

January 20, 2010

Dear Parents,

Believe it or not our departure date for Hawaii is quickly approaching! This letter is to inform you of the updated information for the trip. As a reminder, we will be leaving from Bush Intercontinental Airport on March 10th at 9:35am. You will need to provide transportation to the airport and drop off your student at the specified terminal (information TBA) by 7am. We will be flying on Continental Airlines and arriving in Honolulu at 2:00pm Hawaii time, please be advised there is a 5 hour time difference.

The remainder of the itinerary will be as follows:

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

9:35am: Depart for Hawaii - Arrive 2:00pm

Transfer to Hotel – **Outrigger Reef on the Beach**

Dinner that evening will be at Cheeseburger Restaurant on Waikiki Beach walk

Thursday, March 11, 2010

7:00am: Breakfast

8:00am: Circle Island tour with stops at Diamond Head Crater, North Shore Beach, and Dole Pineapple Plantation.

5:30pm: Dinner that evening will be at California Pizza Kitchen on Waikiki Beach.

Friday, March 12, 2010

7:00am: Breakfast

8:00am: Pearl Harbor- Tour the USS Missouri and the USS Arizona Memorial

3:00pm: Perform at Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center at Waikiki Beach

5:30pm: Dinner that evening will be at Tiki's Grill on Waikiki Beach

Saturday, March 13, 2010

8:00am: **Secret Island Adventure**, located at Kualoa Ranch.

Students will be brought to a secret island and spend the day participating in the following activities:

- volleyball
- badminton
- kayaking
- ping pong
- snorkeling
- outrigger canoe

There will also be a movie tour of the valley to see where they filmed Jurassic Park, Lost, and Pearl Harbor. *Lunch will be included while at the island.*

4:30pm: Depart for Paradise Cove Luau

Sunday, March 14, 2010

7:00am: Breakfast

Students will have the day to spend shopping, swimming, or relaxing at the hotel. We will depart for the airport around 5:30pm.

8:05pm: Depart for Houston- arrival time will be 9:30am Monday, March 15, 2010.

INCLUDED in the price of the trip is airfare, hotel, baggage fees, travel/medical insurance, 4 dinners (one of which is the Luau), 3 breakfasts' while in Hawaii, 1 lunch at the Secret Island, transportation, all admissions, and Lei greetings.

One question that is always asked is how much extra money should each student bring? This depends on the student, but I will tell you what is **not** provided and you can decide from there. There will no meals provided at the airport. Our departure flight is early so the kids may want to grab something for breakfast at the airport. Lunch (of sorts) will be provided on the flight. The evening of our return flight the students will need to get something to eat at the airport for dinner. Airport food is usually more expensive, but there will be the typical fast food places available. While in Hawaii, students will need money for 3 lunches on our excursion days. The reason for this is it will be much easier to eat in smaller groups at various locations while we are out than finding a place that can accommodate 128 people. Hawaii is a little more expensive, but then again there should be the typical fast food and local restaurants available for a reasonable price. Lunch will be provided on the Secret Island Adventure but there will be no breakfast provided that day because of our early departure. The only other reason to bring extra spending cash would be to purchase souvenirs or to buy your band director a present!!!

One thing that is very important is a photo ID. Each student must have a photo ID with their name. I have asked the students to check the list on my office door to make sure their name is spelled correctly and that it is exactly what is on their ID. Students will be issued a ticket with the name that matches the ID. If they do not match, we will have serious problems at the airport, which may result in the student not being allowed to travel. **Students may use their school ID or any other government issued ID.**

As you know the total price of the trip is \$1310 per person, however, Continental Airlines has added a fuel surcharge and went up on their baggage fees at the last minute. What this means is the trip cost will increase \$50 per person. I have pleaded our case and even filed a formal complaint but to no avail. I was told the base fare is all they guarantee and the fees are subject to change without notice. (You may want to remember this when choosing your airline in the future). This means the trip cost is now \$1360. The Band boosters and directors have done an excellent job raising money this year and are going to be able to cover \$300 per person. Thank you so much to all the parents that worked so hard to raise this money. This means that each student will now only need \$1060 in their account in order to go on the trip. If you have made all the payments on time you should currently have \$950 in your account. That means you would only need to make a \$110 February payment to be paid in full. As of now,

_____, has \$ _____ in his/her account. The next payment due date is **February 1st**. By February 15th each student should have \$1060 in their account. Any student that participated in a fundraiser has that money included in the above total. **If a student does not have \$1060 in their account**

or special arrangements not have been made with Mr. Bird, they will not be allowed to go on the trip.

If you have any question, feel free contact Mr. Bird or Ms. Carter at the band hall. **(281) 328-9250**. We are looking forward to this trip and I hope you are as well.

Thank You,
Adam Bird