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Feb. 25, 2010

December, 21, 2009

To: Ron Holloway, High School Asst. Principal

From: Joseph L. Milliken, HHS Choral Director and the Choir Officers

Subject: HHS Choirs Trip to Virginia Beach area.

The trips that our choirs have taken in the spring offer an experience to our students which is educational, artistically stimulating, and encourages participation in vocal music at Horseheads High School. This year the chorus requests permission to travel to the Virginia Beach area. The emphasis of our trip this year will be on an outstanding performing opportunity and cultural enrichment. The entire cost of the trip will be covered by funds already raised through student sales and individual student contributions.

Dates: May 8, 9, and 10, 2010

Number of Students: @ 100

Chaperones: 10 – including:

Joseph Milliken

Leslie Fagan, accompanist

And 8 others.

Travel will be by Covered Wagon Bus Service video coaches and organized by Carr's Holidays of Vestal, NY. A detailed itinerary is attached. I have used Carr's Holidays many times in the past and they are extremely efficient and dependable. Our trip this year will provide a beneficial musical and artistic experience for our students and a valuable educational one as well. We will visit the Virginia Beach area, Norfolk Harbor, seeing elements of the US Atlantic Fleet, Busch Gardens and the inner harbor of Baltimore, with historic ships and other points of interest. Another significant part of our trip will be singing at Busch Gardens, with an opportunity for adjudication of our performance. Professional Security Services are included for night supervision and to insure the safety of our students.

The trip will provide performance, educational, social, and cultural experiences helping to build maturity for our students individually and credibility for vocal music performance in the school community. This can be very important for the health and stability of the arts in Horseheads. The correlation between academic success and participation in the performing arts is well documented and recent research shows that these results are even more significant for students from less affluent backgrounds. Vocal music provides a special chance for all our young people to participate in a music program without prior musical training or the outside support that is so important in instrumental music. In this way, the vocal music program complements the instrumental program, as well as offering a unique musical and artistic experience in its own right. The educational, motivational, and emotional benefits of a trip, such as the one we are proposing, for the health and long term success of the vocal music program are truly significant and well worth the effort to make them possible. Thank you.

January 20, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The trips that our choirs have taken in the spring offer an experience to our students which is educational, artistically stimulating, and encourages participation in vocal music at Horseheads High School. This year the choirs are traveling to the Virginia Beach area. The emphasis of our trip this year will be on an outstanding performing opportunity and cultural enrichment. Students may use money from their fund raising accounts or pay directly. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$310 (a detailed itinerary and other information are attached to show what the fee covers). Students will receive a statement of what monies are in their accounts and the exact final cost so you are able to plan for the trip in the near future. Payment will be made in three installments: \$100 February 15th, \$100 March 15th, and the balance on April 15th.

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Please read the attached Release/Consent form and return it signed.

Sincerely,

Joseph Milliken

Choral Director

RELEASE AND CONSENT

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of
(please print) _____

authorize the chaperones, agents and employees of the Horseheads Central School District supervising the choirs' trip to Virginia Beach from May 8-10, 2010 to exercise the same control over said student while on said trip as we would exercise as parents or guardians and to take such measures as may be necessary to safeguard the health of said student including the procurement of emergency medical care should this become necessary. We hereby authorize such emergency medical treatment as may be necessary to safeguard said student's health and we hereby release any and all hospitals, infirmaries, clinics, physicians, nurses and other medical personnel from any and all liability in connection with such emergency medical treatment rendered to said student, except for gross or culpable negligence.

It is our understanding that said student is to abide by all the rules and regulations made by the Horseheads Central School District, its agents and employees relating to the behavior and demeanor of the participants in said trip. Students are expected to follow normal rules and regulations of the regular program and violations of said rules will carry the penalties from in school suspension to denial of extra-curricular activities, i.e. Senior Prom and Graduation Exercises. Any major violations, such as consuming alcohol and/or drugs, other than prescription drugs, will mean the student will be sent home at your expense.

The undersigned student acknowledges that he or she agrees to all the terms and conditions of this release and consent and agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations applicable to participants on said trip.

Signed:

Parent or Guardian

Student

Mr. Milliken: (607) 857-7209

Emergency # _____ (relation to student)

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Special Med. Info. _____

Meds student will take _____

Known Medical Allergies or Conditions _____

Ins. Carrier/# _____

**Horseheads Choirs
Virginia Beach Trip Itinerary
May 8-10, 2010**

Saturday May 8th

6:00 AM Depart Horseheads
4:00 PM Check in Best Western Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel
6:30 PM Pizza, Salad, Cookies, Soda @ Hotel

Sunday May 9th

TBA Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel
TBA Departure
TBA Arrive Busch Gardens – Performance Opportunity
TBA Day in the Park - rides, etc.
TBA Departure
TBA Dinner/Dinner Cruise
TBA Departure
TBA Arrive Hotel

Monday May 10th

8:00 AM Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel
9:00 AM Departure
1:30 PM Arrive Baltimore Inner Harbor – lunch, shopping, sight-seeing
4:00 PM Departure
9:00 PM Arrive Horseheads

Package Includes:

- Round trip transportation and transfers via video bus.
- (2) Nights Hotel Accommodations
- (2) Buffet Breakfasts. (1) Buffet Dinner. (1) Pizza Party
- All taxes and gratuities.
- All admissions
- Services of a Carr's Holiday Tour Escort

Package Price:

\$310/Person based on quad occupancy

Mr. Milliken contact # (607) 857-7209