# 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

MAY 29, 30, & 31

## ETIQUETTE ON THE BUS

- You are NOT permitted open containers on the bus. Example: No pop cans, Starbucks, Pulp, or cups.
- Please have water bottle handy at ALL TIMES
- Restrooms are available, but always remember: Whatever happens on the bus, stays on the bus for the ENTIRE trip.
- You are permitted to sit anywhere on the bus with one other person of your choice. No swapping seats!
- You are NOT permitted to walk around or stand within the bus.

## ETIQUETTE ON DC STREETS

- Stay to the RIGHT HAND side of the sidewalk with a MAXIMUM of one other person. DO NOT BLOCK THE SIDEWALK!!!!
- Only cross the street when given permission by your guide
- STAY TOGETHER WITH YOUR ASSIGNED GROUP!!!
- Keep headphones off your head so that you can listen to your guide and traffic signals.
- You will be expected to keep up at quick pace. No dragging your feet on this trip : )

# ETIQUETTE AT THE HOTEL

- You are NOT permitted on the opposite gender floors to "visit."
- The pool is NOT AVAILABLE for your use, but the workout room is available EARLY with permission.
- Once the door is closed/taped, you are there for the ENTIRE night. You can open your door for EMERGENCIES
- There is no bedtime, but QUIET is mandatory.
- Please arrange shower times w/your roommates.
- If you break something = you just bought it!!!

#### ETIQUETTE AT MONUMENTS

- These are sacred places in American culture. They are NOT to be jumped on, played on, kicked, and/or disrespected in any way.
- You are a representative of your family and school. We should not receive reports from other visitors that our students are being rude or disrespectful.
- Please consider the lives lost for your freedom before you do something inappropriate at a monument.

### ETIQUETTE AT MUSEUMS

- Your bag and/or purse WILL BE SEARCHED BY SECURITY, so be prepared for this.
- Hats will need to be removed in any building.
- You are responsible for your belongings and reporting back to your chaperone on time.
- Do NOT touch exhibits. There are plenty of "hands-on" activities within each museum.
- Be respectful of other visitors. You are not the only person enjoying a trip to DC!

#### WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

- You are GIVEN a Nordonia cinch sack for the trip. This bag is available for the bus and day use.
- This bag = sunscreen, snacks, water bottle, extra pair of socks, headphones, travel pillow, rain gear/umbrella.
- You are permitted one (1) overnight bag, piece of luggage, or backpack. You will NOT have access to this bag unless you are at the hotel.
- This bag = multiple changes of clothes, shower supplies, underwear, extra shoes, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.

#### **EXTRA TIPS**

- Wear comfortable shoes!!!
- Wed = Team shirt, Thu = Trip shirt, Friday = Nordonia shirt
- Recommended spending money = \$30 for souvenirs, but you truly don't need a cent for food or entertainment!
- This trip is a chance to show your family, teachers, and community that you are becoming an adult. This trip is a "rite of passage" into adulthood. Please make this a positive experience for yourself and your classmates. We wish you good weather and safe travels to DC!!!!!

#### \*\*\*BROWN BAG LUNCH FOR WEDNESDAY\*\*\*

