

“...the music department will travel to Nashville, TN from April 30 - May 3, 2020. ...As you know, this trip is intended to be educational in nature. Some educational highlights of this trip include workshops at Vanderbilt University’s Blair School of Music, a tour and recording session at RCA studios, a performance of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, a visit and performance at the Country Music Hall of Fame, and a tour and [show] at the historic Grand Ole Opry...The cost of the trip will be \$855 which will be offset by any available fundraising money provided by the Band Parents Association and Choir [Boosters], according to their respective bylaws. This trip includes Bob Rogers’ Individual Billing Program, which enables all participants to enroll for the trip and make payments through a secure, password protected website, ensuring that payments can be spaced according to family needs. This program also allows boosters to have fundraised money applied to individual student accounts... we look forward to continuing to create a wonderful, educational trip for our students.” - Don Pickell and Lorraine Millovac

Dear Music Department Families,

YeeHaw!!! We are going to Nashville! From a classical concert at the Nashville Symphony to the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville has it all. **Due to the compressed timing of this trip please read the following in its entirety!**

Here is what you need to know....

Cost: \$855

- Will be paid directly to BRT via their Individual Billing Program in 3 installments as follows:
 - January 17- \$285
 - Feb 14- \$285
 - March 20- \$285 less fundraising monies
(choir families will be notified individually if their monies exceed \$285)
- All payments are final (no refunds), however during the BRT registration you have the option to sign up for travel insurance.

Performance Venues:

Choir- Manor at Steeplechase Retirement Home

Marching Band/ Jazz 1&2 / Wind Ensemble/ Orchestra- Country Music Hall of Fame (Outdoor)

Performance Attire:

Black Music Department Polos, Khaki Pants, Black Belt, Black Socks/Shoes

Workshops:

All: Clinics with local professionals

When:

USC Departure 5am on Thursday 4/30/2020

USC Arrival 9pm on Sunday 5/3/2020

What we need from you!

We need EVERY FAMILY to fill out the attached Google Form to declare their intention TO travel or NOT to travel. We will try to contact families who have expressed an interest to travel but have not filled out the form... so please fill it out so we don’t have to track you down!

IF your child is traveling, you will be given a link to BRT Billing Plan after you submit the inhouse google doc. Please know that you HAVE to fill out both the google doc and the BRT doc to be registered to travel.

Due to the extended planning period this year, we understand that some families have made other plans for their finances and time. While the directors plan on taking the above music groups to Nashville, the final performing groups will be determined by the number of registered students. Once registration is

closed on 1/14, the Band Director will determine if there are enough students to warrant that group traveling. All registered choir members will sing either in separate or combined choirs. Notification will be sent to all members prior to the 1/17 payment date! Additionally, if an activity needed to be eliminated from the itinerary due to low registration numbers, notification would go out to the membership.

What's Next:

- 1) Fill out the Google Form by 1/14/2020! <https://forms.gle/cKFiwzFSqj5uyPax6>
 - a. If the student is NOT traveling... once you fill out the Form you are done! Thank you!!!
 - b. If the student IS traveling...
 - i. Students- Check with your friends and arrange buddy or roommates
 - ii. Parents- Get your medical card
- 2) If the student is traveling... At the end of the Google Form, you will get a link to send you to log into BRT Individual Payment System.
 - a. You will log in as a new user with TRIP ID # **PA001300011**
 - b. Credit card information will be collected but NOT charged until 1/17 after directors review the registration and membership is notified.
- 3) If you want to be a chaperone... please fill out the following Google Form.
<https://forms.gle/RzFE7GPZqGMoKPo97>
 - a. Chaperone numbers and cost will be determined after student registration is complete.
 - b. Best guess on chaperone cost is \$550

Cancellation Policy:

If at anytime the family determines that the student will not be able to travel,

- 1) The family must contact BRT directly to fill out a cancellation form. Until that is done, money will still be deducted from the credit card. All money paid will be forfeited unless they purchased the travel insurance and meet the listed criteria. The family is then not responsible for any future payments.
- 2) The family must email the Director of their change of plan and the directors will pass that information along to the trip chair.

Please direct all chaperone and room mate questions to Judy Rach- jd794@yahoo.com

Please direct all other questions to Don Pickell dpickell@uscsd.k12.pa.us or Lorraine Milovac lmilovac@uscsd.k12.pa.us

Thank you for your time!