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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Pending administration approval, ***we are pleased to announce that the JHS Music Department is going to Walt Disney World in 2022!*** Equally exciting, we will be teaming up with other local Johnstown schools and combining forces for our performances and workshops while in Florida. While the full specifics of the trip won't be ready until August, we can share the following details:

- The trip is open to any enrolled member of the JHS Chorale, Orchestra, or Marching Band.
 - "Pull Out" members of ensembles are not considered to be "enrolled" in the ensemble.
 - Marching band members must be in good standing and fully complete the season in order to attend.
- Trip will take place between **March 30 – April 4th, 2022**
- Cost will be approximately \$750 per student (TBD)
 - Monthly payments will be due in September, October, November, January, February, & March.
- Several fundraisers throughout the school year 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 Disney Gift cards for food (\$40 each day - \$160 total) (Meals on travel days TBD)
 - 3 Nights Hotel (on Disney property, All-Star Movies Resort)
 - Disney Performing Arts and Education Clinics and Performances
 - Marching Band – A parade/performance from a TBD park
 - Orchestra – A performance from a TBD park/location
 - Chorus – A performance from a TBD park/location
 - Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation

Tentative Itinerary (detailed schedule TBA):

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| Wed, March 30 | PM – Depart by bus for Orlando | Sun, April 3 | Park Day/Performance TBD, Depart Orlando for Johnstown |
| Thur, March 31 | Late Morning - Arrive at Disney World | | |
| Fri, April 1 | Park Day/Performance TBD | Mon, April 4 | Early Afternoon - Arrive Home |
| Sat, April 2 | Park Day/Performance TBD | | |

Due to the synergistic nature of all the schools involved, a "security deposit" of \$160, must be paid by Friday, September 10th 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. More detailed information will be made available in the fall. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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JHS Trips - Frequently Asked 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, 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, or make arrangements with another music student to take over your spot. 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: How will payment and fundraisers be taken care of if my child is in both Marching Band/Colorguard and an ensemble with Mr. Bukosky?

A: Your child will automatically be going through the JHS Performing Ensembles club account with their payments. If students would like to use their Band Booster student account to make payments to the club account they may. Students in Chorale/Orchestra with Mr. Bukosky will store their money in the Club account. Money fundraised through non-marching band fundraisers will be transferred to your club account.

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 carryon bags will be checked by staff members and a school resource officer prior to our departure. Students will be "taped" into their hotel rooms each night and will be monitored 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 the syllabus, all students are required to maintain at least a **C average for only their participation grade** in order to attend any trip. We 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 at the end of the school year. A written request from a parent must be submitted. All other 8-11 grade students will have their money stay in their account for use in future trips and functions until graduation. See ensemble syllabus for more information.

Q: What if my child moves before the trip?

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