



**WHS Music Boosters
ADJUDICATION TRIP 2017!
BAND, CHORUS, ORCHESTRA**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

ENCLOSED IS INITIAL INFORMATION ON THE 2017 MUSIC ADJUDICATION TRIP.

****Please read this information carefully as soon as possible****

E-FORMS, HEALTH OFFICE PERMISSION FORM AND INITIAL DEPOSIT ARE DUE OCTOBER 14th, as our first payment to the travel agent is due the same day. (we would appreciate the deposit ASAP)

LINK TO E-FORMS <https://form.jotform.com/62583686425163>

We are excited to share the tentative details of this year's trip to **BOSTON & SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND** with a **Friday Night Dinner Cruise along the Boston Harbor, with DJ and dancing aboard SPIRIT CRUISES** **APRIL 21-22, 2017.**

Our goal is to ensure the most educational, fun and safe experience for all our musicians while being mindful of increasing costs.

Parent Information Meeting

Thursday, October 13th, 2016 @

7:30PM in the Choral Room.

Booster/Trip representatives will be available to answer questions. *This meeting is intended for Freshman parents, but all are welcome!*

TRIP COSTS AND ITINERARY:

The cost of this year's trip is \$485 and covers the following two days of transportation, lodging, performances, meals and entertainment:

- Adjudication fees
 - Festival Performance Competition @ Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Duxbury, MA and Silver Lake Regional Middle School, Kingston, MA: full day Friday with nationally recognized judges, clinical commentary, rehearsal space and performance halls.
- Room/Board & Entertainment (includes cost of chaperones 1 to 12 student ratio mandated for supervision)
 - One night in a safe moderate hotel. Includes taxes. Four students/room.
 - Two Security Guards to monitor hallways overnight.
 - Friday box lunch at adjudication venue, and a late afternoon snack
 - Friday night Dinner Cruise, with DJ and dancing aboard SPIRIT CRUISES
 - Saturday Breakfast and Awards Ceremony @ Hotel
 - Saturday afternoon Six Flags New England admission, and 1 meal voucher
- Transportation
 - Guaranteed quality bus company and drivers
 - 5-6 buses; updated equipment & premium drivers to assure safety, includes gratuities.

Why a Music Trip?

It is an honor for our students to participate in an annual music festival. They gain valuable performance experience through these competitions and learn from judges' commentary and suggestions. Over the past 30 years, WHS has been fortunate to receive many awards. But there is more. Whereas some schools select only one or two of their performing groups to attend a music festival, WHS opens this trip annually to all music students creating a special bonding experience across the grades and musical groups. These almost 300 students represent our school, town and each other with great pride and integrity whether on stage or in the audience through each and every performance.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Sell Grandma Miller Pies.** Order Deadline: October 24, 2016. Delivery is November 19th. 20-50% of sales will be applied to trip cost, depending on the item.
- **Sell Magazines, Gift Wrap & more.** Send link to potential customers – gaschoolstore.com, click on “Shop Now”, Wilton Music Account #2709111. 40% of sales will be applied to trip cost. Ordering deadline is December 31, 2016.

ALL ORDER FORMS/LINKS AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT MUSIC BOOSTERS WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WHSMUSICFANS.WORDPRESS.COM/](http://whsmusicfans.wordpress.com/)

Last year our students sold more than \$30,000 worth of items and raised more than \$13,000 toward their own personal trip accounts. Your student can too! Please consider other ways of earning money: babysitting, birthday money, odd jobs, etc...

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS: Limited scholarships available. Please apply by email to your respective Director NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st. We CANNOT take scholarship requests after November 1st.

DEADLINES:

- **\$250 DEPOSIT DUE OCTOBER 14th.** Final payment **DUE JANUARY 13th: \$235** (minus whatever you earn from fundraising. We will send you that info before the due date.)
- **PRINT OUT HEALTH FORM, COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MUSIC DIRECTOR**
- **CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WHS ACTIVITY FUND**
- **MAIL TO:** Patti Sylvia, 27 Woodland Place, Wilton CT 06897
- **DO NOT SEND CHECKS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR STUDENT**
- **DO NOT HAND CHECKS TO A DIRECTOR**
- **Please note, no refunds are possible after January 13, 2017**

Please: If you already know that your student cannot go, let us know by email at whsmusictrip@gmail.com. This will help us with a headcount and assure balance in our performing groups.

Volunteer: If you are interested in chaperoning or have time to help with the planning and preparations you will be able to designate this on the trip e-form

We hope you agree this annual event for our musical students is well worth the expense. We also appreciate the many parents who volunteer their time to chaperone, as well as our dedicated musical directors and staff who are “on” and accountable 24/7 over the course of the trip.

Thank you in advance for your response to this mailing. We should have nearly 300 attendees, so your prompt attention to detail is appreciated. Please contact Jennifer Gardner, Parent Liaison, with any questions or concerns at the email or phone number below.

Sincerely,

Adjudication Trip Committee:

Lynn Driver, President, Music Boosters

Patti Sylvia, Finance

Sam Gumins, Trip Coordinator /Head Chaperone

Jennifer Gardner, Assistant Trip Coordinator/Parent Liaison: gardners@optonline.net mobile: (203) 858-8538

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