

Warren Central High School

Big Blue

Band

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Dear parent/guardian:

As you know, the students of Big Blue have a much-deserved opportunity to travel to New York, NY in April. Excitement is growing among the students. While this is a more costly trip than the band normally takes, it is a terrific price for what we get. This will be very meaningful event in the life of your child and will give them memories and experiences that will enrich the rest of their lives.

We have received several deposits already and the due date is this Friday, July 31. While a trip like this is not a requirement, we very much need to have as many students from the first-band as possible in order to fulfill our performance obligation and represent our school and community properly. Any/all the band students are welcome to go. The purpose for the deposit being due this Friday is that we need to know who wants to go and provide as many smaller payments as possible. Please check your band calendar and e-mails for the numerous fund-raisers we have planned for all travelers.

Here is a payment schedule:

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| 1. Friday July 31 | \$200 non-refundable deposit** |
| 2. Friday August 28 | \$127.86 |
| 3. Wed. September 30 | \$127.86 |
| 4. Fri. October 30 | \$127.86 |
| 5. Mon. November 30 | \$127.86 |
| 6. Fri. December 18 | \$127.86 |
| 7. Fri. January 29 | \$127.86 |
| 8. Fri. February 26 | \$127.86 |
| TOTAL: | \$1095.00 (four to a room) |

This does not include 12 meals and incidentals, which can also be fund-raised.

**Once the \$200 has been paid it will not be refunded if you decide not to make the trip. This payment is your commitment. If some unforeseen obstacle (natural disaster, security risk) causes the trip to become impossible, the money will be diverted to other future travel or refunded upon graduation, whichever comes first.

I am aware that, upon seeing the itinerary, some of you had concerns about supervision of the students. Those are just suggestions from the travel agency. The students will be assigned to small groups and each group will have an adult chaperone. No students will be unaccompanied in un-secured areas. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Many parents are interested in going as chaperones. This is wonderful! To be fair, the following procedure will be followed. We will take one chaperone per 10 students signed-up. Starting with members of the executive committee, *this will be first-come first-serve based on the date deposit and agreement is received (we are taking into account that a few have already paid).*

If there is overwhelming support to spend the extra money and perform at Carnegie Hall, that is still an option, but *I must know immediately*. If you are interested an extra paying an extra \$400 for this, please indicate on the agreement. This, however, could change the trip date.

“Big Blue Band to the Big Apple”

April 8-11, 2009

Trip Contract

I wish to travel to New York, NY with the Big Blue Band. Enclosed is my \$200 non-refundable deposit.

Printed Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Printed parent name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Chaperone Agreement:

_____ (*initial*) I would like to chaperone this trip. I understand that chaperones are welcome to go on a first-come-first-serve basis and there will be one chaperone responsible for every 10 students. This includes keeping up with the students “around-the-clock” on the trip (please don’t plan personal getaways—the purpose of a chaperone is to supervise children). Cost for chaperones 3 to a room is \$1159 per person and \$1275 per person for double occupancy.

Chaperone printed name _____

Chaperone signature _____

Date _____

_____ (Yes or No) I think we should send the students to play in Carnegie Hall even if it costs

more and may change the date. _____ (Parent Signature)