



WDHS BAND & CHOIR
Nashville
MUSIC CITY '24

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Howdy Y'all,

The WDHS Music Department is fixin' to saddle-up for a five-day performance tour of Nashville, Tennessee, from May 29th-June 2nd, 2024. This trip will include a public performance, tours of many musically historic attractions, dinner and a show aboard the General Jackson, and a last day excursion to Dollywood. The proposed itinerary is listed on the back of this page.

The West Deptford Band and Choir is returning to Nashville due to the overall success and enthusiasm of their first visits in 2015 & 2019. The extensive schedule is presently being finalized and we are very sure that *all* music students will want to be a part of this very exciting trip. The projected final cost for this trip is approximately \$1200.00 for students and \$1600.00 for adults, with the exact final cost being determined by the number of students and parents going on the trip.

We sincerely would like to provide the opportunity for **every child** in the WDHS Band and Choir to participate in this performance experience. The band and choir will be having several fundraisers throughout the year to help offset out-of-pocket expenses. The goal of these fundraisers is to give every band and choir student the ability to raise the funds needed to travel with us to Nashville. Since this is a performance tour, we are hoping to have the **entire band and choir** attend the trip so our ensembles can perform at their full strength and very best. Much more importantly, we don't want to leave anyone behind!

We currently have 140 available saddles and are now accepting deposits through October 5th. Priority for spots will go to students first and then to adults according to their initial deposit date. Please note that reservations are not complete until your online registration is received, and your deposit is paid in full. We have included the payment schedule on the back of this page. Please know that we are always flexible and willing to work with everyone.

We *truly* hope that your child will be able to take part in our performance tour of Nashville this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Kershaw

Director of Bands

Mr. Michael Wyatt

Vocal Director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **DUE TO PREPAID EVENT AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS, PAYMENTS CANNOT BE RETURNED IF A STUDENT OR FAMILY MEMBER CANNOT ATTEND THE TRIP FOR ANY REASON. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU TRY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GO.**
- Once you have completed the online reservation and we have received your initial deposit of \$250 for students/\$300 for adults, *you will be fully responsible for all subsequent payments.*
- Payments must be made by Check or Money Order to: West Deptford High School. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED!!!
- All payments need to be submitted in an envelope with your student's name & "Nashville Trip" labeled on it.

Payment Schedule for Band & Choir Trip 2024

- September 29 – Reservation form & non-refundable deposit of \$250.00
- October 27 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$150.00 DUE*
- November 22 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$150.00 DUE*
- December 22 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$100.00 DUE *
- January 26 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$150.00 DUE *
- February 23 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$150.00 DUE *
- March 22 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$150.00 DUE *
- April 19 – Required Non-refundable FINAL payment of approx. \$100.00 DUE*

(Adults will add \$50 to deposit and all payments listed above.)

** - Fund Raising credits may be used as part or all this payment.*

Tentative Itinerary Highlights

Details as of 9/12/23. Subject to change as the tour is finalized.

Wednesday, May 29

- Travel Day
- Nashville Walk of Fame
- Bicentennial Capitol Mall
- Dinner Hard Rock Cafe
- Check in at Embassy Suites

Thursday, May 30

- Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum
- Ryman Auditorium
- Dinner/Show aboard the General Jackson Showboat

Friday, May 31

- The Parthenon
- The Hermitage
- The Grand Ole Opry

Saturday, June 1

- Check out of Embassy Suites
- Travel to Dollywood – Pigeon Forge
- Check in Hotel (*TBD*)

Sunday, June 2

- Travel Home

To Make Your Reservation

- 1) Go to <http://www.wdhsmusic.org>
- 2) Click the Nashville 2024 Graphic
- 3) Click "Make Your Reservation"
- 4) Complete the online form.
- 5) Submit your deposit to Mr. Wyatt or Mr. Kershaw

Your online registration along with your initial deposit will complete your reservation and confirm you as part of our total number of travelers!