

## Parent Meeting February 27 Agenda Discussion Items:

✓ **Updated Itinerary** -Start looking at a few things online and talking about the sites you will see - these are cool places to tour so start conducting your own research (MLK, Vietnam memorial, Mt.Vernon, etc)

✓ **Hotels and Flights** -We are divided into two flights: American Airlines and United Airlines -pack your sleep mask, earbuds, dress comfy for the overnight flight

- You are responsible for your meal at the Airport in Los Angeles -Bring about \$15 for dinner at LAX for the evening when we leave

-The company is not responsible for luggage fees. American: \$30 and United: \$35

-You can bring cash and give to Zoeller or Saindon or have your parent Venmo Chaperone

✓ **Student/Chaperone Grouping /Lines of Communication / Saindon-Zoeller**

-Your chaperone is your point person - you can always talk to a teacher

-If you have any personal issues talk to a parent and have parent call the Chaperone or have your parent call Mr. Saindon

-Be respectful and Be mindful and helpful of your group and be aware of your surroundings and Be attentive to directions be given.

✓ **Rooming Arrangements** -four people will share the hotel room -Rotate in and out of the bathroom. We travel high school style.

✓ **Safety and Discipline** -Rise to the occasion

-Your in High School now!!! You will have a lot of freedom and responsibility on this tour

-This is an Expensive educational tour

- This tour is a big investment. Respect the fact that your family is investing \$\$\$ in your education

-Be proud of your parents and yourself for taking on this adventure -Stay with the group at all times

-Travel in Pairs at all times

-Always let a Chaperone or teacher know where you are going

-Settle down in the evening and get a good night's sleep

-ALWAYS TRAVEL IN PAIRS or with your group at restaurants, at the hotels in museums, at the outdoor memorials, etc.

✓ **Student Behavior and Etiquette: Group, Hotel, Bus**

We Have talked with the students about the following points:

-This is not a slumber party

-This is not a school bus... this is a "MOTORCOACH"

-Your motorcoach is your home for a whole week

-cell phones off at night and go to sleep...You will need your sleep

-Your friends in Bakersfield may call you at 8 or 9...BUT that will be 11pm or 12pm in Washington DC.

-Abusing your cell phone at night, thereby destroying your sleep and the sleep of three other people, is grounds for sending you home

-ALWAYS TRAVEL IN PAIRS or with your group at restaurants, at the hotels in museums, at the outdoor memorials, etc.

-Phones will be 'AWAY' when walking from point A to point B

-You WILL set your cell phone 'OFF and AWAY' when the guides are talking.

### √Lines of Communication

-If you have any personal issues talk to a parent and have parent call the Chaperone or have your parent call Mr. Saindon

-Parents know that they can always call the teacher or chaperone √Cell Phone Etiquette and Safety

-There will be times when you need to turn your cell off.

### √Medical Misc.

-Please have a parent talk to Mr. Saindon / Zoeller / Mr. Winn OR your Chaperone regarding any issue that may need to be addressed

-We have let the students know that: If a personal issue comes up while on tour please let a teacher or chaperone know or have your parent call one of us if it is 'personal'

-Please let Mr. Saindon or Mr. Zoeller or Chaperone know of any mental or physical health issue that we might be able to help with

### √Packing / Suitcase and Carry-on

-One suitcase and one backpack

- you may want to use the draw-string backpack provided by the company

### Remember:

The company is also not responsible for baggage fees American: \$30 and United: \$35

-You can bring cash to Mr. Zoeller or Mr. Saindon or have your parent Venmo Chaperone

-This will allow the Chaperone to quickly check his/her group in at the airport

Our first meal will be when we touch down in Washington DC... SO...Bring about \$15 for dinner at LAX for the evening we leave.

### REMEMBER :

\_\_\_\_\_ pack your sleep mask, earbuds, travel pillow, dress comfy for the overnight flight (change of clothing in your backpack if your suitcase gets lost)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bring about \$15 for dinner at LAX for the evening when we leave

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay Zoeller or Saindon or have your parent Venmo Chaperone the baggage fees American: \$30 and United: \$35

\_\_\_\_\_ Pack only ONE suitcase and one backpack (check guidelines for packing)

\_\_\_\_\_ Water bottles and hydroflasks must be empty when you enter the airport (you can buy water after you are through security)