

GREATER JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL



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Pride, Tradition and Excellence

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, the JHS Music ensembles will be taking a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL! (Pending Board Approval)

Equally exciting, we will be teaming up in Florida with other local Johnstown schools and combining forces for our performances and workshops in the park. This currently includes the music departments of Ferndale, Richland, Somerset, Westmont, and Forest Hills.

The trip is open to any student enrolled in Marching Band, Orchestra, and Chorale.

- The trip will take place between **April 10 – April 15th, 2019**
- Cost will be \$850 per student, apx. \$850+ per chaperone depending on rooming(TBD)
- Various fundraisers will be offered to help offset the cost of the trip.

Trip inclusions:

- 4 Days at the Disney parks (Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom)
- 4 Day Meal Plan (4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners, 4 snacks) (Meals on travel days TBD)
- 3 Nights Hotel (on Disney property)
- Disney Performing Arts and Education Clinics and Performances
 - Band – A parade/performance from a TBD park
 - Orchestra – Animation/Film Scoring Clinic
 - Chorus – Performance from a TBD Disney location
- Hotel Security
- Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation

Tentative Itinerary (detailed schedule TBA):

Wed, April 10	AM- Meet at Richland High School for rehearsal day and load up. PM – Depart by bus for Orlando
Thurs, April 11	Late Morning - Arrive at Disney World
Fri, April 12	Orchestra Animation Clinic/Film Score Clinic and Park Day
Sat, April 13	Choral Performance, Parade and Park Day
Sun, April 14	Park Day, Late Afternoon - Depart Orlando for Richland High School
Mon, April 15	Early Afternoon - Arrive at Richland High School

Due to the synergistic nature of all the schools involved, a “security deposit” of \$160, must be paid by Friday, September 7th in order to lock in your place for the trip. By making this first payment, you are making an unbreakable financial commitment and will not be permitted to back out of the trip under any circumstance.

Please see the reverse of this sheet for frequently asked questions regarding music department trips. If you have any other questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact us as listed below.

Sincerely,

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Greater Johnstown High School
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Mr. Bukosky/Mr. Pfeil - Frequently Asked Trip Questions

Q: Does my child have to go on this trip?

A: Absolutely not. While we encourage your child to fundraise to help offset the cost, as we want as many students to go as possible. Regardless, this trip is not required or graded.

Q: After making my first payment (security deposit), what if I can no longer go on the trip?

A: Unfortunately, you will still be required to pay the remainder of the cost of your trip. This is to ensure that all other students will be able to attend the trip. **Situations like this are non-negotiable under any circumstance.**

Q: I can't meet the payment deadlines. Am I able to pay the whole cost of the trip at the very end before departure?

A: No. Unfortunately, we are required to make installment payments to various places to ensure we have enough finances to cover the cost of hotel rooms, bus seats, tickets, etc. for everyone. Therefore, all payment deadlines must be adhered to.

Q: Can I pay the full cost of the trip up front?

A: Yes. If you are able to, please feel free to do so.

Q: Can marching band booster money be used to pay for the trip?

A: Yes, only for Marching Band students attending the trip.

Q: What kind of safety measures and supervision will be in place during the duration of the trip?

A: All students will be constantly supervised by GJSD board approved chaperones/teachers. All luggage and carry-on bags will be checked by staff members prior to our departure. Students will be "taped" into their hotel rooms each night and will be monitored by a security guard while at the hotel. Frequent chaperone check-ins will also be enforced. As always, this is a school sponsored function, and therefore all expectations found in the GJSD Code of Conduct will remain in effect at all times.

Q: Will my child's overall grade in your class affect their opportunity to go on the trip?

A: Yes. As per my syllabus, all students are required to maintain at least a **C average for only their participation grade** in order to attend any trip. I reserve the right to not allow a student to attend prior to 24 hours before departure. As stated above, no refund will be given.

Q: If my child raises more money than necessary, what will happen to it?

A: Only seniors will be allowed to "zero out" their account before the trip happens. A written request must be submitted. All other 9-11 grade students will have their money stay in their account for use in future trips and functions until graduation. Please see "Student Account Guidelines" within your ensemble syllabus for more information or see the band booster treasurer.

Q: What if my child moves before the trip?

A: They are still responsible for paying their full cost of the trip or finding someone "new" to take their spot. Any money left in their account will not be refunded and automatically be used for general trip related expenses.

Disney Payment Schedule 2018-2019

All payments are due by 3pm of the day listed.

<u>Payment #</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Payment 1	Friday, September 7 th , 2018	\$160	\$160
Payment 2	Friday, October 12 th , 2018	\$160	\$320
Payment 3	Friday, November 9 th , 2018	\$160	\$480
Payment 4	Friday, December 7 th , 2018	\$160	\$640
Payment 5	Friday, January 11 th , 2019	\$80	\$720
Payment 6	Friday, February 8 th , 2019	\$80	\$800
Payment 7	Friday, March 8 th , 2019	\$50	\$850

The **bolded** amount in the rightmost column is **how much money needs to be in your student account on the date the payment is due**. This account balance can be checked by asking the band booster treasurer (Marching Band students) or by asking Mr. Bukosky (all other students).

***Please be aware that \$850 is the HIGHEST POSSIBLE amount your child will owe for this trip. It is our plan to do multiple group fundraisers to help offset the cost of our bus. If the bus cost goes down, the total student cost will also go down and the final 2-3 payments will be adjusted.**



CHAPERONE CODE OF CONDUCT:

1. All adults who attend will be asked to help in a chaperoning role.
2. Chaperones are responsible for checking in with their group throughout the day and knowing which park their group is in.
3. I understand that I am representing my school, my community, and my family and will do so with my best attitude, conduct, and effort.
4. I will be courteous and respectful of everyone on the trip including other hotel guests, all directors, bus drivers, chaperones, and fellow students from my school and other schools.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I understand that I am representing my school, my community, and my family and will do so with my best attitude, conduct, and effort. I will be courteous and respectful of everyone on the trip including other hotel guests, all directors, bus drivers, chaperones, and fellow students from my school and other schools.
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3. Any accidents, injuries, or illnesses should be reported to the director and chaperone.
4. I will be on time and attend all mandatory meeting times and performances listed in the schedule.
5. I **will not** leave Disney property for any reason.
6. I will abide by all school and trip rules while on this trip. Serious infractions may result in being sent home **at your parent/guardian's expense** and or accepting any further discipline consequences given by my school district upon my return. Should the infraction involve any illegal activity, the police of the jurisdiction where the infraction is discovered will be notified.
7. Student behavior in school and during all school-sponsored activities shall be in accordance with everyone's school rules and policies as outlined in each school's student handbook.
8. Students shall follow all drug and alcohol rules as defined in their student handbooks.
9. Students must attend school prior to the trip, and immediately following the trip.

HOTEL BEHAVIOR:

1. I understand there will be NO boys in girls' rooms and NO girls in boys' rooms
2. I will not be allowed to change rooms without permission of my director.
3. I will respect the hotel property as well as the belongings of my roommate.
4. All set curfew and meetings times must be adhered to.
5. Students may not order room service, pay-per-view, or use the hotel phone for any billed calls.

Disney Trip – Payment Contract



Parents: please read and be familiar with all information before signing this form.

By making my initial payment, I understand that:

- by making the first payment, I am officially committing to attend the trip.
- the money for each payment is due on the dates shown on the schedule. **No exceptions.**
- **if my child backs out of this trip (for any reason) after my first deposit has been turned in that I am required to pay the remainder of the costs.**
- my child must maintain at least a C average for their participation grade in order to attend.
- **ALL rehearsals/auditions for Disney are mandatory. Dates announced ASAP.**
- if the trip would be canceled for any reason, my money will be refunded to me.
- no promise can be made as to how much money your child can fundraise. You must pay the difference of any money not fundraised in order to make a full payment on time.
- my child must follow all expectations as found in the JHS Code Of Conduct and Student Code Of Conduct found within this packet.
- **Serious rule infractions will result in being sent home at your family's expense. Should the infraction involve any illegal activity, local police will be notified.**

This contract, medical form, and initial payment of \$160 are due to Mr. Bukosky or Mr. Pfeil by September 7 at 3pm.

All checks can be made out to JHS Band Boosters (Mr. Pfeil) or JHS Music (Mr. Bukosky). Please include the student's name and payment number in the memo.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date Signed

JHS Music Trip Medical Form

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Family Physician: _____

Office Phone: (____) _____

Health Insurance Co.: _____

Policy Number (Individual): _____

Group No.: _____

Please list any health information that might be needed. **Also, please specify if you have given your child permission to carry and consume any medications during the trip:** (Allergies, inhalers, chronic conditions, recent injuries, illness, etc.)

Is your child currently under a physician's care? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Please list any medication your child will be taking throughout the trip: _____

Is your child currently under counseling? Yes No

In the event of injury or illness to my child during his/her participation of the trip, if the parents/guardians mentioned above cannot be reached, we hereby give permission for the necessary medical treatment to be given to our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

In the event that you cannot be reached, please list two emergency contacts we may call for advice or direction in caring for your child in case of a serious accident, illness, operation, or other disaster.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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