



John F. Kennedy High School Bands
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Dear Kennedy HS Band Parent:

As we approach the end of a uniquely challenging year, I would like to share some exciting news. The band program continues its return to normalcy and is moving forward with tentative planning for our Spring Tour to Walt Disney World in April of 2022!! It has always been a goal of our district and department to show the students that the music curriculum should not be limited to preparing for two concerts per year; that the school year should be an ongoing building experience, filled with many opportunities to perform in different venues; and that one of the primary objectives of the music program is to allow students to work together as a group, to succeed together.

Next year the senior bands (Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble) are planning a tour to Orlando, Florida to participate in the "Disney Performing Arts" performance and workshop, from Thursday, April 7, 2022 thru Sunday, April 10, 2022. The groups will be flying to and from Orlando, and traveling by private motor-coach bus while in Florida.

***Due to the recent reopening of the travel industry and the upcoming 50th anniversary of Walt Disney World, we must begin planning and reserving spots earlier than ever. The BMCHSD has given our department the "green light" to collect a \$75 *fully refundable* deposit so that seats on the plane and hotel rooms can be reserved. A final decision will be made by administration and staff in September of the upcoming school year as to whether or not overnight travel is deemed safe and the trip will move forward. ***

If you would like your child to participate please print out and sign the attached permission slip and have your child return it, along with a **\$75.00 FULLY-REFUNDABLE** deposit (make checks payable to "**JFK BAND**"), by **Wednesday, June 9th, 2021**. *This deposit will secure your child's seat on the plane and will be fully refundable for any reason **until October 1st, 2021 ONLY!*** I am also asking for parents/students to sign up for a Remind Account for trip updates. Please text @jfkbandfl to 81010 for updates.

The ***approximate*** cost of the trip will be \$1500.00. This price will include registration fee, hotel accommodations (4 to a room), 1 special breakfast at Animal Kingdom, two additional breakfasts, three dinners, a 3-day DISNEY park hopper pass (admission to Disney parks for duration of the trip), a music/film scoring workshop, airline and bus transportation costs, and performance expenses. The students will have at least two major fundraisers planned, giving each student an opportunity to defray their cost.

If you have any questions please feel free to speak to me at via e-mail or phone 516-992-1441 or wavellaneda@bmchsd.org If you would like to see what our past Florida trips have been like I encourage you to check out our trip site: <https://jfkhsband.weebly.com/2016--florida.html>



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*******PERMISSION SLIP*******

I hereby give my son/daughter _____
permission to attend the **Disney Performing Arts Spring Tour** with the Kennedy Band
Program to Orlando, Florida on **April 7-10, 2022**. Enclosed with this initial permission slip is a
FULLY REFUNDABLE deposit of \$75 (payable to JFK BAND). I understand this deposit is
ONLY refundable until October 1st, 2022 and it will be used to reserve airfare and hotel for my
child. Final permission commitments will be required in September of 2022.

Parents(s) Name printed: _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____

DATE: _____