

March 26, 2016

To All students and parents traveling to Washington DC,

This is the final update on our trip to Washington DC and the National Sousa Festival. Attached to this e-mail, you will find the following information.

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I hope that this letter answers any last questions and gives you all the final details you need. A separate individual email will follow this weekend concerning final individual payments for this trip.

If you have a question please feel free to email or call me anytime before the trip at the numbers listed below.

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Updated Itinerary information and Flights

The updated Itinerary from MCI is located at the link below.

<http://stillwaterbands.net/washington-dc-tour-2016-sousa-festival/washington-dc-itinerary/>

Our hotel for the duration of our stay is the Westin Crystal City.

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=741>

We will fly Sun Country Airlines. The flight numbers are listed below. Coach busses will transport students to and from MSP from Stillwater Area HS. Our flight on Monday, April 4th will return quite late to allow a full day of sightseeing in Washington DC. **I do not expect us to return to Stillwater Area HS much before 12:45 AM.**

March 31 at 5:40 PM Depart Minneapolis via Sun Country Airlines Flight #235

April 4 at 10:00 PM Depart Washington, DC via Sun Country Airlines Flight #236

This is a final itinerary. However, flexibility is encouraged, as an itinerary is subject to change when we are on the ground.

Chaperones

Again, I would like to thank the adults who agreed to chaperone our Washington DC Trip.

Joel Bryan
 Aaron Drevlow (SAHS administrator)
 Marilyn Johnson
 Charlie Payne
 Sarah Stivland
 Todd Stivland
 Mara Syman
 Mary Kay Taylor
 Carol Weber
 Martin Weber

Rooming Lists/ Chaperone Assignments

Last Name	First & Middle Name	Gender	Room Number	Chaperone
Alcorn	Benjamin Bruce	M	14	Martin Weber
Allan	Patrick John	M	2	Charlie Payne
Allessi	Caroline Jeanne	F	11	Carol Weber
Anderson	Kendra Mary	F	6	Mary Kay Taylor
Anderson	Kyra Nicole	F	6	Mary Kay Taylor
Bloom	Kaitlin Michaud	F	1	Sara Stivland
Breen	Macelyn Kathleen	F	3	Marilyn Johnson
Cardenas	James Jose	M	12	Joel Bryan
Carlson	Nicholas Ford	M	16	Todd Stivland
Carter	Maia Rush	F	13	Carol Weber
Cattanach	Seth Andrew	M	9	Martin Weber

Cheshier	Karissa Nicole	F	3	Marilyn Johnson
Clements	Catherine Wagner	F	11	Carol Weber
Darmody	Anna Bliss	F	6	Mary Kay Taylor
Diederichs	Kristen Marie	F	15	Marilyn Johnson
Doe	Stephanie Ann	F	3	Marilyn Johnson
Fischer	Katie Ann	F	11	Carol Weber
Gaetner	Hanna Kristin	F	13	Carol Weber
Gater	Samantha Rose	F	7	Mara Syman
Gilleo	Christopher Brian	M	12	Joel Bryan
Gray	Colin James	M	14	Martin Weber
Gualtieri	Grace Ann	F	3	Marilyn Johnson
Hammerlund	Andrew Dale	M	5	Charlie Payne
Hildebrandt	Mikayla Marie	F	11	Carol Weber
Jaap	Brian Michael	M	12	Joel Bryan
Johnson	David Deloss	M	2	Charlie Payne
Jostes	Gina Sibyl	F	17	Mara Syman
Kelly	Rachel Phillips	F	7	Mara Syman
Kensy	Kalista Marie	F	4	Sara Stivland
Kim	Ha Rim	M	14	Martin Weber
Kiolbasa	Edward Joseph	M	9	Martin Weber
Knudson	Kai Robert	M	10	Todd Stivland
Kobilka	Julia Renee	F	1	Sara Stivland
Koenning	Timothy William	M	9	Martin Weber
Kromer	Timothy Scott	M	16	Todd Stivland
Lawrence	Beatrice A	F	13	Carol Weber
Lebourgeois	Lauren Nicole	F	4	Sara Stivland
Linder	Noah Albert	M	12	Joel Bryan
Marchan	Lily Ann	F	7	Mara Syman
Meyer	Catherine Elizabeth	F	6	Mary Kay Taylor
Milker	Lauren Maria	F	8	Mary Kay Taylor
Moroney	Mackenzie Lynn	F	1	Sara Stivland
Morrissey	Elizabeth Megan	F	1	Sara Stivland
Nelson	Jack Robert	M	5	Charlie Payne
Nelson	Anya Siri	F	15	Marilyn Johnson
O'Connor	Petra Marie	F	8	Mary Kay Taylor
O'Shea	Brenn Marie	F	8	Mary Kay Taylor
Oberg	Alexander John	M	2	Charlie Payne
Patterson	Claire Elizabeth	F	15	Marilyn Johnson
Payne	Samuel Charles	M	2	Charlie Payne
Rich	Marley Rose	F	7	Mara Syman
Rorabeck	Casey Jo	F	13	Carol Weber

Rosa	Tessa Marie	F	17	Mara Syman
Sheely	Ann Mary	F	8	Mary Kay Taylor
Skaret	Charles Patrick	M	10	Todd Stivland
Stannard	Lars Peter Schubert	M	10	Todd Stivland
Stivland	Joshua Christian	M	16	Todd Stivland
Sweet	Benjamin Bradly	M	5	Charlie Payne
Tholen	Haley Marie	F	4	Sara Stivland
Tomlinson	Celeste Claire	F	17	Mara Syman
Turley	Isaac Court	M	14	Martin Weber
Wahto	Brennan Montana	M	16	Todd Stivland
Weber	Joseph Martin	M	9	Martin Weber
Weber	Claire Virginia	F	15	Marilyn Johnson
Weisbrod	Daniel M	M	10	Todd Stivland
Ylitalo	Maxwell Robert	M	5	Charlie Payne
Yokanovich	Maya	F	4	Sara Stivland

Student Travel etiquette

The Stillwater Bands travel with class and courtesy. For students, this includes behavior, dress, common politeness, courtesy to service staff, our tour guides and bus drivers. Any behavior that falls below these expectations will not be tolerated.

Basic Rules and Procedures

Above, I have covered the general expectations for behavior. In this section, I will cover the big issues. Please note that while on a school trip, we will adhere to all school regulations and to the standards of US law.

1. **Drugs and alcohol** –Any suspicion of such activity by a student will be dealt with immediately by the director, school administration and the student's parents. Proof of illicit use is punishable by being sent home at the student's expense and disciplinary measures by the school administration.
2. **Tobacco** – Like drugs and alcohol, this is an issue that also will be dealt with through the director, administration and parents.
3. **Weapons** – This may seem a bit of overkill, however, we will be flying. Sometimes students purchase items that may be a problem if they take them through security. We really do not need another toy sword coming home to Stillwater. Please do not purchase or bring any items, which would be in violation of our weapons policy at school or in violation of TSA guidelines (see attachment).
4. **Out of hotel** – No student is to be outside of the hotel after we return in the evening.

At the Hotel

I am a big person for lights out! We will have busy days and I would like everyone to get some sleep. Each evening, chaperones will check on your rooms. This gives you the time to chat with them and tell them about your day.

Each morning, I expect each student to eat a good breakfast. This will get your day off to a good start. Sleeping in can be done at home. We have places to go and things to see!

Student Dress Expectations/Packing list

When we travel as a group, we are judged by our appearance. All students will be expected to have nice, dress casual clothes for all public situations. **This means no T-shirts, ripped jeans, or busted up tennis shoes.** Look nice at all times. Our performance at the Lincoln Center will be in concert black.

Each student is allowed one suitcase (no more than 50 lbs and combined measurements of 60 inches), one small carry-on (Back Pack size 13 lbs max) and their instrument. Students are reminded that they carry everything they pack (including their instruments). Special items you are reminded to pack: Personal toiletries, swimsuit and clothes for the duration of the trip.

Weather

Please note that the current Washington DC weather is rainy and trending cooler. We will be outside quite a bit with our touring, so be prepared so you are comfortable.

www.weather.com

ID Tags

All students and chaperones will receive ID tags that will go on your checked luggage identifying you as part of this tour. They are provided by MCI and you will receive them on Monday along with your Sousa Festival Tshirt. Please also make sure that your carry on is clearly marked with your name and address. We will also ask on Thursday that you attach red and black ribbon (we will have it at the school) to each of your bags and instrument to easily identify it at the airport.

Personal Instrument Identification

Please fill out the identification information for your personal instrument at the link below.

<http://1drv.ms/22CNQjr>

Money

As all breakfasts, dinners (including a Brines bag dinner going to the airport on Thursday) and one lunch are provided. You will be on your own for three lunches. Know that lunches will be more expensive in DC than in the twin cities. I would recommend that students budget between \$15 a lunch, depending on what their eating habits may be.

As for buying gifts and souvenirs, I would recommend the use of a credit card if possible.

Gratuities

As is the custom in western cultures, it is proper to tip our guides and drivers. *Please note that all gratuities have been arranged ahead of time and no out of pocket costs will be expected from students or chaperones.*

Busses/Cars at SAHS

Coach busses are provided to and from the airport. The schedule is listed below. If any student needs to meet parents at the airport on our return, please let me know this week.

Thursday April 31

2:15 PM - Meet in band room and load busses.

2:45 PM – LEAVE SAHS to go to Airport

Monday, April 4

11:40 PM – Arrive at MSP

12:45 AM – Estimated arrival of busses at SAHS

Students will text when they are on the ground.

If you are leaving a car at SAHS, please complete the link below.

<http://1drv.ms/1MrOjh1>

TSA Boarding Guidelines

Please read the TSA guidelines carefully at the link below, as they will explain many of the current regulations.

<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening>

Trip Web Page

We will use the web site below to post details of our daily adventures.

<http://stillwaterbands.net/washington-dc-tour-2016-sousa-festival/>

Conclusion

This will be a great trip. It is an honor to play at the Kennedy Center! I have spoken with the conductors of the college ensembles with whom we will perform and they are excited for our ensembles to share music together.

I have always been blessed to travel with Stillwater Ensembles and look forward to taking off on Thursday. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me at the numbers above.

Dennis Lindsay
Stillwater Bands