

GENERAL RULES

We represent our school and community as we travel. Students are to be considerate of everyone with whom we come in contact.

Students are to use appropriate language and demonstrate good behavior.

Each student is to stay with his/her designated group and never travel anywhere alone. Students must not leave any facility except in an approved, chaperoned group.

Students may wear comfortable clothing appropriate for touring during most of the trip. Please no shirts with slogans or graphic material that might be offensive to others. Each student is to participate fully in all activities of the trip.

The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is absolutely prohibited by all including chaperones.

Students assume full responsibility for all valuables taken on the trip.

BUS RULES

Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.

Providing the students follow bus rules, each student may switch seats after we are underway and their chaperone has given permission. This must be a mutual decision, the bus is very full. There will be no empty seats.

Students may take food and soft drinks on the bus (no glass containers). Please keep the bus clean and dispose of all trash properly. Please bring food for Thursday's breakfast, only adults are allowed a hot beverage on the bus.

Students are expected to bring only what luggage they can carry (one suitcase and a carry-on piece).

Luggage should be tagged with your name. Luggage will be inspected.

Sound source units may be played with headphones on the bus. They are not allowed when touring.

HOTEL RULES

Students will stay in their own rooms from curfew until breakfast time. Lights out and quiet time will begin thirty minutes after curfew. Room checks will occur each nightly and again each morning by chaperones or Mrs. Armstrong. We also will have night time security officers stationed in the hallways each night to be sure students comply with all rules during the night; as well as watching over the hallways, assuring no disturbances to our students and parents while they sleep.

One sound source or TV per room may be played at a moderate level. They are not to distract others and are to be off during quiet time.

Everyone is to help keep his/her room neat. Rooms will be checked.

No student is to enter the room of anyone except their own. No one from outside our group is to enter our group's rooms.

No student is to leave the hotel floor alone.

Students should use pay phones or cell phones to call home.

At no time may boys visit girls' rooms or girls visit boys rooms.

Students are responsible and required to pay for any damage and/or theft.

TO: PARENTS and STUDENTS
FROM: Fort Gratiot Varsity Band
DATE: March 19, 2009
RE: Chicago Trip March 26-28, 2009

The following information may help to answer important questions you might have regarding our trip:

TRIP CHECK-IN: Fort Gratiot 7:00 AM, all Students must place their belongings in the gym for inspection by their chaperone and myself. Please do NOT be late.

TRIP DEPARTURE TIME: 8:00am March 26, 2009

TRIP RETURN TIME: 11:00pm March 28, 2009

LUGGAGE: Students may bring one carry-on bag to carry on the bus and one suitcase to be stored inside the bus luggage area. Also, be sure to bring your instrument and music to the Gym for inspection. You will not have access to the stored baggage or instrument until hotel check-in.

MEDICATION: Students must turn all medications in to their chaperones for proper dispersion. (Please contact Mrs. Armstrong for any exceptions regarding this rule.)

SNACKS ON THE BUS: Students may bring snacks and drinks (no glass bottles). Students must keep their areas clean.

MOVIES: Bus is equipped with a VCR and/or DVD player. We will be showing movies while traveling. All movies will be rated G or PG. Please bring some.

WHAT TO BRING: Plan to dress comfortably (i.e. jeans, shorts, slacks, and comfortable walking shoes). All clothing must be neat, clean, and modest. Be prepared for weather extremes. Sweaters, jackets, and/or rain gear can be left on the bus, so bring these items if in doubt.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO INCLUDE; Change of clothing for each day, pajamas, toiletries, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. Camera/film, spending money (\$50.00-75.00) Watch.

Optional: Travel game, walkman, or CD player with headphones.

In case of emergency, students will be staying at:

Embassy Suites-Deerfield
1445 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015
Check-in time: Thursday, 03/26/2009 11:00PM