

# MARTIN GT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS

Dear chorus families,

We have confirmed the date and costs of our spring trip to Williamsburg for the Music in the Parks Festival!

As stated on the chorus calendar in January, the trip will take place on **Saturday, May 18**. We plan to meet at MMS at **5:00am** to load the buses so that we can depart by **5:30am**. We will perform at a high school in the Williamsburg area in a concert festival similar to the MPA festival at around **9:20am**. After the performance, students will have a chance to change clothes at the school before we leave for Busch Gardens. We will then spend the remainder of the day in the theme park, leaving at around **5:00pm** for a **9:00pm** arrival at MMS.

The transportation expense, as well as the festival fee (which includes admission to the theme park and registration for the festival), is all inclusive in the registration fee. The cost for chaperones will be less because the festival does not charge a registration fee, so parents are only paying for the theme park ticket and part of the bus cost.

**Each student should turn in \$120.00 (online pay portal), sign the Contract online and turn in the WCPSS field trip form by Friday, April 12th.** \*\*Please note that this IS an early deadline due to the late nature of approval from the festival company\*\* Please understand that once we near the trip date, Music in the Parks Festivals will be unable to refund our money. If this fee would prevent a student from being able to participate due to financial circumstances, please contact Ms. Thomas immediately so that we can seek assistance for that child to go. (Likewise, if you are in a position to make a donation to assist other students, we will happily accept!)

## CHAPERONES:

If you are interested in being a chaperone on this trip, please email me as soon as possible ([awthomas@wcpss.net](mailto:awthomas@wcpss.net)). The bus will seat a total of 56 people, and we are estimating all of those seats will be filled. There are two remaining seats for chaperones which will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. **Parent chaperones that plan on attending should include a separate payment of \$50 per parent. Chaperones that plan to assist with this event must be registered as a parent volunteer with the Wake County Public School System.** If you are not currently registered, contact the main office at MMS for details. The process takes about two weeks, so be sure this is taken care of as soon as possible. We must have at least 12 parent chaperones to take this trip! **It is possible (and encouraged!) for a parent to chaperone and drive their own vehicle to Virginia. Those parents would pay the \$50, meet us in Virginia at Tabb HS, then follow us to the park afterwards to be assigned a group.** The groups will be small (5 students per chaperone) and be organized by “thrill riders” and “non-thrill riders” whenever possible.

☺ Finally, if you are a Busch Gardens Season Pass holder and can chaperone, there is no fee.

We are looking forward to a great day!

Allison W. Thomas