

8th GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE 8th GRADE TRIP:

American History is the focus of social studies in the middle school years. Washington, D.C. is a city built on history, as well as one where history is made everyday. This trip is designed to be both an educational and social learning experience.

WHEN: Leaving B.C.S. Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 am
Returning to B.C.S. Friday, May 17th at approximately 5:00 pm

APPROXIMATE COST PER STUDENT:

The number of students traveling to Washington, D.C. affects the cost. This 2018/2019 school year the cost per student will be approximately \$425.00. In order to secure your son/daughter's place on the bus, we are asking that each student make a **non-refundable deposit of \$50.00** to their account and return the enclosed permission slip signed by both parent/guardian and student. Those that have a fundraising balance of **\$200.00 DO NOT** need to provide a deposit. We further request that student account balances have sufficient funds in them throughout this school year.

In addition, events, hotels and food establishments require payments and deposits in advance. We are asking that you help us keep our deadlines by keeping sufficient money in your child's account throughout the year. If at any time you are unable to bring the balance up to the required amount you may reach us by phone or e-mail.

Balance in account by	November 16th	\$125.00
Balance in account by	January 4th	\$250.00
Balance in account by	February 8th	\$325.00

A final payment will be due on March 29th – a letter showing the final amount due will be sent home to all students/parents prior to this date.

Make checks payable to the Class of 2023.

Currently **TOTALS** has an account balance of **1638.16** in fundraising money.

There will be other fundraising opportunities available throughout the year. Please see next page for fundraisers offered.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING:

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday, September 26th. This meeting will be held on the same evening as Open House. All parents should meet in the Auditorium, at **6:00 pm**. This mandatory meeting is a requirement in order for your child to participate on this class trip. If there is a conflict with this meeting time frame, you **must** call and schedule an appointment to meet with Mr. Carter.

ELIGIBILITY:

Every student is eligible. Eligibility is based on responsibility, behavior and attendance. It is imperative for students and parents to know that there is an **ELIGIBILITY POLICY** in effect for this trip. Please read carefully the information that follows. Any of these behaviors will cause a student to be ineligible for this trip:

1. Student suspended out of school for any reason beginning September 5, 2018.
2. Students with 14 days illegally absent or tardy. This will be tracked by the attendance office.
3. Students with any outstanding balance as of March 29th 2019.

In addition to this eligibility policy, Mr. Carter and the 8th grade DC team will be meeting periodically to discuss student behaviors. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of all students on the trip. It is our discretion to remove a student who has displayed behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of students.

The Barker Jr./Sr. High School believes that this is a fair policy for everyone. Please review this with your child. If you have any questions or concerns about the trip or policy itself, Mr. Carter can be reached at 795-3201.

Any student that needs to cancel their reservation must do so prior to March 1st, 2019. Cancellations affect the overall cost of the trip for those students that are travelling. Students that are removed due to behavior or attendance issues after this date also affect the overall cost per student. Refunds may be requested in writing and mailed to the attention of Mr. Carter. Only money paid into your child's account can be requested and the amount of the refund will be determined after the trip has completed and all expenses have been paid. The amount of the refund will then be determined based on total costs and final participation. Fundraising money remains the property of the Class of 2023. After reviewing this letter **EVERY STUDENT MUST RETURN** the attached form signed by parent/guardian and student. If you wish to participate please include your non-refundable deposit of **\$50.00 made payable to the Class of 2023.**

Sincerely,

Michael Carter

Michael Carter
Barker Jr./Sr. High School Principal

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

Any fundraising money that is not turned in will automatically come out of your child's DC deposit money. Fundraisers will firmly end at the dates shown above.

PWT Pizza Cards--- *September 17 – September 28*

The students will take orders for discount cards. The cards will sell for \$10.00 each. Each student will receive a total of 10 cards. Students will earn 100% profit for each card sold. That could be \$100 towards their trip balance!

Scripps Gift Cards –October 19 – November 2

The students will take orders for gift cards. The cards will sell for various dollar amounts. Each student will receive an order sheet. Students will earn a percentage for each card sold – amounts vary by company. Earnings are unlimited!

Christmas Cookies --- *November 16 – November 30*

Back again for a 5th year, look for details closer to Thanksgiving. Cookies will be ready for pick-up Dec 19th approx.

Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction --- Tuesday, March 5th

Parent volunteers are needed! Please contact Janice Stoll at jstoll@barkeresd.net to volunteer. All volunteers earn points for time which translates into profits added to your students fundraising balance. Earn even more fundraising money by donating a basket and participate in the shared proceeds from the ticket sales.

Ticket sales -- Feb 8 – Feb 25

****** ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN & RETURN******

Please sign and return to Mr. Carter by Friday, October 12, 2018

_____ (student name)

Please print

We have read and understand the information regarding the 8th grade Washington class trip, scheduled for May 14th through May 17th, 2019. We are enclosing our **non-refundable deposit of \$50.00** in order to secure a seat on the bus.

We have read and understand the information regarding the 8th grade Washington class trip, but we **DO NOT** wish to participate.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____