

West Deptford High School

Band & Choir Trip to *Niagara Falls & Toronto* May 31-June 4, 2017

CANADA TRIP UPDATES

JANUARY 31, 2017

- **Canada Trip Text Notifications:** Text the message **@wd2canada** to the number **81010**. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @wd2canada to (484) 383-1793.
- Trip info can be found here: <http://www.wdhsmusic.org/Canada-2017.html>
- Thank you to everyone for keeping up to date with trip payments!
- All costs associated with the trip have been finalized. Below are the final 3 payment dates. Final Trip costs are as originally posted! Students: \$850 Adults: \$990
 - Payment #5: February 17 Students: \$150 Adults: \$170
 - Payment #6: March 17 Students: \$150 Adults: \$170
 - Payment #7 (Final): April 19 Students: \$100 Adults: \$120
- On February 28th, all trip participants will receive a balance due letter. This letter will detail available student credits, payments to date, and balance due. Please send this form in with your final payment.
- **PASSPORTS!** All trip participants are required to obtain US Passports.
 - If you already have a passport, please physically locate it and be sure it has not expired.
 - We have set up two nights with the Gloucester County Store for passport processing. Tues, February 7 & Wed, February 8 from 6:30p – 8p. They will have extra staff on hand to help process our group.
 - Please see the back of this handout for more passport details.
- **Thursday, March 30, 2017 – 7pm - Mandatory Trip Meeting** for all trip participants and parents. At this meeting we will discuss all details of the trip including luggage, border crossing guidelines, instrument packing, school expectations, medications and full itinerary. We will also be distributing/collecting rooming requests, permission forms, medical forms, restaurant orders and other needed information. We will also be checking proper ID & Passports at this meeting.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Kershaw
Director of Bands

Mr. William Yerkes
Vocal Director

PASSPORT INFORMATION

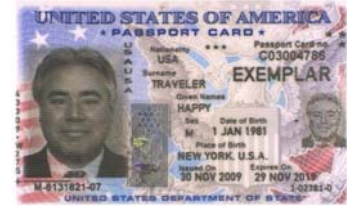
Please read carefully!



If you have already applied or already have your passport you are good to go and there is nothing further at this time.

The Gloucester County Store has agreed to help expedite our group on Feb 7 & 8 from 6:30p-8p.

We would like to have all passport applications processed at this time. You can go anytime on your own, but we need to have all applications being processed by 2/10/2017.



- Types of passports.
 - Passport Book (age 16+) Application Fee \$110 + Acceptance Fee \$25 = \$135
 - Good for all travel
 - Passport Book (under age 16) Application Fee \$80 + Acceptance Fee \$25 = \$105
 - Good for all travel
 - Passport Card (age 16+) Application Fee \$30 + Acceptance Fee \$25 = \$55
 - Good for land & sea travel only
 - Passport Card (under age 16) Application Fee \$15 + Acceptance Fee \$25 = \$40
 - Good for land & sea travel only
 - All are acceptable for our trip.
- When applying:
 - You need the applicants US Birth Certificate - Beginning April 1, 2011, the U.S. Department of State will require the full names of the applicant's parent(s) to be listed on all certified birth certificates to be considered as primary evidence of U.S. citizenship for all passport applicants, regardless of age. Certified birth certificates missing this information will not be acceptable as evidence of citizenship. This will not affect applications already in-process that have been submitted or accepted before the effective date.
 - A Driver's License or an Expired Passport. If you do not have either of these forms of identification, then please call our office for further instruction. All out of state applicants must provide a secondary ID such as a school/work ID, health card or social security card.
 - All applicants must apply in person. No exceptions.
 - All children 15 and under must submit an expired passport (if available) along with the long form birth certificate listing both parents' names. Both parents must be present as well.
 - You must know applicant's social security number.
 - All Passport Fees and Acceptance (Processing) Fees are paid separately. You will need two checks per applicant. Each applicant's fees are paid separately.
 - If 2 applicants – 4 checks are required.
 - All Forms must be completed using BLACK INK ONLY.
 - Processing time is approximately 4-6 weeks.
- Go to official web sites to review all requirements.
 - <http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/depts/c/cclerk/passports.asp>
 - <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>