

Hopewell Valley CHS

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Dear Band Parents:

On behalf of the Central High School Music Department, I am happy to announce our 2019 Spring Trip to Virginia Beach for the high school band program. We have an exciting trip planned! We are planning to perform and compete in the **Performing Arts Consultants Music Adjudication** and the **International Virginia Parade of Nations** featuring marching bands from around the world! We would depart Thursday morning, April 25th at 7:00 AM and return to CHS on Sunday, April 28th around 5:00 pm. A trip of this nature provides the opportunity for our students to experience a nationally adjudicated music festival/competition with high schools from other parts of the country, as well as enriching our instrumental music students with numerous educational and social activities that go far beyond the realm of the classroom. A trip highlight will include attending the **Virginia Festival Tattoo** featuring hundreds of performers from around the world putting on an astounding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers, and much more. The final decision regarding this trip will depend upon sufficient student participation to ensure representative and balanced performing ensembles for each of the Symphonic Band, Marching Band, and Jazz Band.

The cost of the trip will be between \$850.00 and \$910.00 per student based upon the final number of students attending. This cost includes the following:

- ❖ Roundtrip Transportation throughout
- ❖ Three (3) night accommodations at a hotel, students in quad rooms
- ❖ Three (3) Breakfasts at Hotel
- ❖ Three (3) Dinners
- ❖ Dave & Buster's
- ❖ Participation in the International Parade of Nations
- ❖ Participation in the Performing Arts Consultants Jazz Band and Concert Band adjudication
- ❖ International Tattoo admission
- ❖ Nauticus Museum and Battleship Wisconsin Admission
- ❖ Busch Gardens
- ❖ The services of one full-time fully trained tour escort
- ❖ One (1) Private Security Guard in the hotel for your group
- ❖ I.D. cards for each student with emergency information
- ❖ All taxes, tips and service charges normally payable for services included above
- ❖ Financial Protection and Insurance
- ❖ \$5 Million Professional liability insurance

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In order to begin preparing for the trip, we need to know if you will allow your child to participate in the *Spring Band Trip to Virginia Beach*. At this time, if you choose to participate, we will also need a **\$200 deposit** per student to secure the deposit payment for our transportation, hotel accommodations, and other activities included in the trip. This deposit will only be refunded if we do not secure the proper number of students to make the trip. Please make your deposit by check payable to “**CHS Music and Theatre Parents Association**”. All forthcoming trip payments are refundable **ONLY up to Friday, December 7th, 2018**. Should your child be removed from the trip by the school administration for disciplinary reasons after December 7th, 2018, all previous payments are **non-refundable**. The payment schedule will be as follows:

Monday, October 1, 2018	\$200.00
Monday, December 3rd, 2018	\$225.00
Friday, January 18th, 2019	\$225.00
Monday, March 1st, 2019	Balance TBD

Please indicate on the form provided whether or not you wish to have your child participate in this exciting event. Please also indicate whether or not you would like to participate in fundraisers in order to help defray the cost of the trip. **Then, have your son or daughter return it, along with the \$200.00 deposit payment, by Monday, October 1st, 2018 to Mr. Schwartzer. Receipt of the deposit indicates a firm commitment to participating on the trip.** If you are interested in being a chaperone for this trip, please indicate that as well. However, please note that the amount of space for parents is limited.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip, please reach out through phone or email.

Sincerely,

David J. Schwartzer

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Spring Band Tour - Virginia Beach Music Festival

Please print student name, check the appropriate circle, and provide a parent signature.

Student Name (Last, First **PLEASE WRITE NEATLY**): _____

Parent Last Name (if different than your child's) _____

- I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the *Spring Band Tour - Virginia Beach Music Festival*. **Be sure to attach a check deposit in the amount of \$200, payable to CHS Music and Theatre Parents Association, attached to this form**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

- My son/daughter will not be participating in the *Spring Band Tour - Virginia Beach Music Festival*

Signature of Parent/Guardian

I would like information on fundraising effort to help defray the cost of the trip.

Yes ____ No ____

I am interested in being an adult chaperone.

Yes ____ No ____

Name of Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Email