

# UPPER ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

To: Parents and students in the Upper St. Clair High School Music Department

From: The Band Parents Association (BPA) and Choral Boosters

Subject: Orlando, Florida Spring Trip Reservation

**Please read the following information very carefully.  
THIS IS THE ONLY MAILING YOU WILL RECEIVE ABOUT  
RESERVING YOUR PLACE ON THE TRIP!**

If you have questions, please contact any trip chairperson.

We are excited to announce details to invite your student to participate in the Upper St. Clair High School Music Department trip that will take place from Thursday, April 26, 2018 to Monday, April 30, 2018. This year the following USC Music Groups will be traveling to Orlando, Florida: Marching Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Chanteclair Chamber Choir, Pantheon Choir, Men's Ensemble, Clarion Choir, Women's Choir.

The goal of the trip is to provide the students with opportunities to perform at a venue outside of the USC Community as well as to participate in Disney's Performing Arts Workshops.

The trip is chaperoned by parents from both the Band Parent and Choral Booster organizations and the students are monitored closely throughout the entire trip. USCHS Faculty Members: Sarah Shoemaker – Orchestra Director, Lorraine Milovac – Choir Director and Don Pickell - Band Director. Security guards are hired for overnight supervision on the hotel floors.

The itinerary is still in preliminary stages, the highlights include:

- Flight from Pittsburgh International Airport to Orlando Airport
- Disney Parks: Typhoon Lagoon Water Park, Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios
- Universal Studio Theme Park
- Lodging at Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista / All meals provided
- Disney Performing Arts Workshops for the Bands, the Orchestra, Color Guard/ Auxiliary and Choir groups.
- Performances at Disney locations for all Music Groups including the Marching Band in a Magic Kingdom Parade.

At this time, the *approximate* cost of the trip is \$1590.00 per student. The final cost will depend on the number of students who participate; this will be finalized by mid-February. We will have a better estimate by November 12. All students are strongly encouraged to participate in ALL fundraising offered by their respective booster groups to reduce the final cost of the trip.

A final bill and balance due statement will be mailed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. The final payment is due on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

Payment for this trip will be made in two installments:

1. A check for \$250.00 is due by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2017. This is a ***non-refundable deposit***. Any deposit received after the deadline of 9:00 p.m., Sunday, October 15, 2017, ***must include*** an additional \$100.00 non-refundable late fee.
  - a. If you are a **Choir Member or a Crossover** (performing with both a Band group and a Choir group) Checks should be made out to **USC Choral Boosters** and should be included with the attached reservation form.
  - b. If you are a **Band ONLY** member, check should be made out to **USC Band Parents Association** and should be included with the attached reservation form.

Please note: Online registration will be open mid-October to collect student info, emergency contacts, roommate requests & a sign off on trip rules. This info must be completed by Sunday, November 5, 2017. This is the final and firm date for all deposits, late fees, and mandatory forms. Any student submission after Sunday, November 12, will be placed on a wait list. Students will be approved to travel if a space is available to travel, all payments are made, and all forms are complete.

2. Payment for the remaining balance of the trip will be due by Sunday, February 25, 2018.
3. The deposit of \$250 and late fee of \$100 are not refundable under any circumstances.
4. An additional \$250 will be charged for any cancellation on or after December 31, 2017.

This will be an exciting trip and we hope your child will choose to participate! If you have questions regarding the trip or the information in this letter, please contact one of the trip chairs.

Sincerely,

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*The USC Band Parents Association, Choral Boosters, Band Director, Choral Director and Orchestra Director reserve the right to change the location of the trip in the event of unforeseen circumstances.*

*I understand for the safety for all concerned, any student not abiding by the rules is subject to the following:*

- A. *Minor infractions such as failure to take directions, inappropriate behavior, etc. may result in limited freedom for the remainder of the trip, solely at the discretion of the USCHS faculty. In addition, your rooming and/or student group assignment may be changed as a result.*
- B. *Major infractions such as possession and/or consumption of alcohol or any non-prescription drugs, willful destruction of property, or any actions considered unlawful can result in immediate extraction from the group, parental contact, early cancellation of trip, and/or local law enforcement contact. The student may be sent home at the family's expense, the final amount to be determined by the USCHS faculty. Upon return to Pittsburgh further disciplinary and/or legal action may be pursued.*