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Dear Eighth Grade Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to announce that your child will be taking part in an unforgettable educational adventure in **Washington, D.C.** from **November 11–13, 2026**. In partnership with WorldStrides, students will explore inspiring monuments and memorials, visit world-class museums, and experience the history and culture of our nation in meaningful and memorable ways. This trip is designed to spark curiosity, inspire learning, and create experiences that will stay with them long after the trip ends.

Please note the following important information:

Departure and Arrival:

- Students should convene in the A.P Room on Wednesday, Nov 11, at 6:15 am.
- Please place medications in labeled zip-lock bags and give them to Ms. Jafri by the morning of the trip.
- We will board the bus at 7:00 am.
- Our anticipated arrival in Washington, DC is around 11:30 am.
- Departure from Washington, DC is scheduled for 3:00 pm on Fri Nov 13.
- Return to the school is expected around 8:00 pm.
- If we are delayed a notification will be sent home via PCR with an updated estimated arrival time.

Supervision:

- 24/7 supervision is provided by chaperones Ms. Noreen Jafri (Trip Leader),. Mr. Lee Nicolls, Ms. Tanda Tucker and Ms. Christina Jackson.
- WorldStrides ensures additional oversight with a Course Leader during the day and on-site security guards overnight at the hotel.

Health and Safety:

- While no mandatory medical examination is required, students should be physically prepared for extended walking. You may wish to consult your physician if any concerns should be brought to our attention.
- If a child falls ill on the morning of the trip or ahead of the trip, parents are urged to keep them at home and promptly notify the middle school office.

Communication:

- Students are prohibited from bringing cell phones or any electronic devices (gaming, laptops, iPads, etc). **Bringing a cell phone is grounds for removal from this trip.**

- Chaperones will carry phones for emergencies, and Ms. Valentine can be directly contacted.
- Students will not call home during the week unless it is an emergency. The phones in the students' rooms will not be equipped for outside calls. Any calls home will be made from a chaperone's room.
- The emergency contact number provided by WorldStrides is (800) 245-7868.

Meals and Spending Money:

- The trip is fully inclusive, with meals planned by WorldStrides and considerations for vegetarian options.
- Students are allowed to carry a wallet with up to $100 for personal expenses.

Forms:

- (1) WorldStride Code of Conduct form (attached). Parents and students complete and return.
- (2) WorldStrides Medical Release (attached). Complete and return.
- Please ensure both forms are completed/returned to the middle school office by Friday, Sep 18.

Packing list:

- Please find the packing list attached

This trip combines education and enjoyment and is structured to provide safety and security. Should you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Jafri via email: at njafri@whschool.org or by phone: at (908) 754-1882 ext 308. We can't wait to share this incredible journey with your child!

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
WorldStrides Medical Release Form
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Packing Guidelines

Washington, DC Packing Guidelines

During our three-day, two-night trip, students are limited to bringing ONE suitcase and ONE backpack. To ensure belongings are easily identified, please LABEL all clothing, bags, etc., with the student's last name and phone number.

Required Items:

- 3 - 4 uniform tops
- 1 - 2 Wardlaw Hartridge sweaters/quarter zips
- 2 - 3 pairs of uniform pants or skort
- 3 - 4 underwear and pairs of socks
- Pajamas
- 2 pairs of walking shoes (water-resistant sneakers are recommended)
- One W-H themed "dress down" outfit: W+H sweatshirt, tee or top, and dress-down-appropriate pants or bottoms
- Rain-appropriate jacket/poncho or outer layer
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, deodorant, hairbrush, toothbrush/toothpaste, glasses/eyecare if needed
- Refillable water bottle
- Students will need a small string bag or backpack to carry handouts, pens, pencils, souvenirs.

Recommended/Optional Items:

- Wristwatch (no smartwatches are permitted)
- Snacks for the room (no nuts or food requiring preparation; only pre-packaged individual snacks)
- Laundry bag for dirty clothing
- School-appropriate free reading book
- Camera (must be just a camera, not a phone or device; disposable cameras are a great option)
- Wallet and spending money (limit $100)

DO NOT BRING:

- Electronics or medications in your bag
- All medications should be turned in to Mrs. Jafri on the morning of the trip.
- Absolutely NO gum or electronics (phones, iPads, game consoles, laptops, etc.) are permitted on the trip.
- Umbrellas are not permitted in many buildings

BRING:

Your finest behavior and positive attitude