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Dear Band and Choir Parents,

The WDHS Music Department is presently planning a five-day performance tour of the Niagara Falls/Toronto area from May 28 – June 1, 2025. This trip will include Downtown Toronto public performances for both the band and choir. We will also be touring the area with proposed venues to include a tour of Niagara Falls, Maid of The Mist, Cave of the Winds, attending an orchestral concert, and Six Flags Darien Lake. The schedule is presently being finalized and we are very sure that all music students will want to go on this very exciting trip. The projected possible final cost for this trip is approximately \$1250.00 per student & \$1600.00 per adult, with the final cost being determined by the number of people participating in the trip. As always, we will try to make this cost as low as possible for each student.

We sincerely would like to provide the opportunity for every child in the WDHS Band and Choir to participate in this wonderful performance tour. The band and choir will be having several fundraisers throughout the fall, winter and spring 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 Niagara Falls. 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 recognize the need for every trip participant to have a passport for this trip. We are in the process of making arrangements to take care of this through a large group meeting at WDHS. We currently have 110 available spots and are now accepting reservations & deposits through October 31st. 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 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 Niagara Falls/Toronto, Canada 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!!! Online Payment is available at wdhsmusic.org
- All payments need to be submitted in an envelope with your student's name & "Canada Trip" labeled on it.

Payment Schedule for Band & Choir Trip 2025

- October 31 – Reservation form & non-refundable deposit of \$250.00
- November 27 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$175.00 DUE*
- December 20 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$125.00 DUE *
- January 17 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$175.00 DUE *
- February 13 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$175.00 DUE *
- March 13 – Required Non-refundable payment of \$175.00 DUE *
- April 11 – Required Non-refundable FINAL payment of approx. \$175.00 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 10/15/24. Subject to change as the tour is finalized.

Wednesday, May 28th

- Travel day to Niagara Falls
- Lunch stop
- Tour of Goat Island and Illuminated Rapids/Falls

Thursday, May 29th

- CN Tower
- Public Performances at CN Tower
- Casa Loma
- Mystery Theatre Dinner Show – Mysteriously Yours

Friday, May 30th

- Niagara Falls Tour (short)
- Maid of the Mist
- Journey Behind the Falls
- Cave of the Winds
- Buffalo Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, May 31st

- Six Flags Darien Lake

Sunday, June 1st

- Travel Home

To Make Your Reservation

- 1) Go to <http://www.wdhsmusic.org>
- 2) Click the Niagara Falls 2025 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!