

North Hunterdon High School Music Department  
Spring Trip to Williamsburg, Virginia  
Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

It's official! The NHHS Music Department is organizing a spring trip to Williamsburg, Virginia this school year. I'm so excited to be able to afford this opportunity to every single member of a performing ensemble at North Hunterdon. The chance to perform and receive feedback from leading music educators is primarily what this trip seeks to deliver. Besides that, we'll have time to take historic/educational tours and various other entertaining activities around the Williamsburg area.

By now, your students may have received two separate packets, one of which is labeled 'FYI' at the top. This packet includes information about the District's drug test policy, as well as trip insurance and other trip details. The other packet includes all necessary travel forms, as well as markings that indicate when each form is to be returned. Be advised: some of the forms require the signature of a licensed notary.

There are some important tidbits of information to consider regarding this upcoming trip:

- 1.) **Our trip is exactly \$59 more expensive than the 2020 trip.** For almost the exact same itinerary, our student travel costs have not gone up by any considerable amount.
- 2.) **The North Hunterdon Music Association (NHMA) is spearheading an aggressive fundraising campaign to assist our students.** Part of the reason we staggered trip payments is so that students can fundraise toward the final payment. There will be much more information forthcoming, but please know that making this trip accessible to all students is a departmental priority (this also includes the scheduling of said trip).

Attendance for this trip is not required, but each ensemble will benefit greatly from the participation of as many members as possible. While the NHHS Music Dept. has historically traveled to many locations, major overnight trips like this one **cannot be run every year**. That makes this opportunity even more special; it is our first department-wide trip since 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the other music faculty. Email is best, but you can also leave a voicemail through the school. On behalf of the rest of the music department, I can say that we look forward to providing this memorable experience for our students.

Regards,

Charles A. Hopta III

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