

John F. Kennedy High School Bands
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To: Freshmen Band Parents (Gr. 9)
Re: Freshman Music Field Trip - MARCH 1, 2017 (Wednesday)

Dear Parents:

Each year the Kennedy Band Program sponsors a performing arts field trip into NYC for the freshman groups. These trips are conducted to give students the opportunity to see professional musicians in a variety of settings. This year, we will be seeing an open rehearsal of the New York Philharmonic in the morning. This is a fantastic opportunity to have students see some of the finest musicians in the *world* put the finishing touches on their performance. After the rehearsal, we will stop at the Rockefeller Center Food Court for lunch. In addition, we always attend a professional Broadway Musical. This year's selection is *Beautiful, a Carole King Musical*. After the show, we will have dinner Bucca de Beppo!

The cost of this trip is \$174-189 dollars depending on the final amount of the students attending. The cost of the trip covers: coach bus transportation for the day, the open rehearsal of the NY Philharmonic, Broadway Show, and Dinner. The only expense **not** covered is **lunch** and any souvenirs that your child might want from the show. In my experience, these field trips create "learning moments" which we refer to over the course of your child's music education. I highly recommend they witness these experiences. If your child would like to attend, return the permission slip with a check for \$150 by no later than Monday, 1/9/17 @ **7:30 a.m.** Checks should be made out to **JFK BAND** Please know that seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. The remaining cost of the trip will be due the week after deposits are turned in. All payments are final and non-refundable. Please note that the only form of a refund for any cancellation prior to and including the day of the trip is the return of the Broadway ticket. You *might* be able to exchange it for another performance date but this is entirely up to the box-office and not the school nor travel agency we use to make arrangements.

Below you will find a brief itinerary; you will receive a full and final itinerary prior to the trip. If you have any questions, please call feel free to call me at 516-992-1441.

Sincerely,



Walter Avellaneda

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PRELIMINARY ITINERARY- All times approximate
CUSTOM TOURS, INC.

March 1, 2017

Upon arrival to school: Students should go directly to the music room. Please hand in \$2 total for bus driver and tour escort tip.

- 7:30am Depart for NYC
- 9:30am Arrive at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
- 9:45am Enjoy Rehearsal with the New York Philharmonic.
- 11:30am Arrive at Rockefeller Center Food Court
Students MUST stay in groups of 3 or more at all times.
- 12:30pm Meet at the Glass Mural in the middle of the food court
(We will show you where this is before let you go to lunch)
- 12:45pm Depart for Stephen Sondheim Theatre

124W. 43rd Street
New York, NY
- 2:00pm Enjoy Carole King: The Broadway Musical
- 4:30pm Depart for Dinner @ Bucca Di Beppo's
- 5pm Enjoy Dinner at Bucca Di Beppo's
1540 Broadway , NY, NY 10036
- 6:30pm Depart for School
- 8:00pm Approximate arrive at school.

Students will call parents prior to arrival. It is expected that all parents are at Kennedy HS when the bus returns. Thank you for your cooperation.

FILL BOTH SIDES
+ RETURN W/ \$

FIELD TRIP - PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Students who go on field trips are required to meet with their teachers before the date of the trip to discuss work that will be missed. It is the students' responsibility to be prepared for all classes upon their return. I have discussed this procedure with my child who has my permission to go on the school-sponsored field trip described below.

Student's Last Name _____ Student's First Name _____

Date(s) of Trip 3-1-17 Destination NYC: See itinerary

Date/Time Leaving 7:30AM - SHARP Date/Estimated Time Returning 8:00PM

Type of Transportation COACH BUS - HAMPTON JITNEY

Purpose See letter Cost (Approximate) \$174-189

Faculty Sponsor (and/or Supervisor(s)) Walter Avellanosa

Name of Parent or Guardian to Contact in Case of Emergency, Illness, Injury, or Delay _____

Telephone Number (home) _____ (business) _____

Please list below names and telephone numbers of persons to be called in an emergency if the parent or guardian cannot be reached.

1. Name _____ Telephone Number _____

2. Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Physician to be called:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____ Hospital _____

In the event emergency medical attention must be provided, please indicate below any information which might be important for a physician to know in advance of such treatment.

Existing Medical Condition _____

Current Medication _____

Include Food Allergies
Allergies _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

I understand and agree to the following:

1. The field trip may be cancelled at the discretion of the District, for a variety of reasons, which may include factors related to the health, safety, and welfare of the children as well as faculty and parents. This could also include a local or national emergency or an increased "terror alert" issued by the Department of Homeland Security.
2. In the event of a cancellation, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District shall not be responsible for any unrefunded vendors' fees, deposits, or other expenses related to the trip.
3. All students violating this Code of Conduct will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action.
4. Parents will be contacted if a student violates the Code of Conduct. Arrangement will be made for the student(s) to be sent home at the parents' expense.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

FILL BOTH SIDES OUT
AND RETURN w/ \$

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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It is understood that this release covers not only the person traveling but their heirs and guardians as well.

Trip Name: Kennedy Band: 2017 NYC

Trip Date- March 1, 2017

Please sign below

Students name

Signature of Responsible Party

Date

Please Print Name Clearly