# 2014 GCJHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip

# Wednesday, April 9 through Sunday, April 13 2014

# IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

#### **Departure and Return**

ightarrow Wednesday, April 9:	8:00 PM	Depart from GCJHS
← Sunday, April 13:	7:00 AM	Return to GCJHS

# Bus Check-in: Wednesday, April 9

1.	Bus 1:	7:30	Girls (Greene/Carr)
2.	Bus 2:	7:35	Girls (Boudreau/Scott/Stinnett)
3.	Bus 3:	7:40	Boys (Spencer/Uhl)
4.	Bus 4:	7:45	Boys (Kraft/Stewart/Olin)
5.	Bus 5:	7:50	Boys (Murphy Evans)

# At Check-in

- 1. Luggage will be left in the school (gym entry area) lobby. Your carry-on bag will stay with you for the bus. You will not have access to your luggage until Thursday night. So pack your essentials in your carry-on bag!
- 2. SIGN-IN with your bus leader (Teacher/s assigned to your bus)
- 3. Parents not traveling should exit the facility quickly to avoid traffic!
- 4. Traveling parents will park in designated area violators will be towed at owner's expense.

# **Packing list**

- Pack two bags; one carry-on type for the bus Wednesday night and another larger duffle for everything else. Your larger bag will be stored under the bus until late Thursday night! Keep your essentials with you in your carry-on!
- Small Carry-on (tote or backpack)
  - Pack or carry a pillow and small blanket.
  - Pack items in carry-on to brush teeth, do hair, wash face, and change clothes the next morning. Don't forget contacts/solution or other personal items!
  - Plan to wear sweats or PJ pants on bus must have shoes (flip flops are fine)
  - Pack snacks and water. Energy or high caffeine drinks like Red Bull, Monster, Mt.
    Dew etc. will NOT be allowed.
  - Medication: Students who require medication should be in charge of their own items unless parents feel their student is not responsible. Contact Mrs. Greene at <u>bgreene@gcsc.k12.in.us</u> if you need to make other medication arrangements.
  - Lunch money: NEED \$10 per day for lunch

- Optional: extra spending money for souvenirs. There will be many places for students to buy souvenirs. This amount is up to you and your child. Cash is the best option.
- Cell phone/camera/other hand-held electronic devices may be brought at the owner's discretion. Students are responsible for keeping and a securing their own devices. Many places will ask for devices to be shut off, please be respectful.
  - Wifi and outlets for charging on all motor coaches.
- Larger duffel (stored under bus)
  - 2-3 pair of Pants/jeans/capris/shorts (school appropriate)
  - o 2-3 shirts
  - Undergarments/socks/sweats/PJ's
  - 1-2 jackets/sweater/sweatshirts (check weather for DC area)
  - o 1-2 pair of comfortable walking shoes (flip flops are NOT suggested for tour days)

#### **Dress CODE**

#### All school dress code rules apply with the following additions...

- 1. You are representing your school and community. The way you look says a lot about you! Dress appropriately to make a good impression.
- 2. Shorts/skirts or dresses must be to the knee.
- 3. No ripped pants/jeans or holes.
- 4. Flip flops are HIGHLY discouraged during the day and on tours. (You will walk miles!)
- 5. Yoga pants/leggings must have a covering shirt to mid-thigh.
- 6. If you are participating in the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington, you must follow their dress guidelines.
  - MALES A collared shirt, Casual slacks, appropriate shoes (no tennis shoes)
  - FEMALES A blouse Casual slacks, skirt or dress appropriate shoes (no tennis shoes)

#### **Hotel RULES**

- 1. Students will be given 15 minutes upon arrival to get in their rooms.
- 2. A member of the GCJHS staff will visit each room at night to ensure that students have the things they need for the night and are aware of the next day's schedule.
- Students are expected to stay in the rooms until their wake-up call that next morning. Under NO circumstances are students allowed to be in rooms in which they are not assigned.
- 4. Students should not open the door for any person who does not identify themselves as a member of the GCJHS staff. Students will be given a number to call in case of emergency.