

January 2020

Dear Music Parents,

The Band, Chorus and Orchestra are getting ready for our annual Music Festival, called “High Notes Festivals,” in which we will perform for nationally known adjudicators. The adjudicators will provide commentary and complement the students on what they have accomplished, as well as give reasonable suggestions for improvement. There will be a brief awards ceremony and trophies will be given. Afterwards, we will travel to Dorney Park to spend the day riding rides and having fun there. This is an all-day event. We will leave at approximately 7am and we will return at approximately 8 or 9pm. We have had much success in the past on our festival trip, and the students are already motivated and working hard to prepare for it! Specific details and itineraries will be forwarded to you in the Spring. Please be aware that in order to participate in the trip, students must be in good standing in their respective music class. Misbehavior, disruption and poor work ethic or missing rehearsals/lessons will not be tolerated, and students will be excluded from this activity at the teacher and administrator’s discretion.

The cost of the trip will be \$110 per student. This covers festival fees, tickets into Dorney Park and travel arrangements. We have set up a payment plan if you’d like to take advantage of that, to avoid having to pay the entire fee all at once. Please see below for more information. We as a school and district apologize for the high cost of the trip. Transportation comprises a bulk of the cost. Consequently, we need to secure charter busses because 2/3 of our music department needs storage for instruments and equipment. Unfortunately, we are at the whim of the bus company and their pricing. The district is aware of this issue and the incredibly high cost of the bus. The district is looking to make recommendations in subsequent years to work to offset these costs. Our principal, Mr. D’Ostilio and our supervisor, Mr. Corigliano met with us, the BHMS music department, and are well versed in what is contributing to the cost as well. They too are working with the district on future contingency plans. Unfortunately, due to the time these prices have been finalized, we must proceed forward with the cost of the trip as is. If you have any questions about pricing, feel free to email Mr. D’Ostilio ([mdostilio@wtps.org](mailto:mdostilio@wtps.org)) and/or Mr. Corigliano ([ccorigliano@wtps.org](mailto:ccorigliano@wtps.org))

We are also in need of parent chaperones! Chaperone cost will be \$95 to cover transportation and park ticket costs. Each chaperone will have about 8 – 10 kids in their group. You’ll ride the bus with the students, you will help with lining up and organizing when we perform, you’ll set up two check-in times with your group, and you’ll be “on duty” at a check point at the park for 1 hour during the day. Other than that, it’s a relatively “easy” day, and the chaperones always have a great time!

**If you are interested in chaperoning, please see the information posted on Ms. Dickinson’s webpage, read all attachments, and fill out/return the chaperone agreement to Ms. Dickinson by 2/7/2020.**

<https://www.wtps.org/Page/25618> is a direct link to the webpage for handouts and festival information. Scroll to the bottom for Essential Chaperone Information

We look forward to seeing you at our Spring concert on May 7<sup>th</sup> and a great festival trip on May 29<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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Payment Plan 1:

March 17: Full payment (\$110)

Payment Plan 2:

March 17: Half payment (\$55)

April 20: Full payment due (\$55)

Payment Plan 3:

February 25: Partial payment (\$36)

March 17: Partial payment (\$37)

April 20: Final payment (\$37)

\*Chaperone cost should be half paid by 3/17 and paid in full by 4/20.

**\*Make all checks payable to BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL\***

**Please write student's full name on your check.**

**Cash also accepted (in envelope with full student name)**