

Welcome!

Let's talk about our trip to Nashville!

Please write down your questions so I can answer them at a later time. I want to make the most of our brief time together tonight!

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Meet WorldStrides

The nation's oldest and largest student travel organization

Founded in 1967, WorldStrides has organized student trips for more than 9 million students. They work with 400,000 students and 50,000 educators each year!

Including the Viera HS Marching Hawks for the 2017 Sugar Bowl in New Orleans! I attended that trip as a chaperone and I was impressed with WorldStrides' organization, attention to detail, safety, and knowledge.

WorldStrides:

Heritage Festival programs

- Every year, Heritage Festivals offer the most fulfilling festival formats, the best variety of dates and locations, and a lively sense of competition at the national level.
- Their **adjudication philosophy** sets the standard for today's music festivals. Each performance is given written and recorded comments from a panel of three adjudicators, and is followed by an on-stage clinic. Adjudicators are trained annually to ensure fair judging practices and benchmarks for groups returning to Heritage Festivals.
- The Festival also provides a “comments only” track. The decision to be adjudicated for a rating or solely receive comments will be made at a later date.

Safety and Security: WorldStrides' Top Priority

Safety First

WorldStrides' position on travel and safety has always been a simple one. WorldStrides will not operate a program, or any part of one, if it feels that the safety of any participants will be compromised.

An Unmatched Safety Record

WorldStrides is the most trusted name in educational student travel. With 50 years of experience, WorldStrides has an unmatched safety record and has successfully coordinated travel for more than 9 million travelers.

Chaperones

We plan to have at 1 chaperone for every 10 students to support travel for the orchestra. Chaperone FAQ coming up in a few slides.....

We're going to... Nashville!!!

Dates of travel: April 22-26, 2020

Online Commitment due: September 19, 2019

First Monetary Payment: September 30, 2019



WorldStrides®
OnStage Programs

What will we do in Nashville?

- ⦿ Festival Performance
- ⦿ Opry Mills Mall
- ⦿ Masterclass and tour at Vanderbilt University
- ⦿ Loveless Café – Southern fare restaurant opened in 1951
- ⦿ Hermitage – Andrew Jackson’s estate
- ⦿ Grand Ole Opry – show and dinner
- ⦿ Country Music Hall of Fame
- ⦿ Guided tour of Nashville by bus
- ⦿ All Meals included (except 1 breakfast and 1 lunch)
- ⦿ Festival Awards Dinner and Line Dancing



Wednesday Evening: Load Bus(es) and depart for Nashville (sleep on bus)

Thursday: Breakfast en route, Vanderbilt, lunch at Opry Mills Mall, check into hotel, Loveless Café

Friday: Festival Performance, Hermitage, Grand Ole Opry

Saturday: Country Music Hall of Fame, Step-on Guided Tour of Nashville, Awards Ceremony, depart for Melbourne (sleep on bus)

Sunday morning: Arrive to Melbourne

Thursday April 23 is an excused absence from school.

Friday April 24 is Teacher/Student Holiday – no school.

Exact itinerary, including times, will come out at a later date.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE.....

What's included in your tour package price?

- A performance in a national festival
- An on-stage clinic with nationally recognized adjudicator
- Written and recorded adjudication by a panel of three top-notch music professionals
- An Awards Ceremony
- Student-friendly hotel
- Commemorative pin for each student
- All meals (except 1 breakfast and 1 lunch)
- All activities
- Charter Bus Transportation

**+
Priceless bonding
opportunities
& lifelong memories**

Chaperone FAQ

- ❖ We must have a proportional ratio of male & female chaperones to the male & female students going.
- ❖ Chaperones must be fingerprinted, registered volunteers with Brevard Schools.
- ❖ Minimum 1 chaperone per 10 students
- ❖ Total number of chaperones will depend on number of students signed up
- ❖ If room is available on bus(es), more chaperones can attend.
- ❖ Administration and I will determine the final chaperone list.

Paying for the trip

Cost per student: \$704 Cost per chaperone: \$804

Will need money for 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, and any souvenirs. Everything else included.

Fundraisers planned (Majority of profits will go towards balance of their trip):

1. "Mel Gallie" ticket sales (Sept.)
2. Tumbler Cup sales (late Oct. – early Nov.)
3. Practice-A-Thon (Feb.)

How to pay: Cash or Check made out to MHS

Student Payment timeline:

\$104 deposit Sept. 30

\$120 per month (Oct. 25, Nov. 25, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 25)

- Hotel will have breakfast included. Unsure about WIFI. Hotel will be selected after we submit how many rooms we will need.
- We will travel by charter bus. The charter company will be decided after we pay our first deposit to WorldStrides.
- 4 students to a room, 2 adults to room.
- I am unsure of WorldStrides' exact refund policy. I am looking into it and will share that information as soon as possible.
- I will email this slide show to the orchestra program and put it on the website this weekend.
- Sign up for the trip will be through a Google Form sent out via email and put on the website.
- The vast majority of the communication will occur via email and the orchestra website. If you need hard copies of anything, please let me know.

FAQ

If you have any other questions, please write them down and email me so I can answer them at a later time.



Thank you for supporting music education &
providing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity
for our students!

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