



Legacy High School Bands

April 8, 2011

Dear Band Students and Parents,

It's been a few months since our last letter, so we wanted to give you an update on the Legacy Marching Band's participation in the **2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**. We have been working closely with the travel company to firm up the planned itinerary and secure hotel accommodations. While there are some aspects that will continue to evolve, we now know enough to provide this update.

We have 102 students signed up as well as 42 adults/followers/chaperones. This is a great turnout so far, but we're looking to have the largest group we can participate in this historic event. For those of you on the fence about joining us, **it is not too late**. You can add to the roster by getting current on all payments to date, which is a total of \$350/person at this point. See instructions below for making payments, and clearly note with the payment that you would like to be added to the Macy's trip. Additional participants will be added assuming availability permits. Space will become limited over time, so we encourage you to make your decision quickly and join us!

Payments and Payment Schedule:

The next payment of \$450 is due May 16th.

The 4th payment of \$450 will remain due Aug 17th.

We will need to move up the final payment to Sept 23rd (from Oct 1st) due to lead time to secure all our event tickets.

It is important that all payments be received on or before the due date. Each payment is aligned with a payment we must then make to the tour company. **FAILURE TO MAKE A PAYMENT BY THE DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN YOU OR YOUR STUDENT IMMEDIATELY BEING DROPPED FROM THE MACY'S ROSTER.** We regret there can be no exceptions.

All payments should be made by check (made out to *Legacy Band Boosters*), cash, or through ISA transfer request. Please put the method of payment in an envelope and deposit in the Band room Booster Box.

Pricing:

Given the updated itinerary below, we are revising the price estimate slightly to approximately \$1700. This was due to several events we have been added and getting firmer pricing around those events. **Note this is still an estimate.** We have budgeted \$400 for the flight, and depending what happens to fuel costs and flight costs, we may see an adjustment up or down. Final pricing also depends on the final number of attendees. Our plan is to stay as close to the \$1700 figure as possible, but realize there are some uncertainties. *Final pricing will be communicated by September 5, 2011, well in advance of the final payment.*

Itinerary:

As we've discussed, this is an incredible honor and a wonderful opportunity for students to visit a city of great historical and cultural significance. To that end, we have some updates to the itinerary. We still leave on Sunday, November 20, 2011 and return on Friday, November 25, 2011. Some of the inclusions in the trip are:

- Round Trip Airfare from Denver to New York City. We will be flying Southwest Airlines since they will not charge for luggage. Flights are still TBD and will be made once Southwest opens reservations six months from departure.
- Transportation of instruments
- Local transportation between airport and hotel as well as among venues once in NY/NJ via coach bus
- 5 nights accommodation in a superior first class hotel (specifics below)
- Full American breakfast each day at the hotel (except Nov 24th)
- Breakfast at Planet Hollywood on Nov 24th
- 2 dinners in the hotel, including Thanksgiving dinner
- A musical matinee performance on Broadway
- Ferry to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty
- Entrance to Top of the Rocks Observatory Deck
- Guided tour of NBC Studios
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Special or tickets to the NY Philharmonic
- Subway passes for 2 days
- Sightseeing of Times Square, 5th Avenue, Chinatown and Little Italy

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- DJ/Dance at the hotel Nov 24th

Hotel Accommodations:

We will be staying at the Hilton Hasbrouck Heights, 650 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights NJ. Phone 201-288-6100. If you make your own flight arrangements for different arrival/departure dates you should contact the hotel directly to extend your stay.

Ground Option:

For those participants wishing to make their own flight arrangements and/or come/go on different dates than the band, the tour company will offer a Ground-Only option. Its price will be approximately \$1300. **This is an estimate.**

Note: If you elect this option it is very important that you **MUST ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND HOTEL.** Your covered itinerary will start and end at the hotel; you will **NOT** be able to take the band's local transportation between the airport and hotel in either direction, even if you arrive/depart at nearly the same times.

Custom Itineraries or Flight Options

Due to the complexities of trying to accommodate custom flight options and/or different departure/arrival dates, the tour company will **NOT** be able to accommodate any such requests for adults. If students have a need for different flights they will work with you directly. If adults wish to arrive/leave on dates different than the band, your best option will be to take the Ground Option to join the band for their activities and arrange your own flights and local transportation between the airport and hotel.

Cancellation Policy

The Cancellation Policy remains as was conveyed in the original letter. Note, the tour company has already begun to make event reservations for us. As stated in the original letter, if you cancel, you will be liable for the price of any event tickets already purchased which cannot be returned in addition to the non-refundable portion of your payments, per the original cancellation policy.

Followers and Chaperones

For any parents or alumni that would like to be a "follower," the same conditions will apply to the price and cancellation policies. Followers will participate in the same itinerary as the band.

If you are interested in being a chaperone on this trip, please email or call Mr Jasica if you have not already done so. You can elect to be a full-time or half-time chaperone; this way you can split this responsibility. We will need approximately 14 chaperones and still have opens. The chaperone prices may be slightly discounted from the student rate (exact price TBD at this time).

Fundraising:

The Booster Fundraising Committee has been hard at work identifying and organizing a large number of fundraisers to help students raise the necessary funds for the trip. The Christmas Tree Sale, Coffee Sale, Chili Cookoff and Skynz fundraisers have netted over \$5000 towards the trip for the students who participated. Please continue to watch the Band website and email notifications about additional *March to Macy's* fundraisers that are planned over the coming months and plan to take advantage of them!

Mandatory Meeting and other Requirements:

There will be a **MANDATORY PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING** for all those participating in the Fall of 2011. At this meeting, you will receive the final Itinerary, instructions on what students will need to pack, how much spending money to send with them for extra meals, etc., and other pertinent information for the trip. All school rules and regulations in accordance with school and band handbooks will be in effect for this trip. We will go over these in detail at the meeting. Also, all students and parents traveling with the band will be required to have a band polo shirt and khaki pants. See the band website for information on how to order the band polo shirts. If you know that your student will need to carry medication with them on this trip, you will need to contact Tammi Vigil in the Legacy High School Clinic to get the proper release form signed by your student's doctor.

ALL students need to have an ID in order to travel and check in. School IDs will work, but a state issued ID is preferred. **VERY IMPORTANT: Students must adhere to the Legacy High School attendance and eligibility policy in order to participate in this trip. Students must maintain 90% school attendance and may not be failing more than one class at the time of the trip.**

This will be an experience that the students will never forget! The performance in the Parade will also be a great experience for students and will bring National exposure to the Legacy High School Band program as well as to the great state of Colorado. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Jasica at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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