

September 15, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The 8th grade students at Riverside are invited to participate in a three day/two night trip to Washington, D.C. This trip is designed to enhance student understanding of twentieth century U.S. history. The trip will be from Tuesday, May 30, 2017 to Thursday, June 1, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$450 per student. This includes the hotel, meals, gratuities, a t-shirt, transportation and admission for the three days. Students will only need to bring money for snacks, souvenirs and stops at McDonald's on the way to and back from Washington D.C.

Many of the students' teachers will be traveling as chaperones. We will have a minimum of 5 chaperones on the trip.

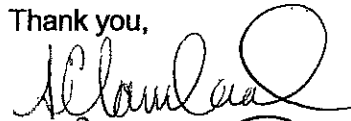
The fee for the trip will be paid in monthly installments. You must return the attached paperwork with a **non-refundable** \$75 deposit to hold your child's spot. There are only 45 seats available for students. These seats will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. A waiting list lottery will be established. Students on the waiting list will be notified when and if a spot becomes available. This can occur at any time prior to the trip.

Payments will be made on a monthly basis. On the first of November, December, January, February, March and April, you will make a payment of \$55. On the first of May, the final installment of \$45 will be due. All checks should be made payable to **Riverside Middle School**. Due to payment deadlines from vendors, money is non-refundable after the date of March 15th whether you or an administrator remove your child from the trip.

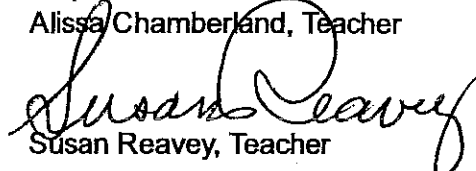
For students to be eligible to attend the trip, they must be cumulatively passing all core classes (including full year Portuguese and Spanish) by March 1st. Additionally, they must have good attendance and behavior. Any student with a combined total of 15 or more unexcused absences or tardies will be replaced with a student on the waiting list. ~~Any student suspended from school will be removed from the trip.~~ At any time, an administrator may remove a student from the trip due to behavior patterns such as walking out of class without permission, in-school suspension, being removed from class, etc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Chamberland or Ms. Reavey at Riverside Middle School (433-6230) or email us at [achamberland@epschoolsri.com](mailto:achamberland@epschoolsri.com) and [sreavey@epschoolsri.com](mailto:sreavey@epschoolsri.com). An informational parent meeting will be held in the spring when the itinerary is finalized.

Thank you,



Alissa Chamberland, Teacher



Susan Reavey, Teacher

**\*\*Please refer to the back side of this letter for a tentative itinerary.**

**Washington, DC**  
**May 30 – June 1, 2017**  
**TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

**Tuesday, May 30**

- Leave RMS by motor coach @ 4:00 am to drive to Washington, DC
- Stop planned for breakfast @ roadside rest area
- Smithsonian Museums (Natural History and African-American Art) includes and IMAX show
- Check in at Hampton Inn (Downtown DC)
- Bowling at Pinstripes and dinner
- Return to hotel

**Wednesday, May 31**

- Breakfast @ hotel
- Meet with tour guide- Monuments, Pennsylvania Ave, Arlington Cemetery
- Potential Tour of White House, Pentagon, and U.S. Capitol Building
- Lunch @ food court
- Holocaust Museum
- Dinner @ Gordon Biersch
- Evening tour of monuments via trolley
- Return to hotel

**Thursday, June 1**

- Breakfast at hotel
- National Zoo
- Lunch @ zoo
- Depart for home
- Dinner @ roadside rest area

**Cost of trip \$450 per student**



Riverside Middle School

Washington, D.C. Permission Slip

**Please return the permission slip and \$75 deposit to Ms. Chamberland in Room 222 ASAP.**

I give my son/ daughter \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the trip to Washington D.C. from May 30th to June 1st. I have enclosed a non-refundable deposit of \$75 to ensure a spot. I understand that after March 15, 2016 all money for the trip is non-refundable whether or not my child attends.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Food Restrictions (vegetarian, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE:**

\*\*We may be attending the Holocaust Museum. It can be a very sensitive topic for students. If you feel your child will not be able to handle this topic, an alternative activity will be provided at a possible additional cost.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my child to attend the Holocaust Museum. I understand that this may cost me an additional fee for an alternative activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want my child to attend the Holocaust Museum.

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Please complete the back side of this form also.

We are requesting tours from the White House, Pentagon and Capitol. We need the following information about your child for the security request.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the student a US citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_