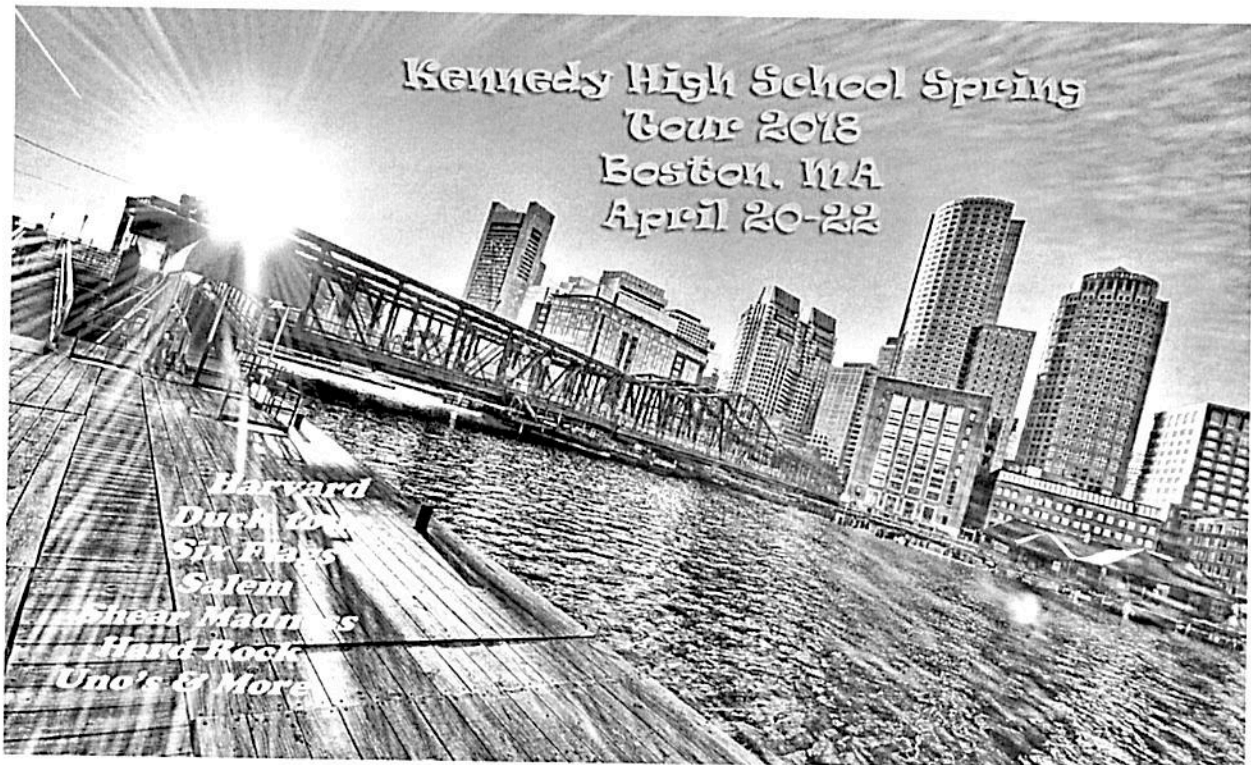

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

2018 SPRING TOUR

BOSTON, MA

PACKET A



KEEP AT HOME

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September 19, 2017

Dear Parents of the JFK Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band:

This letter is to inform you that plans are underway for a Music Tour this school year to Boston, Massachusetts. A performance tour is designed for our students to be exposed to an important city in our Nation's history. Students will also have the opportunity to perform at Quincy Market, a popular outdoor venue in the heart of Boston. Students will also be exposed to outstanding performances and tours throughout the weekend. As evident in our past trips, the musical goals that are set for students created a wonderful ambiance in our rehearsals. As a participant in my own high school music tours, and as a director of 7 Kennedy High School tours, I can tell you that each tour your child participates in is something they will never forget.

The dates for this trip are Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, 2018. The students will be missing Friday of that school week. We will be leaving at the start of the school day and returning on Sunday evening. The cost of this trip is \$570 which is usually the standard cost for a trip of this distance. On the bottom of the enclosed itinerary you will find an inclusions list to see what the cost of the trip covers. In addition, there are some costs that are not covered. These items are also explained in the itinerary.

Fundraising: As with each trip, the band program provides two fundraisers that students can use to offset the cost of the trip. This year we will be selling Yankee Candles and Frozen Cookie Dough. Student profit is deducted from the cost of the trip prior to the next payment date. I must also inform you of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District policy regarding field trips and fundraising:

"If a trip is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances which are beyond the district's control, parents shall be advised that it is possible that monies will not be fully refunded." As a result, it is STRONGLY ADVISED that students fundraise a minimum of \$200 (profit) to allay costs. Also, please be informed that fundraising does not guarantee that the total money required will be raised.

A tentative itinerary is enclosed. It will be continually updated as we get closer but it is an accurate representation of our activities although they will be shuffled around depending on the final performance schedule. All parents will be given a final itinerary with contact phone numbers and addresses at the mandatory parents meeting a few weeks before the trip, (dates to be announced).

As in years past we will be using e-mail list-serves for the added convenience of communication. At the end of this contract, you will be asked to supply an e-mail address which will be added to the web serve upon receipt of your deposit. This will ensure that the few deposit reminders, and fundraiser and any other announcements regarding this trip will reach you efficiently- making all transactions as smooth and timely as possible. ***Students participating in the tour MUST follow the Remind account for up-to-date information.*** I

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would also encourage you to bookmark our band website (jfkhsband.weebly.com) where up-to-date trip information can be found.

All of this being said, this truly will be a wonderful experience for your child. The musical value that is attained is very enriching and the bonding experience they will come away with will be something that they will cherish for the rest of their lives. However, all of this takes a tremendous amount of work to put together. The amount of work that goes into putting this experience together for your child is *enormous*. Even with the help of student workers, which started in September and will not stop until April 22nd when we arrive home, it would be extremely helpful if not one person were late for single payment or fundraising due date. By doing this, it would alleviate a lot of unnecessary aggravation. I hope you can be understanding of this and thereby cooperative. If any issues arise please contact me at any time.

As with any musical ensemble we can only perform at our highest level with the correct instrumentation. If the instrumentation falls too low, we will be forced to cancel. A nonrefundable \$100 deposit and signed contract are due by Monday, September 25th. If the instrumentation is too low at this time I will not cash in your checks. Even if your child is absent on the 25th, these forms must be handed in that day. There will be no exceptions. Deposits may be made in cash or by check made out to JFK BAND. *Bus seating is first come/first seated so please be aware there may be a cut off before the due date.*

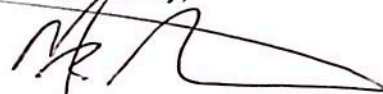
A payment schedule is also attached. Please mark the dates on your calendar. In addition, students will receive an invoice one week prior to payments being due with all pertinent financial information on it. Please review it carefully before sending in your payment.

A music trip rules packet is also in your packet- please read these guidelines *carefully* before enrolling your child in the trip. Their behavior throughout the entire school year can jeopardize their participation on the trip. We will not take students that display poor character or judgement in school.

After deposits are collected and the trip is up and running you will be sent several forms on-line to fill out with all pertinent medical and contact information. Please make sure you add wavellaneda@bmchsd.org to your contact files.

I am looking forward to an extremely positive, fun, and educational trip. Thank you in advance for making the business aspects of this trip run as smoothly as possible for us, and please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime with questions or concerns. I am hoping that with your help this will be another great musical tour!

Sincerely,



Mr. Avellaneda

Custom Tours
Kennedy High School Band
Boston
April 20-22, 2018

April 20th - all times subject to change and performances weather permitting

8:00am Depart for Boston with a lunch stop en route (on own)

1:30pm Approximate arrival at Harvard University
Cambridge, MA

****Visit the Harvard University book store****

3:00pm Depart for Kennedy Library
Boston, MA

3:30pm Arrive at Kennedy Library

5:00pm Depart for dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe
Boston, MA

5:30pm Enjoy dinner at Hard Rock Café

6:45pm Depart for the production of Shear Madness

7:00pm Arrive at Shear Madness and check in

7:30pm Enjoy the show

10:00pm Depart for the Doubletree by Hilton North Shore Hotel

10:30pm Arrive at hotel and check in

SECURITY ON

April 21st

8:00am Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am Depart for Quincy Market and perform

11:00am Performance

12:00pm Explore Quincy Market and have lunch \$ OWN EXPENSE

- 2:00pm Depart for Boston Duck Tour
- 2:30pm Arrive at Boston Ducks
- 3:00pm Enjoy Duck Tour
- 5:00pm Depart for dinner at Uno Pizzeria and Grill
Swampscott, MA.
- 5:30pm Enjoy dinner at Uno Pizzeria and Grill
- 7:00pm Depart for Salem Gallows Hill Theatre
Salem MA
- 8:00pm Arrive at Gallows Hill Theater for show and tour
- 9:30pm Depart for hotel
- 10:00pm Arrive at hotel

SECURITY ON

April 22nd

- 7:00am Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00am Depart for Six Flags New England
Agawam, MA.
- 10:30pm Approx arrival at Six Flags New England
****Enjoy the park - lunch on own***
- 3:00pm Depart for school with dinner stop en route **(on own)**
- 7:30pm Approximate arrival at school

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SPRING TOUR INCLUSIONS SHEET

Price Includes:

Coach Bus Transportation for the entire weekend
Hotel Accommodations (4 per room) (Triplets may incur an additional fee)
Hotel Security for each evening
2 Full American Breakfast
2 Dinners (Hard Rock and Uno's)
Duck Tour
Performance Fees
Museum Fees
Guide Fee
Six Flags admission ticket
Shear Madness Theatre Ticket
Salem Witch Show & Walking Tour
Band T-Shirt

Not included:

Lunch (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
Dinner (Sunday - in the park or rest stop)
Souvenirs \$
Bus Driver & Custom Tour Staff Tip (appx. \$5 total)

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2018 Spring Tour Payment Schedule

Deposit September 25, 2017 \$100

Second Payment \$250 January 17, 2018 (without fundraising)

Final Payment: \$220 March 5, 2018 (without fundraising)

Payment Options:

Checks made payable to JFK BAND

Cash (Receipts will be given)

Fundraising profits will be deducted from the nearest payment due.

At any time feel free to call and ask for your child's balance.

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MUSIC TRIP BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

To ensure the finest possible experience for all participants, we have established the following MINIMUM standards, expectations, and regulations for the trip for this year's band trip. Please remember that by signing the trip contract, you agree to understand and abide by these rules and regulations. Disciplinary action procedures follow this listing.

LEVEL I INFRACTIONS

1. Not observing curfew
2. Talking back/arguing/questioning the authority of the director or chaperone(s).
3. Late for scheduled events/meetings/rehearsals.
4. Excessive noise in the hotel.
5. Abusing pool privileges (disobeying life guard, dangerous activity in and around the pool area)
6. Use of "non common sense" type item. If you are unsure whether or not something fits in this category, ask the director before embarking on the trip.
7. Leaving your hotel room after curfew to get ice, soda, snacks, etc...
8. Being in any room other than your own.

LEVEL II INFRACTIONS

1. Consuming, possessing, attempting to possess, helping to obtain, or being in a room where there is ANY TYPE of alcoholic beverage. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, ALL students staying in the room where alcoholic beverages are found, OR accompanying a person attempting to obtain them, OR in the company of someone consuming, or possessing them, WILL be assumed **guilty**.
2. Same as #1 except as it applies to ILLEGAL DRUGS as well as non-prescribed or non-parent approved drugs or medications.
3. Leaving your hotel or group without permission.
4. Smoking- All School Rules Apply. (If you are an 18 year old smoker, you may smoke in a legally designated outdoor smoking area only, but never while you are in concert dress, representing the band). Absolutely no smoking in the hotel room.
5. Any illegal and/or inappropriate activity, such as stealing or damaging hotel property etc...

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6. Being in any room other than your own assigned room after curfew.

7. Intimate behavior of any kind with another person.

HOTEL REGULATIONS

a) Phone calling is limited to room-to-room. Any long distance calls must be made from the hotel pay phones. All room-to-room calling must end at curfew. Please do not make it necessary to turn off the phones in rooms. Hotel rules may vary.

b) When moving in the hallways, please remain quiet, as we will not be the only guests.

c) Rooms are to be kept neat, clean, and orderly at all times. If any room is unkept the occupants of that room will not be allowed to leave until the room is cleaned.

d) District policy states that curfew is 11:00pm unless otherwise dictated by the itinerary. **CURFEW WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Rooms are to be quiet after curfew. Parents will be notified of any infraction, regardless of the hour. Security has been hired for the hotel throughout the night to ensure your child's safety.

e) When we check into the rooms, check for damage. If it is not reported at check-in time, the students using the room will be charged for any damage found.

ADDITIONAL RULES

1. All school rules must be followed.

2. Students must always be in groups of at least three.

3. Do not use in-room hotel telephones other than room to room calls.

4. ROOMMATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH OTHERS' BEHAVIOR WHILE IN THE HOTEL.

5. All students must attend a full day of school on 4/23/18

6. At any time during the school year, school administration may inform the student that they are no longer permitted to attend the trip due to actions that may have taken place during the school year. This includes but not limited to detention, suspensions, and any other actions deemed inappropriate by school officials.

Over...

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*****ALL STUDENTS WHO VIOLATE THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION*****

DISCIPLINARY ACTION PROCEDURES

LEVEL 1 INFRACTION:

1. There will be a loss of privileges for a period of time on the trip.
2. For multiple level 1 infractions, or at the chaperone's discretion, student may be sent home.

LEVEL II INFRACTION:

1. Child will be sent home at the earliest opportunity.
2. Return travel expenses will be paid for by the parents/guardians of the child.
3. **PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COME PICK UP THEIR CHILD.**
4. Further disciplinary action will be taken upon return to school (possible dismissal from the music program and/or school related discipline, i.e. detention, suspension, expulsion).

MUSICAL EXPECTATIONS:

First and foremost, this trip is about music; students must be fully prepared with their tour music throughout the year. It is expected that students will take the necessary time & energy to prepare themselves both in and out of the classroom for this tour. If at anytime students are unprepared, a warning will be sent home and a follow-up evaluation will be scheduled. If the student is not prepared they will not be allowed to go on the tour and refunds are at the discretion of the travel agent, which for lack of musical preparation is uncommon.

PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE ON THIS TRIP!