



North Hills Bands and Orchestras

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Hello Band and Orchestra Families,

We are excited to share with you an update to the details of our 2018 Spring Performance Tour to Orlando. This is going to be a wonderful experience performing in these world-class venues and we are excited to grow as a group as we prepare together.

Final Tour Cost

The initial cost of our tour was quoted at \$990. **We are very happy to share that the final cost is \$905.** Thank you for all that you do to support our general fundraising throughout the year!

Fundraising

Fundraising toward your tour contribution can continue until February 22nd. Keep referring to the Fundraising Newsletters for details and opportunities.

Turn in Night

All contributions are due by **Turn in Night on February 22, from 5-7:30 PM.** NHIPA Board Members will be available that evening to confirm your contribution total. If you plan to turn in your final contribution to the NHIPA Box before that evening, please confirm your total contribution with Denise Hampson dhampson172@gmail.com.

Parent Meeting

Please plan on having a parent join us on **February 22 at 8 PM for our Parent Meeting.**

Marching Band Uniform Check

Uniform check will be before and after our **Monday, March 12th rehearsal, from 5-5:45 PM or 8 – 8:30 PM.** Because our students grow so much at this point in their lives, we ask that everyone complete a quick uniform inspection before the tour. Uniforms, including shoes, hats, and gloves, should be cleaned and performance ready. Students will try their uniform on for our uniform chairs.

Marching Band Trip Rehearsals

Thursday, February 22nd	6 – 8 PM
Turn-In Night	5 – 7:30 PM
Parent Meeting	8 PM

Monday, March 12th	6 – 8 PM
Uniform Inspection	5-5:45 PM or 8 – 8:30 PM

Monday, March 19th	6 – 8 PM
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Wednesday, March 21st	6 – 8 PM
Luggage and Medication Drop Off	5 – 8 PM MS Annex Gym

As you can see, we are rehearsing very little for such an important performance. These rehearsals have been on the NHIPA Calendar. Please make them a priority in your scheduling as we follow the same attendance procedures as our fall rehearsals. Thank you!



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House of Blues Performance

As you will see in the following itinerary, we were able to confirm a performance by our North Hills Rock Orchestra on the main stage of the House of Blues, Orlando. In the next couple weeks alone, Blues Traveler and Dashboard Confessional will be performing on this same stage.

There are a limited number of seats for the lunch performance that we are making available for families who will be in Orlando to join us and watch the performance. The orders will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. The cost of each seat is \$21.50.

To reserve a seat, please

1. Fill out the online form at www.nhipa.org > forms > House of Blues Performance Registration
2. Provide a check made out to NHIPA for the cost of \$21.50/person with House of Blues in the memo line. Please place the check in an envelope labeled House of Blues and deliver to either NHIPA Box.

E-mail Communications

The majority of tour information will continue to be shared via e-mail. If you have an e-mail address that needs added to the list, please contact Mr. Lavelle lavelle@nhsd.net.

Thank you

It is a privilege to learn with your students each day and to watch them grow over their years at North Hills High School. We hope that their opportunities in our Orchestras and Bands prove both challenging and worthwhile so that they leave with an understanding of excellence to take with them wherever their travels lead them.

Gratefully,

Your Instrumental Music Staff and the NHIPA



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Disney Tour Itinerary

All of the performance details and parks days have been confirmed. There may still be slight changes in departure and arrival times as final travel variables are determined.

DAY 1, THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

- 1:30 p.m. Campbell motor coaches arrive at North Hills High School
- 2:00 p.m. Campbell motor coaches depart North Hills High School
- 5:00 p.m. I-79 Mile Marker # 122 SB Rest stop, group will pass out meals and will eat on the coaches after departing the rest stop (Dinner on Bus)
- 8:30 p.m. Rest stop, Beckley travel plaza, WV

DAY 2, FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

- 1:00 a.m. Rest stop and driver change, Richburg, SC
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Golden Corral, 5535 S. Kirkman Road, Orlando, FL 32819 (Included)
- 9:45 a.m. Arrive at Disney water park (either Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park or Disney's Typhoon Lagoon) (\$18.00 Disney Dining Card)
- 3:00 p.m. Depart Water park
- 3:30 p.m. Arrive at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South
Subway delivered to the hotel for dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Depart hotel
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive at Disney Springs for free time
- 9:00 p.m. Depart Disney Springs
- 9:30 p.m. Return to hotel
- 11:00 p.m. Security guards on duty until 6:00 a.m.

DAY 3, SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
- 7:45 a.m. Depart hotel
- 8:30 a.m. Arrive at Magic Kingdom (2 - \$18.00 Disney Dining Cards)
- 9:45 a.m. North Hills Marching Band Performs in Magic Kingdom March**
Depart Magic Kingdom after Happily Ever After at 9:00 p.m.
- 10:00 p.m. Return to hotel
- 11:00 p.m. Security guards on duty until 6:00 a.m.

DAY 4, SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
- Optional:
 - 8:30 a.m. Depart for Celebration Community Church
 - 9:00 a.m. Service at Celebration Community Church
 - 11:30 a.m. Arrive at Disney's Animal Kingdom
- 9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Mary Queen of the Universe
- 9:30 a.m. Mass at Mary Queen of the Universe
- 11:30 a.m. Arrive at Disney's Animal Kingdom



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- 9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Disney's Animal Kingdom
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Disney's Animal Kingdom
(\$18.00 Disney Dining Card)
- 2:00 p.m. Depart Disney's Animal Kingdom
- 2:30 p.m. Arrive at Disney's Hollywood Studios
(\$18.00 Disney Dining Card)

- 5:30 p.m. Depart Disney's Hollywood Studios
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive at Disney Springs
- 6:30 p.m. North Hills Choir Performance**
- 7:30 p.m. Arrive at Disney's Hollywood Studios
- 9:15 p.m. Depart Disney's Hollywood Studios
- 9:45 p.m. Return to hotel
- 11:00 p.m. Return to hotel; Security guards on duty until 6:00 a.m.

DAY 5, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel
- 8:45 a.m. Depart hotel
- 9:15 a.m. Arrive at EPCOT
- 11:00 a.m. Depart EPCOT
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at House of Blues
Orchestra Performance at House of Blues
- 1:00 p.m. Depart House of Blues
Return to EPCOT
(\$18.00 Disney Dining Card)
- 9:00 p.m. IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth
- 10:00 p.m. Depart EPCOT

DAY 6, TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

- 12:30 a.m. Rest Stop, I-95 NB Mile Marker # 332
- 5:00 a.m. Rest Stop, Columbia, SC
- 6:30 a.m. Driver change & Breakfast Stop Cracker Barrel, Ft. Mill and Rock Hill, SC (\$15.00 Cash)
- 7:45 a.m. Depart breakfast stop
- 10:45 a.m. Rest Stop, Rocky Gap Rest Area, VA I-77
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch Clarksburg, WV (\$10.00 Cash)
- 5:00 p.m. Return to North Hills High School