



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL HIGH SCHOOL

BAND TRIP TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA

March 30- April 3, 2016



This packet is designed to make your trip with the SMHS band a memorable one. Enclosed you will find trip rules, an itinerary, a behavior expectation form, and an itinerary. In lieu of medical release forms, all parents need to make sure information on your student's Athletic Profile (<https://www.atsusers.com/atsweb/login.aspx?db=atsStMichael>) is current. If you have not set up you child's profile, he/she will not be allowed to travel with us. Please set up an account by following instructions at this link: http://www.smhsbr.org/site100-01/1001096/docs/instructions_for_creating_your_athlete_profile.pdf

April 8, 2016

Dear Band Parent(s):

One of the bonuses of being in the St. Michael High School Band revolves around our travel opportunities. While many organizations only dream about taking trips together, we are in a position to make these dreams come true. It serves as positive testimony to the work ethic of our band members, and is one of the privileges we enjoy as a group.

There are additional expectations attached to group travel. When we accept an invitation to perform away from our home, we also assume the responsibilities of being ambassadors and representatives of our band, our school, and our community. Individual considerations become secondary to the entire organization's welfare. The term good behavior takes on an all-new meaning as we assume the role of musical emissaries. A student's best effort is considered to be "the norm," and he/she is asked to rise above the norm many times during the trip, displaying the ultimate in appropriate manners and personal deportment. .

Our administration approved this trip because of the superior track record of our band's behavior during this year. We are enjoying the fruits of labor seeded by older peers. Our future bands are counting on this year's band to pass on that same heritage so they will have a similar kind of learning opportunity during their high school careers. Therefore, should there be any need for serious disciplinary action, the student(s) involved will take the first flight home (with a chaperone) at their parents' expense and the problem will be addressed with our administration when I return. I feel certain this will not be necessary, but we do need to be prepared.

All luggage and carry on baggage will be checked by chaperones prior to our departure for contraband. If you have any questions concerning the trip, don't hesitate to contact me. We have a unique chance to show our true colors. I know you will be spectacular supporters from beginning to end.

Musically yours,

Kevin M. Andry, Ph.D.
Director of Bands
St. Michael the Archangel High School

I understand that my child will be representing St. Michael High School during the upcoming band trip and must conduct herself/himself as a responsible young adult at all times. I understand that should there be any need for disciplinary action, my student will have to return home immediately, at my expense, and that problem will be addressed following the trip. The expenses incurred will not only reflect the cost of my child's transportation back home but also that of the adult chaperone who will have to accompany her/him.

Parent's name (print)

Parent's signature

Date

Student's name (print)

Student's signature

Trip Rules:

1. All School Rules on behavior apply.
2. Under no circumstances – girls in boys’ rooms- boys in girls’ rooms.
3. There will be no phone calls between rooms in the hotel. Constant ringing of telephones will disturb other guests. The hotel operator will advise Dr. Andry of any phone calls.
4. No running in the hotel hallways or restaurants, etc.
5. Any student yelling or screaming at a distance will be sent to my room. There are other paying guests to consider.
6. NO alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products are permitted. Students disobeying this rule will be sent home immediately and will undergo the necessary disciplinary action.
7. All students are to keep to the printed schedule. You agreed to travel with the band, so stay with the group. No outside trips are allowed.
8. Students MUST obey the curfew and remain in their rooms. Students disobeying this rule will be sent home immediately with a chaperone.
9. Students are expected to display respect to chaperones by allowing them to get in line in front of them so the chaperones are ready to leave when the students are.
10. No standing on the bus. Change seats quickly with a minimum of standing. You are not allowed off the bus unless told to exit by a chaperone or, if necessary, the bus driver.
11. Students are expected to clean up any mess on the buses, restaurants, and in their rooms.
12. Students are not allowed to ask chaperones to guard their belongings. Students are solely responsible for their cameras, wallets, glasses, cell phones, etc.
13. You must be quiet when the group is being given directions. You will need to listen to be able to follow.
14. All students must report promptly for roll call.

SHOPLIFTING: Any student caught shoplifting, even if under 18 years old, will be prosecuted in the State of Florida. Theme parks have undercover security as well as surveillance cameras throughout the parks to catch shoplifters. Know that they target teenagers. You will be caught! You will be allowed one phone call. Do not make that phone call to Dr. Andry. He will not be coming to get you!

Quiet time at all hotels will begin at 10:00 pm. At this time, students are asked to respect the other guests staying at the hotel and to be as quiet as possible in hallways and hotel rooms. I will set a reasonable curfew based on our arrival time at the hotel each night. We are required by the hotel to have a curfew no later than 12 midnight.

Parent’s name (print)

Parent’s signature

Date

Student’s name (print)

Student’s signature

ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Final Itinerary – February, 2016

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

- 4:30-5:15 PM Final rehearsal at school before we depart (Jazz Ensemble)
- 5:30- 6:15 PM Final rehearsal at school before we depart (Symphonic Band)
- 6:30-7:00 PM Pizza party before we leave. Load buses
- 7:15 PM Depart St. Michael High School via charter bus (Dixieland)

Thursday, March 31, 2016 (Animal Kingdom and Hollywood Studios)

- 8:00 AM Bus stops for breakfast at Golden Corral
- 9:45 AM Bus arrives at **Animal Kingdom**
You will be given a meal coupon for lunch in any Disney park.
- 3:00 PM Depart for **Hollywood Studios Theme Park** (Disney Transportation)
- 8:30 PM **Fantasmic** nighttime fireworks and water show
- 9:30 PM Depart for Hotel, **Radison Resort Orlando Celebration**, 2900 Kissimmee, FL 34747
Phone # (407) 396-0097

Friday, April 1, 2016 (Competition and Magic Kingdom)

- 7:30 AM Breakfast at Hotel (already paid)
- 9:00 AM Depart for performance venues in uniform (bring clothes to change on the bus)
- 9:25 AM Concert Band arrives.
- 10:10AM Concert Band warms up – **Ballroom of the Americas, Contemporary Resort**
- 10:35 AM Concert Band performance and clinic
- 11:50 AM Exit, load bus and depart for the Lunch. Fast food TBD
- 1:35 PM Jazz Ensemble arrives for warm-up
- 2:05 PM Jazz Ensemble warms up **Boardwalk Resort, Atlantic Dance Hall**
- 2:30 PM Jazz Ensemble performance and clinic
- 3:30 PM Change on bus and depart for Magic Kingdom
Your meal coupon may be used anytime throughout the remainder of the day
- 10:00 PM Wishes Fireworks at the **Disney's Magic Kingdom**
- 11:00 PM Depart for Hotel

Saturday, April 2, 2016 (EPCOT & Awards Ceremony)

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel (already paid for)
- 9:20 AM Checkout of Hotel and depart for Parks.
Lunch and Dinner in the Park – Your meal coupon may be used anytime throughout the day
- 6:30 PM Depart for **Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park**
- 7:30 PM Assemble for Awards Ceremony at **Typhoon Lagoon Water Park**
- 8:15 PM Awards Ceremony
- 10:30 PM Depart Orlando for Baton Rouge
- 8:30 AM Approximate arrival back in Baton Rouge (**Sunday, April 3**)

To help estimate how much money to bring for food: you will need money for Breakfast at Golden Corral and one other meal in the park on each day (total of four meals). On Friday and Saturday, breakfast and meal coupons will be provided. We will also provide students with one bottled water each day (which can be refilled anywhere in the park for free). Drinks and snacks in the park are expensive, so plan accordingly.