

Newton High School Band

Disney Trip 2023

March 31 – April 6

Safety Information:

- All school rules apply. Any broken rules will be reported to the school when we return and school consequences will be enforced.
- All student luggage is subject to search by directors prior to departure. **Any illicit items found will result in immediate trip cancellation without refund.**
- Attendance countdown will be completed each time the bus departs from all stops.
- Students must remain in the park or scheduled activity at all times and cannot leave with parent or any other adult for any reason.
- Safety check-ins will be at 1:00 and 5:00. All students must check in with their chaperone by current photo or will be required to walk with their chaperone the remainder of the trip.
- All rooms will be checked prior to lights out in the hotel. Each room will be taped shut and students will not be permitted to leave the room until chaperones remove tape the next morning. Tape serves an indicator that the door has not been opened overnight.
- A nighttime security guard has been hired to monitor our hallway each night.
- Any serious misconduct by the student can result in the student being flown home at the parent's expense.
- Trip updates will be given on the official Facebook page.

Chaperones:

Each student will be assigned a chaperone based on their preferred friend groups while in the parks. Contact information will be traded between chaperones and their students.

Adult Chaperones:

Mary Vannus

Harry Vannus

Darrin Crow

Kristina Peele

Michael Waller

Lora Bauer

Ryan Christman

Becky Christman

Jennifer Miller

Check-in Safety Procedures

- Students will be required to check-in by sending a current photograph of themselves to designated chaperone at 1:00 and 5:00 each day in the parks.
- If a misleading photo is used, student will lose the privilege to walk around with peers and may be assigned to walk with their chaperone for the remainder of the trip. *Do not send false or inaccurate photos from an earlier point in the day.*

What to Pack

- Instrument, reeds, valve oil, sticks, etc.
- Toiletries, deodorant, etc
- Bathing suit/beach towel appropriate to a “family” trip; nothing lewd or overly revealing. Flip-flops or sandals for pool time?
- Portable phone battery charger?
- Clothing of various heaviness: sweatshirt, t-shirt, pants, shorts.
- One small carry-on bag for bus (snacks, book, toiletry bag, change of clothes for Saturday AM). *Not* a carry-on suitcase; think of a small backpack, satchel, drawstring bag.
- One medium sized suitcase to go under the bus. Large suitcases will not work for this trip due to travel space limitations. Access to suitcase will not be possible until we arrive at our hotel at Saturday’s conclusion (*after* Universal Studios).

What NOT to Bring

- Anything that will get you in trouble, such as squirt guns, silly string, etc.
- Inappropriate clothing
- Tobacco, drugs, alcohol, firearms, pocket knives. **Zero tolerance policy**: cause for immediate removal from trip.

What to Wear:

- Average April is upper 70’s/mid-80’s. Evenings could get down to upper 50’s.
- Follow high school guidelines regarding clothing.
- Layers are great: comfortable in morning, then you can remove as day warms up and put back on in evenings.
- Sunscreen→Florida sun is a **DIRECT, HOT** sun.
- Comfortable shoes. Avoid new shoes and sandal/flip-flops. LOTS of walking!

Money

- Pre-paid cards are suggested over cash.
- Any spending money for souvenirs or miscellaneous purchases, snacks, etc.
- See daily chart for a suggested meal budget.

Medications form (due PRIOR to the trip)

- Students may carry non-prescription medications with their parent's permission submitted prior to the trip. Medications must be in original packaging.
- Students **may not carry prescription medications** with the exceptions of inhalers, epi-pens, and diabetic supplies. All other prescription medications will be logged and given out as required by our certified Nurse Practitioner, Mr. Harry Vannus. The prescription must have a pharmacy label showing clear instructions and be in the student's name.
- Students travelling solo and bringing prescription medications will need to give medications to Mr. Taylor or Mr. Vannus for proper storage.
- Participating parents whose students are prescribed medication are asked to manage and administer their child's medicines.

Transportation: Queen City Transportation

- **Departure Day!** Arrive at the school front at 11:00, load luggage and instruments at 11:15, depart Newton at 12:00.
- Equipped with AC outlets, reclining seats, limited Wi-fi, DVD player
- All movies have been or will be selected prior to the trip.
- Students and chaperones have assigned seats, this is for safety and to create a smooth travel environment.
- Bus wi-fi is sketchy. It's not made to accommodate 40 students at a time, so disconnects and slow speeds may occur.
- There will be "blackout" hours where personal electronics including phones will be put away and shut off. Use the bus time to read, talk with friends, play card games. Part of the fun of the trip is the 17-hour bus ride; we don't want everyone glued to their screens. Be present, enjoy the people around you.
- All electronics must be on silent mode with headphones used. After first warning, violations will include confiscation in increments of 30 minutes, 1 hour, and 2 hours.

Hotel Information: Springhill Suites Flamingo Crossings
13279 Hartzog Rd, Winter Garden, FL 34787
407-507-1200

Emergency Contact:

Kevin Taylor, 937-524-6052

This number is for **emergencies only**. If you are attempting to reach a student for imminent danger or utmost emergency purposes, they are not answering their phone, and my emergency number is called, it will result in an emergency page throughout the Disney/Universal park, in search of the student to make immediate contact and communication. I hope for a trip free from having to use this phone.