

June 7, 2011

Dear Band Parents:

This letter is to inform you of the current plans for the 2012 WMS spring band trip. The trip (which includes all middle school band students) is scheduled for Friday, April 20th, and Saturday, April 21st, 2012. The destination is being planned for Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Mall of America. As the trip is in its early planning stages, a detailed itinerary cannot be provided at this time. The trip activities that are being considered are:

- Clinics/Rehearsals with band directors at St. Olaf College
- Performances by the WMS Bands at the Mall of America
- A visit to America's largest indoor amusement park at Mall of America
- Dinner at Buca di Beppo
- Attend an evening performance by the Minnesota Orchestra

The cost of the trip is estimated to be between \$300 and \$330 per student. A final price cannot be given at this time because the final cost will fluctuate according to the number of band members who participate and also with any changes in itinerary.

The final cost of the trip will be lowered for those students who meet the goal of \$150 in sales during the fall fundraiser, or who pay the buy-out fee. Students who have more than \$150 in sales will have to pay even less for the trip! **If you participate in the buy-out instead of the fundraiser, \$45.00 will be discounted from the final cost of the trip--25% of the family's total fundraiser sales will be discounted from the final cost of the trip!** Each year, I am proud to say that we have families whose spring trip cost is extremely low due to how well they did on the fundraiser! Further trip information will be distributed when we return to school in the fall. The first spring trip payment will be due in early December, 2011. This payment is a non-refundable \$100 deposit.

Traveling as a band is a wonderful, rewarding, and educational experience. It is my sincere hope that each of our students is able to participate. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 450-2735, ex. 681, or by email at JKluge@sd925.org. Have a safe and relaxing summer vacation!

Sincerely,

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