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To: HCSD Board Members
RE: 2026 Senior Trip to Washington D.C.

To whom it may concern:

Kevin
Bittinger
Assistant
Principal

The senior class of 2026 is requesting the opportunity to visit Washington DC in the spring of 2026. This will be the schools fourth trip as a senior class to the Nation's Capital. We will be traveling on our own this year. Our trip dates are March 30th 2026- April 4th 2026.

Attached you will find our itinerary for this year's 2026 trip. We plan to follow a very similar itinerary to last years. You will also find the field trip packet completed to the best of our ability. Some information in the field trip packet cannot be provided until future dates, such as students attending, chaperones attending, etc.

Mildred

We will be flying direct from Tampa International to Reagan National Airport at the moment with 12 students but we have enough spots for more.

Murrman
-Dudley
Assistant
Principal

Upon arrival to Reagan National Airport, we will use the DC Metro for transportation to our hotel and throughout our trip for getting around the city. Students will receive a DC Metro card as part of their package. This card is an unlimited short trip card.

Brandy
Sladek
Assistant
Principal

We plan to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn in Arlington Virginia. This hotel is located near a metro station, provides good rates, is located in a safe neighborhood, provides a continental breakfast each morning, and is close to restaurants.

The cost of each student is approximately \$1,300. This includes airfare, hotel for 5 nights, breakfast, dinner, DC Metro pass, transportation and admission to Mt. Vernon, and other costs. The cost of this years trip is consistent with last years.

Hotel (\$200 per room X 6 rooms X 5 nights with 14.25% tax) / 12 students @\$571.25

Flight (based on current price \$400 X 15) / 12 students @\$500

Metro Cards (\$55 each X 15) / 12 students @\$68.75

Dinners (\$125 per person X 15) / 12 students @\$157

Sponsorship shirts (\$25 X 15) / 12 students @\$31.25

Mt. Vernon (\$50 X 15) / 12 students @\$62.50

Total estimated cost of trip

@1390.75

The students will not be expected to pay any more than the \$1,300 but the costs for an extra chaperone instead will be offset by fundraising.



We project this number to fluctuate up or down and exact numbers cannot be determined until we have a commitment from all 12 students.

Students will be required to buy lunch on their own each day. There will be various food trucks and restaurants on and around the national mall which is where we stay for lunch each day.

In order to offset the costs students will have the opportunity to participate in fundraising opportunities throughout the school year to raise money to pay for their trip. Last year we even had one student fundraise the entire trip amount.

We plan to visit the following places while in D.C.

- Arlington National Cemetery, where students will get to witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will visit John F. Kennedy's gravesite where the eternal flame is burning. They will also get to tour Robert E. Lee's home which sits at the top of the hill in Arlington Cemetery.
- We will take a tour of the US Capitol Building and hopefully get to see a session in congress.
- We will walk the various monuments along the National Mall after sundown to see them lit up. We will visit the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, and Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- Students will have several opportunities to visit the many museums along the National Mall at their leisure. A few favorites are always the Air & Space Museum and Natural History Museum.
- We will tour the Library of Congress.
- We will visit and tour the US National Holocaust Museum.
- We will attempt to visit and tour the US African American Museum
- We will travel to Mt. Vernon, Virginia where the students will be taken back in time and visit George Washington's Estate home. Many of the animals on the farm are direct descendants of George Washington's farm animals.

A list of seniors attending the trip will be given to all parties involved as we get close to the trip date. The list of students going will fluctuate as some students will drop out and others will take their spots. The most accurate list will be a few weeks prior to the trip.

Airline information with flight numbers will also be provided a month out. Flight numbers change, flight times and schedules also change. A more accurate airline agenda will be provided to all parties involved as we get closer to the trip.

Please let us know if we need to provide any further information.

Thank you,

Corinne Keiper
Shayna Carr
Joemy Nolasco
WWHS Senior Class Sponsor