

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
240-497-6335

December 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Music Department is pleased to announce our spring trip to **Boston, Massachusetts** to perform at an international music festival, **Thursday, March 29, through Sunday, April 1, 2012**. The trip is offered to all instrumental and choral students enrolled in an ensemble class. The cost will be \$585 per student, including bus transportation, the hotel room (four students to a room), concerts at Boston Symphony Hall and the Berklee College of Music, the festival performances and fees, and the awards ceremony dinner at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel. All meals except the awards dinner are at the student's expense.

We hope most, if not all, students will join us on this exciting trip. On Wednesday, March 28, students will rehearse at B-CC between 6:30 and 9:00 PM and will also have their luggage checked by a chaperone. Luggage will stay in a locked area at B-CC overnight. We will depart by bus from B-CC on Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 AM. Students and chaperones should arrive at 6:00 AM to load and board buses. We will stop for meals, which will be at the student's expense, throughout the day. We will depart Boston Sunday morning, April 1 at 7:00 AM and should arrive at B-CC at around 7:00 PM. Parents will be responsible for getting their students to and from B-CC. Since there is no school on Friday, March 30, the students will miss only one day of school. This will be an excused absence.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to secure a place on the trip is due by January 27, 2012. Please complete and return the slip at the bottom of this letter plus your check payable to "B-CC H.S. Music," by that date. **There will be a \$15.00 late fee for deposits not turned in by January 27.** You may pay the entire \$585 when you make your deposit; this option is easier for the parent volunteer bookkeepers. **Final payment of the balance is due by February 29, 2012. Any balances outstanding after February 29 will be assessed a \$30.00 late processing fee.** We lose quite a bit of money if we do not give the festival company an accurate count. **There will be no refunds after March 1 unless the excuse is of an emergency nature.** Monies earned from the fruit sale fundraisers will be applied to the final balance. Fundraising money may not be used for the initial deposit.

There are three forms which must be filled out: Proposed Field Trip form, Health form, and the Application to Participate form. All forms and trip information are available on B-CC HS's website on the music department pages. All forms must be turned in for a student to be able to go on the trip. The festival company, Heritage Festivals, is requiring all trip participants to register with them online at www.worldstridesheritageperformance.org. **Please register your son or daughter by December 31, 2011 by clicking "Register Now" and entering the trip ID 75524.**

If any student needs financial assistance for this trip, please see Mr. White, Mrs. Martin, or Ms. Vanek. There are a limited number of partial trip scholarships available. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please make a note of it on your check.

We expect students to exhibit exemplary behavior and follow MCPS guidelines at all times. If student behavior warrants, parents will be called.

If you would like to chaperone this trip, please contact Stephanie Brown at sabrown07@gmail.com. Chaperones are asked to contribute at least \$100 toward the cost of their trip.

In previous years, we have been to Chicago, Montreal, New Orleans, Orlando and New York. Each trip has been very rewarding and has contributed to building an outstanding music program at B-CC. We look forward to another exciting music department festival trip.

Sincerely,

Marshall White, Cindi Martin, and Amy Vanek, B-CC Music Teachers
Marshall_J_White@mcpsmd.org Cindi_K_Martin@mcpsmd.org Amy_E_Vanek@mcpsmd.org

My son/daughter _____ will go on the trip to Boston.
I, _____ understand that the \$100.00 deposit for the Music Department trip is non-refundable.

Signature

**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

(CTF #1)

PROPOSED FIELD TRIP TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The following conditions must be met by each student participating in the field trip:

1. He/she must leave with the group and return with the group.
2. He/she must stay with the group during the entire field trip.
3. He/she must inform each subject teacher of the field trip.
4. This form must be signed by a parent before leaving on a field trip.

NAME OF STUDENT _____

The B-CC Music Department

is planning a trip to: Boston, Massachusetts

Date: March 29 – April 1, 2012

Transportation is to be furnished by: *Adventures by Dawn*, MCPS approved charter bus company

Cost: \$585.00

IF THIS MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL, PLEASE SIGN BELOW:

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Point of departure: B-CC High School

Point of return: B-CC High School

Time of departure: 7:00 am March 29 **Time of return:** 7:00 pm April 1

Teacher: Marshall White
Amy Vanek
Cindi Martin

Subject: Music Department Trip

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Music Department (CTF#2)

HEALTH EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Student's name: _____

Sex _____ Birthdate _____

Address: _____

Phone: home: _____ Student's cell phone: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Father: _____

Employer: _____

Business address: _____

Business phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Home phone (if different from student's): _____

Email: _____

Mother: _____

Employer: _____

Business address: _____

Business phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Home phone (if different from student's): _____

Email: _____

DOES STUDENT HAVE A CONDITION THAT MAY REQUIRE EMERGENCY ATTENTION OR ALLERGY? Please explain:

Relative/Neighbor to contact in emergency:

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ cell phone _____

Doctor's name: _____ Phone: _____

Dentist's name: _____ Phone: _____

Health Insurance _____

Policy/ID Number _____

In the event neither parent/guardian can be reached, I hereby authorize the school to refer my child to the above physician and/or rescue squad and/or hospital.

Signature – Parent/Guardian: _____

Date _____

ITINERARY: B-CC Music Trip to Boston, Massachusetts
March 29 – April 1

Wednesday, March 28

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Rehearsals at B-CC for performing groups and luggage check-in with chaperones

Thursday, March 29

Arrive at B-CC at 6:00 AM for final carry-on check-in. Load buses.

Each student should bring a snack to eat on the bus.

Depart for Boston at 7:00 AM

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on the road on your own

Arrive in Boston, check in at hotel, and unload luggage

Depart by bus for Boston Symphony Hall: Boston Symphony Orchestra concert

11:00 PM – lights out

Friday, March 30

Free time for sightseeing: breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own

The Boston Park Plaza hotel is in the center of Boston, steps away from the Boston

Common, Boston Public Gardens, museums, and shopping districts.

Meet in hotel lobby at 6:30 PM to go to an 8:15 PM concert at the Berklee College of Music

11:00 PM – lights out

Saturday, March 31

Adjudication performances will take place throughout the day

Breakfast and lunch on your own

6:00 – 11:00 PM – Awards Ceremony and dinner at Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel

11:30 PM – Return to hotel

12:00 Midnight – lights out

Sunday, April 1

Hotel checkout – all equipment, luggage must be placed on bus

Depart for B-CC at 7:00 AM

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on the road on your own.

7:00 PM - Approximate return to B-CC (**Updates will be posted on B-CC net that evening.**)

Please note: many times are approximations. Any time changes will be announced ahead of time. Please be flexible and expect minor alterations.

Hotel address and phone:

Boston Park Plaza Hotel
64 Arlington Street
Boston, MA 02116
617-426-2000

Meal money needed: Approximately \$150 to cover six meals (and spending money).

Emergency contacts:

Marshall White: 443-465-1978

Cindi Martin: 301-437-6296

Amy Vanek: 301-524-1115

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Dear students and parents,

The following list is to be used as a guide for items to bring on our trip to Boston. Certain items are required for everyone, while other things are required for specific instruments. Items which have an asterisk (*) will be checked off personally by Mr. White, Ms. Vanek, Mrs. Martin, or a chaperone. Also, you may bring one suitcase and one carry-on bag in addition to your instrument. Luggage will be checked by a chaperone the evening before we board the buses.

- **At least three good reeds***
- **Valve oil and slide/cork grease***
- **Extra set of strings***
- **Music folder and music***
- **Concert dress, tux, including bowtie, cummerbund, black shoes and black socks for guys*, long black dresses, black stockings, black shoes for girls*, (black tops and bottoms with black socks and shoes for concert choir only*)**
- **Drum sticks and mallets in a stick bag with your name on it***
- Cell phone (chaperone will call in advance for your number) and charger
- Camera
- Coat
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Toiletries (toothbrush, shampoo, etc.)
- Snacks for bus ride
- **Money (\$) for meals (about \$150)**

All Montgomery County Public School guidelines apply to this trip. If a student is found in any serious violation, s/he will immediately be sent home at the parents' expense.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr. White, Mrs. Martin, or Ms. Vanek at 240-497-6335. Thank you very much for your participation on this trip.

Sincerely,

Amy Vanek
Choral Music

Cindi Martin
Instrumental Music

Marshall White
Instrumental Music