

Xavier Music Festival Trip 2017

Music in the Parks – Six Flags New Jersey

Dear Xavier Music Parents and Students,

Our music festival trip is approaching the 3-week mark, and we are in the process of putting the final details together to ensure a successful experience for all involved. In this packet of information, you will find the full itinerary for Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. It is very important that you read through the itinerary thoroughly.

There will be a mandatory informational meeting for all students and chaperones on the evening of Wednesday, April 26. This is the same night as our scheduled dress rehearsal, so all music students should already have this date set aside on their calendars. I will meet with students and chaperones promptly at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium. This meeting will NOT be mandatory for parents, but any and all are welcome to attend with questions/concerns as necessary.

Since the bulk of information is out with this packet, parents are free to email me at any time with specific questions over the course of the next couple weeks. It is our hope with this packet, followed by our full student/chaperone meeting, to have a complete understanding of the expectations and guidelines for our overnight trip. All of our overnight trips in the past have gone smoothly, and we expect the same for the upcoming one as well.

After thoroughly reading the following information (rules, important trip items, itinerary), parents and students must print out and sign the last page of the packet. **This is due back to us upon return from April break, Tuesday, April 18, 2017.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Christopher J Dresko, Director of Music

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- All of Xavier's rules and policies governing student behavior (as outlined in the student handbook) will be enforced throughout the entire music festival trip. Students who end up breaking any of the rules laid out by directors and/or chaperones will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary actions upon return to school the following week.
- Students will be assigned a chaperone and will be in their chaperone groups for the vast majority of the trip. At no time will students be allowed to go off on their own (ie: at the park or the Franklin Institute). This is not only for student safety but also to ensure streamlined organization and accountability throughout the weekend.
- There will not be much "hang out" time at the hotel, so most of our time there will be getting checked in and settled into the rooms. Chaperones will do a formal check-in at curfew (TBD) and at that point, students are not allowed outside of their rooms until the morning. The trip package includes security guards that work for us overnight on any/all floors at the hotel. They will report to me if any student is seen in the hallways for any reason.
- Finally, at our full meeting I will be asking chaperones to exchange contact information (cell phone numbers) with the students in their respective groups. It is absolutely vital that chaperones and students have a way to contact each other in case of emergency. All chaperones will have contact information for me and Mr. Elligers.

IMPORTANT TRIP PARTICULARS

- Please note the arrival time for the weekend (6:00 AM). Any student having any difficulty regarding arrival should contact his chaperone immediately. We will leave promptly at 6:30 AM.
- Students should be in concert attire when they arrive at Xavier High School on Friday. We will be traveling directly to the performance sites. Jackets and ties can be kept off until we arrive at our destination, but students should be in the rest of the concert attire from the start of the day

- Students should bring breakfast and lunch with them on the first day. Breakfast can/should be eaten on the way down to the performance site. Lunch will need to be eaten following the ensemble performances and prior to our arrival at Six Flags. Dinner is included in the form of a meal voucher to be used at the park.
- The award ceremony will be held at the park. However, since our overall time at the park is relatively short (depending on how full the park gets in late April) we will NOT be making student attendance at the award ceremony mandatory. This will be discussed more thoroughly at the student/chaperone meeting on April 26.
- Any students who wish to go to mass in the morning will need to check-out and take the bus over to the local church at 7:30 AM. We will be sure they still get the breakfast included in the trip package!
- Lunch/dinner on the second day is not included in the cost of the trip. We will be eating at the Reading Terminal Market, so students will need some cash for that meal. Additionally, we will make a stop on the trip home and if students wish to eat dinner there, they will need cash for that as well. I would plan on roughly \$30 to cover those two meals.
- If students wish to purchase anything at the park or the Franklin Institute to bring home, that is completely separate from the trip package. Parents and students should plan accordingly for any additional cash to cover such expenses.
- Finally, the approximate arrival time back at Xavier is 7:30 PM, but that will fluctuate based off our travel back to the school. I will ask all students to text parents when we have a good gauge of our arrival time, but please be prepared to pick up anywhere from 6:30 PM and beyond. This is a long weekend for all involved, so the last thing directors/chaperones want is to get home after such a full and draining time only to wait an additional 30-60 minutes for a parent to arrive for pick up.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL ITINERARY
NEW JERSEY/ PHILADELPHIA
APRIL 29-30, 2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

6:00AM BUSES (2) ARRIVE AT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL (181 RANDOLPH RD, MIDDLETOWN, CT)
6:30AM DEPART XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL FOR MUSIC IN THE PARKS ADJUDICATIONS

ADJUDICATION SITE: JACKSON LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL
125 NORTH HOPE CHAPEL ROAD
JACKSON, NJ 08527

11:00AM APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL AT JACKSON LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR FESTIVAL CHECK IN
AND ADJUDICATIONS (ALL ADJUDICATIONS TAKE PLACE AT THIS SCHOOL)

TBA LUNCH (BAG LUNCH FROM HOME)

11:20 AM JAZZ BAND WARM UP (CAFETERIA A)
11:45AM JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE (CAFETERIA B)
12:10PM JAZZ BAND FINISHES

11:45AM STRING ORCHESTRA WARM UP (CAFETERIA A)
12:10PM STRING ORCHESTRAS PERFORMANCE (CAFETERIA B)
12:35PM STRING ORCHESTRA FINISHES

12:20PM CHORUS WARM UP (CHOIR ROOM)
12:40PM CHORUS PERFORMS (GYMNASIUM)
1:00PM CHORUS FINISHES

12:35PM CONCERT BAND WARM UP (BAND ROOM)
1:00PM CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE (AUDITORIUM)
1:25PM CONCERT BAND FINISHES

TBA FOLLOWING FINAL ADJUDICATION GROUPS WILL CHANGE IN THE RESTROOMS (OR
UTILIZE BUSES)

2:00PM DEPART FOR SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

2:45PM ARRIVE AT SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE (INCLUDED)

PARK HOURS-10:30AM-8:00PM

YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE FOOD STAND VOUCHER TO BE USED AT THE PARK

TBA PM AWARDS CEREMONY IN THE "MOVIETOWN ARENA"

6:30PM ENJOY TIME IN THE PARK AND DINNER (MEAL VOUCHER PROVIDED)

8:00PM PARK CLOSES. GROUP WILL BOARD BUSES

8:15PM APPROXIMATE DEPARTURE TIME FROM THE PARK TO HOLIDAY INN
PHILADELPHIA CHERRY HILL, CHERRY HILL, NJ

9:00PM APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL AT HOTEL FOR GROUP CHECK IN

11:00PM TWO SECURITY GUARDS ON DUTY FROM 11PM-6AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

7:00-8:00AM FULL AMERICAN BUFFET BREAKFAST AT HOTEL (INCLUDED)

*FOR THOSE STUDENTS WANTING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS (8:00AM) THEY WILL CHECK OUT OF ROOMS PRIOR TO BUS DEPARTURE TO:

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY
2001 SPRINGDALE ROAD
CHERRY HILL, NJ**

7:30AM ONE BUS WILL DEPART HOTEL FOR THE CHURCH TO DROP OFF THOSE STUDENTS WANTING TO ATTEND MASS
7:45AM APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL AT THE CHURCH-AFTER DROP OFF BUS WILL RETURN TO THE HOTEL AND FOR GROUP CHECK OUT
8:00AM FOLLOWING BREAKFAST ALL OTHERS WILL START CHECKING OUT OF ROOMS AND LOADING BUSES
8:45AM DEPART HOTEL WITH STOP AT THE CHURCH FOR PICK UP AFTER MASS AND THEN ON TO PHILADELPHIA (FRANKLIN INSTITUTE)
9:45AM APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE FOR SELF GUIDED VISIT TO INCLUDE ONE IMAX PRESENTATION
12:15PM- IMAX SHOW- "EXTREME WEATHER" (APPROX. 45 MINUTES)
1:00PM BOARD BUSES AND DEPART FOR READING TERMINAL MARKET
1:30PM LUNCH (ON OWN) AT READING TERMINAL MARKET
2:30PM DEPART PHILADELPHIA FOR XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL WITH REST STOP ENROUTE
7:30PM APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL AT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

****ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON****

WHERE YOU ARE STAYING:

HOLIDAY INN PHILADELPHIA CHERRY HILL
2175 MARLTON PIKE ROAD WEST
CHERRY HILL, NJ
TEL: 856-663-5300

FESTIVAL TRIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Please check the following statements and return just this page on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

_____ I have thoroughly read through the rules/regulations, important items, and trip itinerary for the festival trip on Apr. 29/30.

_____ I understand that a mandatory meeting for all students will take place on Wednesday, April 26 @ 6:30 PM.

Parent Name (PRINT)

Parent Signature

DATE

Student Name (PRINT)

Student Signature

DATE
