We will be representing not only the Dodgen Orchestra, but all of Dodgen Middle School, Cobb County and the state of Georgia. A Student Behavior Guidelines and Procedures is attached. Please review this document thoroughly. ***It must be signed and returned with the first deposit.***

We will need several parent chaperones for this trip. If you are willing and able to do this, please contact Mrs.Culley at through email at Ashley.culley@cobbk12.org or phone at 770/578-2726, ext.271.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Spring Trip!

Sincerely,

Ashley Culley and Jessie Lewis
Dodgen Middle School Orchestra Directors

Dodgen Middle School Orchestra
Disney Workshop---Orlando, Florida
January 29 – February 2, 2020

Wednesday, January 29

12:30pm---CHAPERONES ARRIVE AT DODGEN. Enter/park in bus lanes.
1:00pm---Depart for Orlando
6:00pm---Dinner stop on way to Orlando(will need \$\$ for dinner)
10:00pm---arrive at hotel in Orlando

Thursday, January 30(***WORKSHOP DAY***)Exact workshop time and location is T.B.A.)

7:00am---Wake-Up
7:30am---Breakfast at Hotel
9:00am---arrive at Epcot(students will need \$\$ for lunch and dinner)
9:30pm---Busses pick up at the park and transport Orchestra to hotel
10:00pm---curfew/room check. Private security on duty

Friday, January 31

7:30am---Breakfast Buffet at the hotel
8:00am---Load Busses for Magic Kingdom
9:00am---arrive at Magic Kingdom(students will receive a \$30 meal card to use for lunch and dinner)
9:30pm---leave Magic Kingdom
10:00pm---return to hotel
10:30pm---Curfew/room check

Saturday, February 1

8:00am---Breakfast Buffet at the hotel
9:00am---arrive at Hollywood Studios(students will receive a \$30 for meals)
9:00pm---depart from Hollywood Studios
9:30pm---Return to hotel
10:00pm---Curfew/room check

Sunday, February 2

7:15am---Breakfast Buffet at the hotel
7:45am---Room check-out/Load luggage on Busses
8:30am---Depart from hotel
9:00am---arrive at Animal Kingdom(students will need money for lunch)
2:00pm---Depart from Animal Kingdom
5:30pm---Dinner Stop(students will receive \$8 cash for dinner)
10:30pm---Estimated arrival time at Dodgen

DODGEN STUDENT BEHAVIORAL POLICIES FOR FIELD TRIPS
January 29--February 2, 2019

Failure to follow guidelines and policies set by the State of Georgia Department of Education, Cobb County Public Schools, and specific behavioral rules established by Dodgen Middle School can result in the following:

- Restriction from the field trip prior to departure (payments WILL NOT be refunded)
- Restriction of activities while participating in the field trip
- Disciplinary actions while on the field trip
- While on the trip, if the student does not adhere to these policies, he/she can be dismissed from the trip at the expense of the parent/guardian

These expectations for behavior have been established to provide students and chaperones at Dodgen Middle School with an orderly, safe, and enjoyable learning experience while participating on the trip. The Cobb County Board Policy IFCB states that:

Teachers, working with school administrators, have the authority to exclude the participation of students whose *behavioral history suggest the possibility that they may endanger themselves or others while on the field trips*. This discretion must be made on actual student behavior and not based on disability identification.

The State of Georgia Student Discipline Code JD 160-4-8-.15 supports Dodgen Middle School's behavioral guidelines by stating:

Standards for student behavior during the school day and at school-related functions are designed to create the expectations that students will behave themselves in such a way so as to facilitate a learning environment for themselves and other students, respect each other and school district employees, obey student behavior policies adopted by the local board of education, and *obey student behavior rules established by individual schools*.

The Cobb County Board Policy JCDA, Section IV, Line A, Paragraph 3, supports Dodgen Middle School's Behavioral guidelines by stating:

The principal or designee may utilize any of the above discipline management techniques, and/or may employ: student participation in conference with parent/guardian, teacher, and/or principal, *restriction from school programs and special activities...* and any other disciplinary technique that positively promotes the student code of conduct and desired character trait(s).

Student restrictions from the field trip will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Any student who earns OSS will NOT be permitted to participate in the trip.

Students whose receive in excess of three days of ISS will NOT be permitted to participate in the trip. The decision will be made by **Mrs.Culley, Ms.Lewis and an administrator**. The decision is non-negotiable.

Other behavior concerns will be addressed on a case by case basis, and may result in exclusion from the trip.

****If fees have been paid, some, or all of the fees will not be refundable.** Exemplary behavior is expected at school to earn a place on this optional field trip.

I understand the above guidelines and policies and agree to adhere to these policies; furthermore, I will discuss these policies with my child, prior to the field trip, so that there is complete understanding of these rules and expectations as stated by Dodgen Middle School behavioral guidelines.

Thank you for your support.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____