

# West Deptford High School

## Band & Choir Trip to *Niagara Falls & Toronto* May 28-June 1, 2025

# CANADA TRIP UPDATES

March 19, 2025

- **Canada Trip Text Notifications:**
  - **For students:** Text the message @canada-stu to the number 81010
  - **For adults:** Text the message @canada-a to the number 81010
- Trip info can be found here: <https://www.wdhsmusic.org/canada-2025.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 2 payment dates. Final Trip costs are as originally posted! Students: \$1250 Adults: \$1600
  - Final Payment due April 11 Students: \$175 Adults: \$225
- On March 24th, 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.
  - If you do not have a passport, please visit the Gloucester County Store in the Deptford Mall and apply for your passport (either passport book or passport card are fine).
  - Please see the back of this handout for more passport details.
- **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 7pm - Mandatory Trip Meeting** for all trip participants and parents. At this meeting we will discuss all the details of the trip including luggage, border crossing guidelines, instrument packing, school expectations, medications and full itinerary. We will also be distributing/collecting room requests, permission forms, medical forms, restaurant orders and other needed information. We will also be checking proper IDs & Passports status at this meeting.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Thomas Kershaw*  
Director of Bands

*Mr. Michael Wyatt*  
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.

If you do not have a passport, please visit the Gloucester County Store in the Deptford Mall. 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 4/1/2025.



Types of passports – Both are fine 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:

<https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/330/Passports> or <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>

U.S. PASSPORT BOOK International travel by air, sea, or land.	U.S. PASSPORT CARD Valid for land and sea entry from Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, and Bermuda. NOT valid for international travel by air.
	
<p><b>Validity:</b> 10 years for adults 5 years for children under age 16</p> <p><b>Size:</b> 5" x 3 1/2"</p> <p><b>Cost for First-Time Applicants:</b> \$165 for adults \$135 for children under age 16</p> <p><b>Cost for Renewal:</b> \$130 for adults</p>	<p><b>Validity:</b> Same as passport book</p> <p><b>Size:</b> Same as a credit card</p> <p><b>Cost for First-Time Applicants:</b> \$65 for adults \$50 for children under age 16</p> <p><b>Cost for Renewal:</b> \$30 for adults</p> <p><b>Ready Lanes:</b> Can be used to cross land borders from Mexico and Canada faster</p>
<p><b>APPLY FOR BOTH AND SAVE \$35.</b> Cost for first-time adults is \$195 and cost for first-time children is \$150. <b>REAL ID:</b> Passport books and cards are approved IDs for domestic flights.</p>	