

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIPS

November 7, 2022

Student Guidance

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1. We will begin boarding buses (seniors & juniors in one bus and sophomores & freshmen in the other) from the Gypsy Park Gym Parking Lot (Staunton) at 6:30 a.m., and we will return at this location by 6:30 p.m.
2. Larger bags and all food and drinks should be left on the bus, as these are typically prohibited by the various venues we will be visiting.
3. Girls can take small purses, but the venues will search and scan all bags. Individuals will also be scanned and possibly searched by the venues.
4. Cellphones will be collected as you enter the bus and returned as you exit; however, please use these only for emergency communications or for taking appropriate photos. Chaperones will share their phone numbers with students for emergency purposes.
5. It is highly recommended that students bring \$20 for lunch within one of the venues or a nearby restaurant. If they eat more than a typical teenager, or will want to purchase souvenirs, they should bring even more money.
6. Layered clothing is recommended so that you can quickly adapt to cold/warm temperatures outside/inside.
7. Comfortable footwear is also recommended as a good part of the day will be spent walking to and from as well as within the various venues.
8. Even though temperatures will not be hot, if you are susceptible to sun burn, then please bring and use sunscreen.
9. Students are to remain with their grade level or with the smaller groups into which they will be divided. A chaperone will be assigned to each small group. When appropriate, a chaperone may permit students in groups of three to temporarily go somewhere away from either group; however, students are never to wonder off alone or with another student.
10. Here are the venues that will be visited.
 - a. Seniors: Holocaust Museum & Ford's Theater
 - b. Juniors: Smithsonian National Zoo, Smithsonian Museum of American History, & Lincoln Memorial
 - c. Sophomores: National Archives Museum, United States Botanic Garden, National Gallery of Art, & Washington Monument
 - d. Freshmen: Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum & Museum of the Bible