

DC Trip Parent Meeting
11/4/26

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Wednesday, April 7th –

9:30a – Depart Dake for DC.- Students will need to bring a lunch and snacks for the bus ride

3:00p – Arrive at Gettysburg for self-guided tour

6:00p – Arrive in Old Town Alexandria for dinner & Ghost tour

10:30p – Arrive at hotel

Thursday, April 8th –

7:45a – Breakfast at hotel

10:00a – Iwa Jima Marine Corps Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Wreath Laying Ceremony at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1:00p – Lunch at Pentagon City Mall

2:30p – Sightseeing at Museums

5:45p – Dinner at Reagan Food Court

7:00p – Memorials & Monuments at night

10:00p – Return to hotel

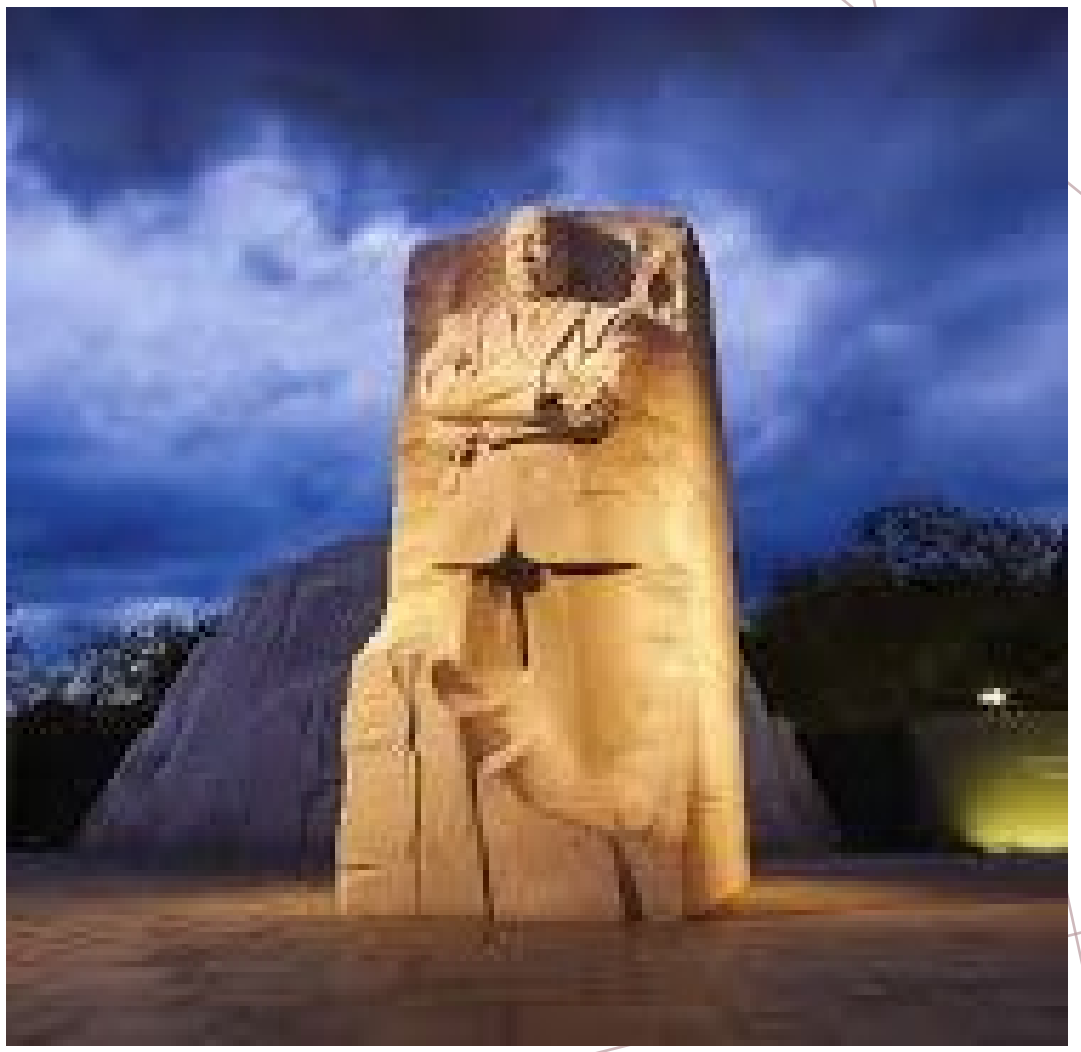
Friday, April 9th –

8:00a – Breakfast at hotel

10:00a – Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum

11:30a – Depart for home stopping at Bucknell University for dinner enroute

9:30p – Estimated arrival back at Dake



Behavior Expectations

Before the Trip

- All students are expected to follow the district code of conduct
- A behavior contract will be presented to students in the next coming days in social studies classes – students & parents will need to review & sign the contract to be eligible to attend the trip
- Students with behavior concerns may be put on a Restorative Action Plan to help them meet expectations leading up to the trip. Major safety concerns or persistent level 2 behavior concerns and/or refusal to complete and participate the Restorative Action Plan will result in removal from the trip.

During the Trip

- All students are expected to follow the district code of conduct
- Follow directions of chaperone at all times
- Students must be with a peer or chaperone at all times
- Cell phones should only be used at appropriate times per the directions of your chaperone
- Once in the hotel, students must stay in their assigned room
- Breaking of this contract can result in consequences ranging from removal of activities/privileges on the trip to being sent home at parent/guardian expense.

Rooming & Walking Groups

- Students will choose their groups in late January
- There will be four students assigned to a room
- Whomever students room will also part of their walking group
- There will be no more than three rooming groups assigned to a chaperone



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

- Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins tonight!
- Fundraiser goes until November 18th
- Students receive approximately 40% of their sales applied directly to their final payment total
- This fundraiser will be similar to the popcorn fundraiser except:

  -Sales should be local, because shipping is not recommended

  -Families will need to PICK UP items from the school and deliver them

  -Pick up will be on Wednesday, December 16th from 3:00PM to 5:30pm from the DAKE cafeteria

SCOREBOARD

Dake Junior High Washington DC

01

Download the App

Search for **SCOREBOARD FR** in your App Store, then download and install the app.



02

Create Your Account

Tap "Sign Up" and join your fundraising campaign.

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Participant Code

03

Complete Your Setup

Select your sport and fundraising team, Confirm your goal amount
Verify your mobile number by entering the code sent via text
Enable: Location Services (Allow Current Location), Push Notifications

Share QR Code

04

Final Step - Upload Your Profile Photo

Upload a clear profile photo during the final verification step.
This photo will appear on your donation page and plays an important role in your campaign.

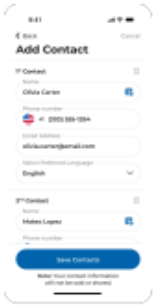


How to Make a Sale

01

Add Contacts

Tap the **Contacts bubble** at the bottom right of your screen. Tap "Load Previous Contacts". Add additional contacts to reach at least 20 quality contacts.



02

Send Your Link to Contacts

Tap the blue text bubble icon next to each contact and send your link to all your contacts.

03

In-Person Credit Card Sales

Tap the **SELL tab** at the **bottom** of your screen. Show the QR code to your supporter and have them scan with their phone's camera and fill out the prompts.

About Remaining Tabs

- **SCOREBOARD TAB:** Shows your sales progress, daily pace, team, and individual leaderboards.
- **DATES & PRIZES TAB:** Shows checkpoint dates and all the prizes you can earn during the fundraiser. Earn great stuff!
- **REPORTS TAB:** Shows all of your sales, where they took place, and form of payment.

Begins tonight through November 18th

Pick up will be Wednesday, December 16th in the Dake Café from 3-5:30p



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER

November 23, 2026

5:00pm-9:00pm

1495 E Ridge Rd

FAQs

- Can parents volunteer as chaperones?

We understand that many parents would enjoy sharing this experience with their child. However, our DC trip is intentionally structured to allow students to develop independence while traveling with their peers and trusted school staff. To maintain consistency and fairness for all students, chaperoning is limited to school personnel. Thank you for your understanding and support.

- My child takes medication. How will that or other medical emergencies be handled?

A nurse accompanies us on the trip. Students with medical more significant medical needs will be on the bus with the nurse. The nurse will work closely with our school nurse to ensure that she is aware of any medical conditions or needs of all students attending the trip. There will be a health form that will need to be completed closer to departure to provide additional medical information and insurance information

- Food/Snacks/extra spending money for souvenirs?

Students will need to pack a lunch for the trip down to DC. All other meals are included. Students also like to bring extra snacks for the bus and hotel room. There will be opportunities for students to buy souvenirs if they choose.

- Security?

The tour company is providing security for the hotel at night. We are also bringing a district security official to assist in any matters that may arise, and we worked with the director of security to create an emergency plan that will be shared with the tour company and bus drivers.

FAQs

- How is fundraising money applied?

If you have already registered trip, fundraising from last spring has already been applied. We are waiting for the fundraising check from the popcorn sale, so you should continue to make scheduled payments. Any fundraising will be applied to your remaining balance once the tour company receives it. You will receive a refund from the tour company if the fundraising amount is more than your remaining balance.

- Are there any other means of financial assistance in addition to fundraising?

The tour company has a crowdfunding option that you can create and share a link/QR code with friends and family who might want to donate to your child's trip. This can be created once you register for the trip. Additionally, we have some money that we can award as Scholarships for families who may need additional assistance. Your child can request a Scholarship form from their counselor or Ms. Salecki or Ms. Corette. Scholarship applications must be submitted by next Friday (11/13)

- When students are selecting roommates, what happens if they don't have a total of 4 people? Or what if my child doesn't have a roommate?

We will work with the student(s) to find a good fit with other students who might not have 4 people in their groups. We will also work with them to make sure they are able to be on the same bus with students who they are friends with even if they are not able to share a room.

Next Steps

- Trip registration deadline is Friday, November 20th
- Chipotle Fundraiser 11/23 5-9
- Cookie Dough Sale Starts tonight and runs until November 18th
- Cookie dough pick up will be Wednesday, December 16th at the Dake Cafeteria Entrance from 3 – 5:30p
- There will be another parent meeting on Thursday, January 14th
- You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's chaperone on an evening in late March/Early April TBD



Registration deadline and down payment of $174 is due Friday, November 20th

REGISTER FOR TRIP

https://enroll.gltravelco.com

Trip ID: 40433
Passcode: 2027-337

If you have any questions, please email
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Haley Corette:
haley_corette@westiron.monroe.edu


Any
Questions

Parent Questions from the meeting:

What if there are not 222 students, will the price go up? this is likely not a problem, we may lose a bus, but this shouldn't impact the cost. If you already signed up online, you are register and payments will must be made.

What percentage of the fundraisers should be applied? 40% (approximately)

How do you handle dietary restrictions? Health form will be given out at our January meeting and when you sign up for the trip, there is a spot for dietary restrictions. The tour guides will work with students and dining establishments to make sure there are options

How do direct donations work?- set up a crowdfunding link on the GL travel website (this is better than having donations made through the fundraising app)

Do you recommend cash or prepaid cards for souvenirs? Prepaid card or cash is fine – parent/guardian preference; one parent indicated that Venmo has a student card that allows parents to control the amount of money on the card and view where the card is used

Are drawstring bags/ t-shirts included? Yes. Students will get 2 t-shirts to wear on Wednesday and Thursday of the trip (the days when we are not contained in only one location)

Do we see other kids from other schools? Yes occasionally, though early April is typically less busy than late April/May/June