

Culminating Trips for 8th Graders - Information Letter

Washington / New York Trip

The Washington / New York trip will take place **Saturday, March 7, 2026 through Saturday, March 14, 2026**. We will depart on March 7th from the Deerlake bus ramp at 6:00pm. We will return to Deerlake on March 14th, arriving around 7:30am. **This trip will be limited to 128 students**. Spots will be assigned on a first come, first-served basis when students pay their initial non-refundable deposit. ***Please note that once these spaces are filled, we will NOT be able to secure another bus or tickets unless AT LEAST 36 additional students are on the waiting list by the deposit deadline on October 1st.***

The Washington / New York trip will cost each student **\$1,400.00**. Tentative activities/sites include the following: visiting memorials and various museums in Washington, D.C., viewing a Broadway play, cheering on the team at the NJ Devils Hockey Game, take a Dinner cruise around the Statue of Liberty, and visits to the 9/11 Memorial, One World Observatory, the Oculus, Wall Street, Chinatown, Little Italy, Times Square, Grand Central Terminal, the American Museum of Natural History, Trump Tower, the Intrepid Museum, etc. The trip cost of \$1400.00 includes the hotel, motor coaches, tolls, parking fees, most meals (except possibly 1 meal which will be paid for by the student), tickets to all attractions/events, lanyard, t-shirt, trip supplies/necessities, and sub coverage.

Orlando Trip

The Orlando trip has been set for **Monday, March 9th through Wednesday, March 11th, 2026**. Tentative activities/sites include a day at Disney's Magic Kingdom, Disney's Animal Kingdom, and Disney's Hollywood Studios. The Orlando trip will cost each student **\$700.00**. Please note that a ***minimum of 32 students*** will be needed for us to be able to offer this trip. The trip cost of \$700.00 includes the hotel, motor coaches, tolls, parking fees, meals, tickets to the theme parks, lanyard, materials, trip supplies/necessities, and sub coverage.

Payment / Information

- Trip details and rooming information will be sent home on **Wednesday, September 3rd for both trips**.
- As well, please make sure to sign up for our **Remind** account to receive text updates about payment dates, trip information, and status reports while we are on the trips!!
 - To sign-up for **Remind** for the **NYC** trip, text the message **@DMSNYC2026** to 81010
 - To sign-up for **Remind** for the **Orlando** trip, text the message **@DMSORL2026** to 81010
- **Washington / New York** will be broken down into a non-refundable deposit (Wednesday, October 1st - \$350) and 3 additional non-refundable payments (November 5th - \$350, December 3rd - \$350, February 4th - \$350). Parents are welcome to pay for the trip in one lump sum of \$1,400 on October 1st if they prefer.
- **Orlando** will have an initial non-refundable deposit (October 1st - \$175) and 3 additional non-refundable payments (November 5th - \$175, December 3rd - \$175, February 4th - \$175). Parents are welcome to pay in one lump sum of \$700 on October 1st if they prefer.
- Trip payments for both trips will be **accepted beginning at 8:15 AM on October 1st**. Payments will be taken in the **Media Center**. The Front Gates will not open until 8:15. Historically, a line forms outside the gates prior to 8:15, **spots will be assigned on a first come first served basis and a ticket reserving that spot will be handed out on a first come first served basis**. One student may submit their entire group's permission forms and money for the entire group.
- Students **must** have their **Activity Form** on file in order to attend either of the above trips.
- On **Thursday, September 4th**, we will hold a **Parent Meeting** to discuss the **Washington / New York** and **Orlando trips prior to Open House**. The meeting will begin at **5:15 pm** in the Deerlake auditorium. If you are interested in either of these trips or have any questions, please make plans to attend this optional Meeting.



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**** These field trips are pending School Board Approval – we will know more after September 6th and more information will be sent home at that time****