

Strive for Excellence...
The Galena High School Band

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Dear Parents and Students,

Well this is year 49 marching in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day parade, and I believe this year's trip will be fantastic (Saturday, March 12th). Besides marching in the parade, we are organizing a fun activity at Gameworks in Schaumburg. Pizza will be included in this activity. In an effort to avoid any last minute stress, I would like to get the number of students/adults attending this trip set ASAP. If at any time you have any questions in regards to the trip, please feel free to contact me. The cost of the trip is slightly up in the air. Worst case scenario, the trip will be \$55, best case \$35. While I have one charter already paid, I am working out details to get the second charter covered for free as well (fingers crossed). Please remember that this is an extra trip and is not mandatory. We hope you will take part, but you will not be penalized if you choose not to go. However, students have the opportunity to earn award points if they choose to go. In this letter you will find a copy of the rules that will be in effect on the trip, discipline procedures, a copy of the itinerary, and a permission slip that must be signed and returned in order to take part in the trip.

Final thought: Since this is a big trip year, I am doing all of the organizing for this trip instead of having Tri-State work out all of the details. I am doing this to further help keep costs down. I will be doing all of the reservations and direct payments. I will need accurate number very soon, so I can reserve Gameworks. Thanks.

Chicago Trip Rules

I am not expecting any problems from my student. However, as a teacher I must let the parents and students know what my expectations are and what procedures will be taken if a situation does occur. It must be stressed that all school rules will be in effect for the duration of the trip.

General Rules:

1. No Alcohol or Drugs will be tolerated.
2. No Smoking at any time.
3. Please respect directions given by either the chaperones or myself.
4. When in public places, stay in a group of three or more at all times.
5. Do not leave area assigned (example leaving mall, restaurant, etc.)
6. If any Emergency should occur, notify chaperone or me immediately.
7. When meeting as group, be on time.
8. No coolers please.
9. No Boom Boxes please.
10. Movies must be approved ahead of time; only PG-13, PG, and G movies are allowed on the trip. Mr. Holland may decline even some PG-13 movies.

School Policy: Alcohol and Drugs- the possession, use, distribution or arriving under the influence of alcoholic beverages on school buses, or at school-sponsored events is prohibited. The illicit use or possession without a medical prescription, or distribution of drugs on school-sponsored events is prohibited. Result of this will be a three-day suspension and referral to police.

Smoking and Use of Tobacco- smoking and the use of tobacco by students is not allowed on a school-sponsored event. Students are not to carry tobacco, lighters, matches, or any other related paraphernalia at any time when they are at a school sponsored activity. Students who violate this policy shall have all tobacco and smoking related materials taken away and shall be subject by the school to: 10 day assignment seat in the cafeteria during lunch, 1 day in-school suspension and conference with parent.

A quick note about chaperones: Chaperones are to be given all the respect that I would expect from you. They are along to make things run much smoother and to help you in case of an emergency.

Chicago '16 Trip Permission Slip

I, the undersigned student, agree to abide by the rules and requirements set for the trip that has been stated above. I am aware that all school rules are in effect for the entire trip. If a medical form is needed for me, I have included a copy with this sheet.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned guardian/parent, have read the above rules and requirements for the trip. I am aware and agree that if certain discipline actions must be taken on my child that I agree to pay for the transportation as mentioned below for my son/daughter. I have also left telephone #'s on this contract where I may be reached in case medical attention or disciplinary action is needed for my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Contact #'s

Times at #'s

In the event that disciplinary action needs to be taken, the following will also be used:

1. Performance grade in band (50% of grade) moved to "F". No higher than "F" could be achieved for grade in band.
2. Student will be sent home immediately accompanied by a chaperone.

The student/parent will have to pay:

- a. For their trip home
- b. The chaperone's trip home
- c. A portion or the chaperone's entire trip cost depending on when the offense occurred.
No refund of trip will be given.

Or:

- a. You may be asked to come to Chicago and pick your child up.

3. Students will be banned from all extra trips in the future.

****Permission Slip and Payment Final Due Dates****

(Payments can be made in advance)

Monday, February 1st

-Payment of \$35(cost of Gameworks, parade fee, and uniform cleaning)

-Signed permission slip due(the sooner the better on this)

Monday, February 29th

-Payment of \$20 if needed for bus

*****ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE BY **CHECK** (Make checks out to *GHS BAND*) UNLESS TRANSFERING OUT OF YOUR ACCOUNT.**

*****ONCE PERMISSION SLIP IS TURNED IN NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR THE TRIP DUE TO SET COSTS*****

Chicago St. Patrick's Day Trip Itinerary Saturday, March 12, 2016

Saturday:

- 5:30a.m. Meet at school, bag check, load busses
6:00 a.m. Depart for Chicago
Break enroute for breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Line up in parade
Noon Step off in Chicago St. Pat's Parade to be announced
- 2:45pm Since we don't know our line up number it is hard to gage when we will be done, so if we have any extra time we will go to Woodsfield Mall.
- 4:45pm Arrive
5:00p.m. **Gameworks**
- 7:00pm Depart for home
10:30p.m. Estimated arrival at GHS

*This is a tentative schedule of events it is subject to change, but it should give you a good idea of what we will be doing for the weekend. With the itinerary as is, the price for the trip is projected at \$35-55.

Chaperone sign up sheet

We need adults and chaperones for the trip this year! The fee assessed will be \$35-55 for those parents who are selected to go. We understand that there are many parents who may sign up for this event. For this reason, I will give priority to: 1) Parent's involved in the Band Boosters 2) Senior and junior parents and guardians 3) Sophomore and freshman parents. We do however still encourage as many parents to sign up as possible since we do never know how many people we will have volunteer. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to do this for the educational enhancement of your child. Please take a minute to fill out the form below.

Parents Names _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Name of student attending _____