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Washington D.C.

Wednesday, May 31 - Friday, June 2, 2023

A Great Experience!

- Final culmination of the LBMS experience.
- Last year's trip was the first in 2 years. Went GREAT!
- Lasting memories with friends
- Fully curricular experience – wrapping up and providing extension with curriculum taught all 8th grade year social studies and all core courses.
- Chaperoned by WCS Staff (7th and 8th Grade)
- Medical professional on hand
- Nighttime supervision provided
- Students will learn and have a packed itinerary

Important Dates

- **November 17**: 150.00 Refundable (with exceptions) deposit due to secure reservation
- **February 17**: Second deposit of 223.00
- **March 31**: Pay remaining balance of 223.00
 - Turn in Emergency Data Sheet (Will be done via Google Form)
 - Turn in Authorization to Consent to Treatment of a Minor (Will be done via Google Form)
- **Weds, May 24**: Parent Information Night at 6:30 (LBMS Gymnasium - Required)
- **Weds, May 24**: Medication Form and all Meds Due in LBMS Office or at Meeting that evening

Nowak Tours

- Itinerary (Packets Available on LBMS Website (Click on Schools, LBMS, Washington, DC Trip on the Left Side)
- Payment Process (Information provided in the packet, or linked through the LBMS website)
- Tour Details and Information

(Please refer to Nowak Tours informational packet for contact information, payment links, etc. All packets from this presentation are also available on our LBMS Washington, DC Trip Page, along with links to Nowak's payment system)

Departure and Return

- Departure will be promptly at the time listed on the itinerary
- Luggage Dropoff will be May 30 from 5:00-6:30pm
- Students must arrive ½ hour before departure time and go to assigned areas
- Upon return, parents are expected to be at the school at or before arrival time (updates will be sent via twitter and student cell phones)
- More information will be presented at the Parent Information Night on May 24.

Behavioral Expectations

- Excellent behavior the entire trip
- Representatives of family, school, and district
- We ask for parent assistance in relaying the importance of courteous and proper behavior well in advance of the trip
- Safety is of utmost importance
- Traveling in a large group is very different than a family trip

Removal From Trip

- Students are expected to behave and follow the code of conduct throughout the school year.
- Office referrals, continual disruptions or behavior concerns can warrant a student's removal from the DC trip.
- Behavior will be tracked and logged
- If students pass certain pre-defined thresholds, they will be removed.
- Deposits are lost and may not be refundable
- Will finalize and communicate guidelines clearly to parents very soon.

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONICS

- Cell Phone / electronic games are permitted. (Wi-Fi and plug-ins will be available on the bus.)
 - On the bus, phones are to be on vibrate mode
 - Cell phones are to be turned off and put away whenever we have a tour guide on the bus talking and when touring at the various sites.
 - Phones will be taken away if seen at inappropriate times.
- If cell phones are used inappropriately, they will be confiscated and returned to a parent on Friday.
- If usage violates school policy, students will be disciplined. Cyber bullying, accessing or distributing obscene material, will be reported to and dealt with by the local Police Department and any other governing law enforcement agency.
- DVD's, cameras, and all electronics must be labeled with your name and are brought at your own risk. Westlake City School District is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal devices.
- Gaming systems are not to be brought and will be confiscated.

Luggage/Packing

- Students are permitted one 19x26 “normal” size suitcase and one soft carry-on bag.
- Suggestions and requirements for what to pack are located in the packet and will be discussed again at the Parent Information Night in May.
- School Code of Conduct and dress code will still apply on the trip
- Students will have 3 T-shirts designed as part of the cost of the trip - makes packing easier
- Parents are required to supervise the packing process to ensure that students do not bring items that violate the code of conduct
- More specific information will be provided

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- REQUIRED PAPERWORK FOR ALL STUDENTS:
 - Emergency Data Sheet (Google Form)
 - Signed the Authorization to Consent to Treatment of a Minor form. (Google Form)
 - Medication Form (Must be signed by physician and turned in physically)
- Please note all the medical information on the permission form we need to know including all allergies, chronic conditions, etc.
- **ALL FORMS AND MEDICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN WEDS, MAY 24^H. Students who do not have the completed forms will not be permitted on the trip.**

Odds and Ends

- Busses – Roommates will be assigned to the same chaperones and bus.
- Team Captains: Each room will have a team captain responsible for holding the room key, taking attendance on the bus, in the room, and at various sites
- Sack Lunch and Drinks: There will be one day with a packed lunch: Avoid all peanut and milk products and should be free of glass
- Average students spends 25-50 on the trip.
- More specific details to be provided at the Parent Information Night on May 24.

MEDICATION CONSENT FORM(S)

- **A Staff member will carry and administer all medication except rescue medications: inhalers and Epi-Pens.**
- Over the counter medications must be listed on the back side of the form and the form must be signed by a parent.
- If your student needs to take **any prescription medication**, you must complete the form with the medication name, dosage and times to be administered. The parent and a physician **MUST** sign this form.
- This form must include if your student will carry and self-administer his/her inhaler and/or Epi-Pen. If your child has an allergy and carries an Epi-Pen you must also complete an *Emergency Action Plan*.
- All medications must be in original bottles or packages.
- The parent must deliver the medications and this completed form to the office by **May 24th**.
- Students may not share medicine. If a student is caught distributing or taking a drug, local authorities will be contacted as per the board policy.

Additional Information

- The Washington DC packet and forms are located on the LBMS website. **Please read and review.**
- You can follow us on Twitter for updates.
[@LBMS_Westlake](#)

Fundraising and PTA

- We will be working with Stoller Fundraising, who is directly involved with Nowak Tours.
- Funds are not raised directly through LBMS.
- Funds are sent to Nowak in one large check.
- Nowak then separates funds.
- In the event of cancellation, these funds are not refundable.
- This year, we are again selling Granola! (Flyer shared via messenger)

Questions

At this time, Mr. Barre will address Q and A live during webinar above what he has not been able to during the presentation.

Please always feel free to contact me at 440-250-1303 or at barrek@wlake.org at any time regarding all things Washington, DC. This includes any private concerns or questions you have regarding cost, access, or medical information.