

November 16, 2021

Dear Brady Middle School eighth grade students and parents,

Please read the following information regarding the TENTATIVE class trip to Washington, D.C., which is **currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, Wednesday, June 1, and Thursday, June 2, 2022.**

Please note that this year's Washington, D.C. trip is still TENTATIVE and that any time between now and February 2022 the decision may be made to cancel the trip. If, at any time between now and the trip date, health and/or security become a concern, a decision will be made to cancel the trip. If this should happen, no alternative trip will be offered due to the difficulty of scheduling an appropriate alternative travel experience in the reduced amount of time.

The [attached itinerary](#), designed by Bob Rogers Travel, details the many activities that will take place on the trip. This company has been highly responsive to our needs and has worked with us through the last several years of trip uncertainty and cancellations. In the event that the trip can be carried out safely and in accordance with the traditional experience, parents must register their children and make deposits during the month of December.

The total cost of the trip WILL VARY based on the number of students registered to participate, which, in turn, would impact the number of rooms, buses and other expenses. A final cost will not be finalized until after the registration deadline passes and will be based on the total number of registered students. For your planning purposes, estimated trip costs are included below and are based on **4 students per room**:

- \$599 - nearly full interest and booking by members of the 8th grade class
- \$612 - estimated cost if 110 - 114 students registered
- \$630 - estimated cost if 105 - 109 students registered
- \$650 - estimated cost if 100 - 104 students registered

When registering for the trip, parents will notice the total cost will be \$47 more than the estimates included above. This is due to the fact that all registrations will include trip insurance via the [Enhanced Plan insurance](#), which includes CFAR (Cancel For Any Reason) coverage. This insurance plan will offer all families a 75% refund of costs if a decision is made to cancel the trip after February 2022.

Orange City Schools will be offering scholarships to all registered students in the total amount of the insurance plan so that the cost of insurance will be covered by the school district. The additional cost of insurance will not be paid by the families of registered students. The cost of insurance will be deducted from the final payment.

The following guidelines will apply for the trip:

- Four students will be assigned to each hotel room.
- Students will be expected to properly wear a mask while on the bus.
- Students will be expected to properly wear a mask in museums/indoor spaces.
- Students will be expected to follow health and safety guidelines during the trip.
- Students may be required to have a negative COVID test several days prior to the trip.
- If a student develops Covid-like symptoms while on the trip, parents will be contacted and will have to make arrangements to pick up their child in Washington, D.C. This will be necessary so as to avoid having the symptomatic student on the bus with other students, the bus driver and chaperones.

All trip costs will include a two night stay at the Hilton Crystal City in Arlington Virginia, motorcoach transportation, professional tour guides, nighttime security, all meals, group photo on the Capitol steps, visit to Arlington National Cemetery, admission to the National Archives, visit and tour of old town Alexandria, Virginia, admission to Mt. Vernon, and much more. Brady staff members will chaperone this trip and will provide supervision throughout the experience.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

TRIP REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE ONLINE at:

<https://bobrogerstravel.grcoll.co/go/brady6546>

- REGISTRATION must be completed by December 6, 2021.
- A deposit of \$275.00 is due to Bob Rogers Travel by December 15, 2021. Deposits must be made online.
- Final payment of \$324.00 (or potentially \$337, \$355 or \$375) is due by April 8, 2022

*****Due to the need to calculate the final trip cost, ANY STUDENT NOT REGISTERED BY DECEMBER 6th WILL FORFEIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE TRIP.**

ALL DEPOSITS WILL BE FULLY REFUNDABLE (MINUS A 3% FEE IF PAID BY CREDIT CARD) UNTIL FEBRUARY 23, 2022. IN THE EVENT THE SCHOOL CANCELS THE TRIP AFTER FEBRUARY 23, 2022, THE TRIP INSURANCE POLICY WILL REFUND UP TO 75% OF TRIP COSTS TO PARENTS.

While we certainly do not want any student to miss this opportunity for financial reasons, only limited financial assistance is available. In order to be eligible for financial aid, families must notify Mr. Smith or Mrs. Schaedler in writing or email by November 23, 2021. Financial assistance is determined on an individual basis by need. This information will be held in strict confidence.



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Student maturity and behavior is of the utmost importance on the trip to Washington, D.C. **Students may be denied participation** if their behavior at Brady throughout the school year is not sufficiently mature and appropriate. We must be able to trust that the students we travel with on such an extended trip are able to demonstrate good behavior, that represents Brady in the most positive way. **As a reminder, all students and parents signed the Washington, D.C. Trip Eligibility Form at the beginning of the school year.** Those students who are not permitted to participate will be expected to be in school and to take part in regular academic work.

A meeting to answer any questions about the above information will be held via Google Meet on **Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. via [this link](#).**

Closer to the time of the trip, a parent meeting to discuss logistics will be held in the Large Group Instruction Room at Brady on April 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Please place this date on your calendar as we will provide complete details about the trip and will be available to answer all questions at this meeting.

This trip has proven to be an excellent educational and social experience for our students. We believe that your child's participation will be one of the highlights of his or her school career and look forward to a safe and enjoyable educational experience.

Sincerely,

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