

# DC Pre-Departure Parent Meeting

May 5, 2025

1. Review behavior policy.
2. Please check your child's luggage--**no medication, no gaming devices that plug in, and make sure luggage is CLEARLY marked.**
3. All medications were due TODAY! Last-minute prescription medications to Mrs. Lefoer as soon as possible. We will treat kids just as we do in school. Mrs. Lefoer will notify you if there is a problem. No news is good news!
4. Name and phone number for the hotel:

Holiday Inn Chantilly  
4335 Chantilly Shopping Center  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
(703) 815-6060

5. Bag checks (see bright green paper for report times).
6. We will depart from **PSHS** promptly at **8:00 a.m.** There will be a staggered report time for bag checks.

Students are not allowed to board the buses until they check in with a chaperone. To board the bus, students will need to show us their:

- ★ **Bagged lunch** (students might also want to have a snack for breakfast if they don't eat at home in the morning)
- ★ **Jacket** (should NOT be a hoodie/sweatshirt material)

7. If your child is sick, please do not send them. If they miss the bus, you will need to meet us at the rest stop. Worst case scenario, you can meet us in D.C.
8. Chaperones--**Mike Daley, Abby Aebischer, Haley Shaffer, Katie Courtney, Janice Hohloch, Alaina McMahon, Dr. Mowad, Mrs. Mowad, Dave Purins, Andrew Mamula, Pam Lorenzi, and Holly Lefoer.**
  - Each chaperone will be assigned 8-12 students
9. Clothes
  - Keep an eye on the weather--umbrella/ sunscreen--tour company provides ponchos if needed!
  - One change of clothes each day!
  - Two pairs of **comfortable** walking shoes--NO CROCS/SLIPPERS/SANDALS
  - In dress code the entire trip -- including the bus ride to and from DC
  - NO GUM OR HATS ALLOWED
10. Please pack bottled water! Students will be permitted to have water while touring and on the bus. We want to make sure everyone stays hydrated! Plan for at least 2 bottles per day (the tour company is supplying 2 bottles of water per day as well).
11. Students are permitted to have snacks in the room. Please, NO energy drinks.
12. Light snacks are permitted on the bus: crackers, pretzels, granola bars, fruit - **NO NUT PRODUCTS!**
  - **Please no sharing of snacks due to food allergies.**
13. Spending money--depends on souvenirs/if students want extra money for food (\$25-\$100)
14. Send phone chargers!
15. AirPods/cell phones are allowed
16. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for DC pictures and updates! You must sign up for an account if you don't already have one!
17. Miss Aebischer's phone number-- **330-550-6082** Mrs. Hohloch's phone number -- **330-550-6633**



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# Poland 8th Grade to Washington, D.C.

## May 21-23, 2025

### **\*Tentative Itinerary\***

#### **Day 1: Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

7:30 am -- Buses arrive at PSHS for loading

8:00 am -- Depart for Washington, DC (rest stops en route)

12:30 pm -- Maryland Welcome Center for lunch on own **\*\*PACKED Brown-Bag**

**Lunch\*\***

2:45 pm -- Arlington Cemetery - TRAM RESERVATION

*Afternoon touring to include: Iwo Jima and the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial*

4:30 pm -- Dinner at **Reagan International Trade Center Food Court** (meal included--\$15.00 Cash)

7:30 pm -- Evening touring to include the Tidal Basin Memorials:

- Jefferson Memorial
- FDR Memorial
- MLK Memorial

9:00 pm -- Check into the hotel (*all-night private security provided*)

#### **Day 2: Thursday, May 22, 2025**

7:00 am -- Hot breakfast buffet included at the hotel

8:00 am -- Depart from hotel

8:45 am -- White House Exterior Photo Stop

9:15 am -- National Archives

10:15 am -- The American History/Natural History Smithsonian Museums & Souvenir Shopping

12:15 pm -- Lunch at **Smithsonian Food Court** (meal included--\$20.00 Cash)

1:15 pm -- Grant Memorial Group Photo in front of the Capitol Building (PhotoNation)

2:00 pm -- Library of Congress walkabout

3:00 pm -- Holocaust Museum--Daniel's Story Exhibit

5:00 pm -- Dinner reservation at **Crystal City Sports Bar** (meal included)

6:00 pm -- Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, and WWII Memorials

9:30 pm -- Return to the hotel (*all-night private security provided*)

#### **Day 3: Friday, May 23, 2025**

7:15 am -- Hot breakfast buffet included at the hotel

8:15 am -- Load luggage and depart from hotel

8:30 am -- Mount Vernon:

- Movie Introduction to Mount Vernon
- Grounds tour/Washington's tomb
- Mansion tour
- Explore museum
- Souvenir shopping

10:30 am -- Depart Mount Vernon

11:15 am -- Tour of Ford's Theatre & Peterson House

12:30 pm -- Lunch at **Hard Rock Cafe** (meal included)

- Souvenir Shopping

2:00 pm -- Embassy Row and depart for home

6:00 pm -- **Dinner stop** (meal included--\$15.00)

9:00 pm -- Approximate return time back to PSHS!

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- Students will find out their bus assignment on **Tuesday, May 20**
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