

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP RULES

A. GENERAL RULES:

1. Place identification on your luggage. You should include your name, address, town, state, zip code, telephone number and school.
2. You are only permitted to bring ONE suitcase. Be certain a tag is fastened securely to the handle. Be sure that your luggage is placed where the teacher designates upon arrival.
3. Upon return to Demarest, the baggage will be on the same motor coach as on the morning of departure for Washington, D.C.
4. At various times during the trip, announcements will also be made by the teacher-in-charge. ALL students must pay strict attention to what is being said. Announcements will be made only ONCE.
5. A nurse-chaperone will be on the trip. The nurse is with us to handle medical problems and should be consulted if a need arises.
6. The possession of fireworks, alcohol, aerosol cans, laptops, video game consoles, iPads, knives and drugs is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. Mr. Regan reserves the right to search any student's bag.

B. BUS RULES:

1. STUDENTS MUST KEEP THE SAME SEATS!
2. Students will board the bus only when chaperones are present.
3. Valuables should NOT be left on the bus.
4. Windows must be kept shut at all times.
5. At various times during our stay in Washington, D.C., your bus driver or teacher-in-charge will indicate points of interest. They will use the microphone on the bus when they have information to give. You must be quiet.
6. Students and their families will be personally liable for any and all damages to bus property.
7. Garbage must be disposed of properly. You are responsible for the appearance of your bus.
8. No cans or glass bottles of soda will be allowed on the bus.
9. If a student wishes to bring an iPod, it must be equipped with earphones so other students are not disturbed.
10. Cell phones are permitted; however, they cannot be used during the bus ride or guided tours. No Alexa, Echo, Google Assistant, or other Artificial Intelligence assistants are permitted.

C. TOURING:

1. All tours in Washington, D.C. will be with your assigned group.
2. At the various stops, students may explore the different buildings with their designated groups, but they must keep in mind that meeting times may be different. Students are responsible for being present at the time indicated by the teacher-in-charge. (Nurse-chaperone station will be announced).
3. Be certain at least one member of your group has a watch.

D. MEALS:

The following meals are included in the cost of this trip:

WednesdayLunch

Tuesday & Wednesday. Dinner

Wednesday & ThursdayBreakfast (all students must attend)

The student must pay for the following meals:

Tuesday & Thursday Lunch

E. HOTEL RULES:

1. The room captain must retain the room key at all times.
2. Upon returning to the hotel, all students must report to and stay in their respective rooms. The chain locks are not to be used, as your chaperone must have immediate access to your room.
3. Students should "turn in" at a reasonable hour for a field/class trip.
4. Students may watch TV, etc., as long as:
 - a) They remain in the room.
 - b) They are not heard in the hall.
5. Room regulations:
 - a) Pay cable may not be used.
 - b) All phone calls must be made by use of their personal cell phone.
 - c) Hotel windows must be kept closed at all times (open windows can cause the main air conditioning unit to malfunction - if this occurs, we are liable for repairs).
 - d) Adjoining room doors are to be kept locked at ALL times.
 - e) Room must be kept neat and should be left in the same condition as it was found.
 - f) Students and their families will be personally liable for any and all damages to hotel property.
 - g) DO NOT order room service or microwaves to the room
 - h) Any problems with the room please inform a chaperone and they will contact the front desk. (STUDENTS CANNOT CONTACT THE FRONT DESK).
6. ***EACH STUDENT MUST BE FULLY AWARE OF EMERGENCY EXITS!***

F. MONEY AND ITEMS OF VALUE:

1. The safety of cameras, iPods, cell phones and other items of value are the student's responsibility.
2. Spending money:
 - a) A suggested amount of \$50-\$75 will cover the cost of meal expenses.
 - b) Additional money may be necessary if souvenirs are to be purchased.
 - c) All money must be carried with the student or placed in the safe while at the hotel.
 - d) The hotel and the Demarest Middle School staff cannot be held responsible for the loss of money and/or any items of value.

G. DRESS:

All students will be expected to adhere to the following dress code:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - appropriate school dress (sneakers can be worn for walking around)

Wednesday Evening- dinner dress

NO JEANS OR SNEAKERS ALLOWED AT THE DINNER THEATRE.

THE SUGGESTED PROPER ATTIRE FOR THE BOYS: KHAKIS,

COLLARED SHIRT, SHOES AND FOR THE GIRLS: SCHOOL/

WEATHER APPROPRIATE ATTIRE, SCHOOL APPROPRIATE SHOES.

Students are reminded that they represent their school, community and family.

H. SUGGESTED ITEMS:

1. Three (3) changes of clothing
2. Two (2) pairs of comfortable shoes
3. Toiletries
4. Purell Hand Sanitizer
5. Light jacket or sweater
6. Umbrella or raincoat
7. Sleeping attire

Everything must be packed into **ONE SUITCASE**; however, you may take a backpack on the bus for your daily needs.

Extras: (Optional)

1. Camera
2. Reading material for the bus
3. Snacks for the bus (NO NUTS)
4. External battery

PUNCTUALITY IS A MUST.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO USE GOOD COMMON SENSE AND

DISPLAY PROPER DECORUM AT ALL TIMES!