

NEW YORK ITINERARY

Wednesday, February 27

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Rehearsal – ORHS Band Room. MANDATORY!
(NOTE: Chaperones please arrive at 2:00pm for a meeting.)

3:00 pm

Load buses and leave for New York. *Bring a pillow and a light blanket to cover up with on the bus, particularly for the way back. You can bring DVD's or Videos to watch on the bus.*

15 Minute Rest Stop Break / Rest Room & Snacks about half-way between Knoxville and Bristol, VA. ***(Snacks NOT included.)***

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Stop for dinner at Golden Corral Buffet, 3104 Lee Hwy, Bristol, VA.
(Meal is included)

7:00 pm

Depart for Harrisonburg, VA

15 Minute Rest Stop Break / Rest Room & Snacks about half-way between Bristol and Harrisonburg, VA. ***(Snacks NOT included.)***

11:00 pm

Arrive at Hampton Inn, Harrisonburg, VA Tel: 540 432 1111

Upon arrival, we will go straight to our rooms and go to bed.

Thursday, February 28

6:00 am

Wake Up / Dress / Pack

6:30 am

Breakfast at Hampton Inn ***(Meal is included.)***

7:30 am

Depart for **Hilton at Woodcliff Lake, 200 Tice Blvd, Woodcliff Lake, NJ.** (www.hiltonwoodclifflake.com)

15 Minute Rest Stop Break / Rest Room & Snacks time to be determined. ***(Snacks NOT included.)***

30 Minute Fast Food Lunch Break / Rest Room ***(Meal NOT included.)***

3:30 pm

Check into hotel. Our arrival time will vary depending on traffic. **Dress for dinner and “Phantom of the Opera” (dressy casual).**

4:30 pm

Depart for Dallas Barbeque on 42nd Street, NY City for dinner. ***(Meal is included)***

8:00 pm

See “Phantom of the Opera” at the Majestic Theater at 245 W. 44th St.

10:45 pm

Depart for Hotel.

Upon arrival, we will go straight to our rooms and go to bed.

Friday, February 29

7:00 am

Wake Up / Shower / Dress ***You will need to be dressed for walking and for COLD weather. Remember: School Dress Code applies!***

8:00 am

Breakfast at the Hotel. ***(Meal is included)***

9:00 am

Depart for New York City. ***Be sure you have your weather gear and money for the day before getting on the bus.***

Buses will drop us off at the World Trade Center Construction site, where we can view the site of the Devastation of 9/11.

- We will view the World Financial Center
- Walk south on Church Street past St. Paul's Chapel and Trinity Church, where there are monuments and remembrances of the tragedy that occurred on 9/11.
- Walk by the Stock Exchange and south on Broadway to Battery Park.

10:00 am

We will ride the Staten Island Ferry out to Staten Island and back, which takes about 1 hour. This is a free ferry ride, on a boat that holds over 4400 people. It goes by the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and gives a majestic view of the New York Harbor. These boats run every ½ hr.

11:30 am

Walk north to the South Street Seaport Historic District.

- 2 Hours to shop / see Historic Ships / EAT LUNCH ***(Meal NOT included.)***

1:30 pm

Board buses and drive north through China Town, Little Italy, Soho, and Greenwich Village. *How much we can get out and walk around at any of these locations will depend on traffic and the availability of a place for the coaches to park.*

2:30 pm

Go to Rockefeller Center, where we have tickets to go to the “Top of the Rock” - *the Observation Deck atop the GE Building with panoramic views of Central Park and the Empire State Building.* There are shopping and Ice Skating possibilities here.

6:00 pm

Dinner at Applebee’s’ on 50th Street, 2 blocks west of Rockefeller Center. **(Meal is included)**

After dinner, walk south on 7th Street to Times Square to enjoy lights, action and stores.

9:00 pm

Depart for Hotel

10:00 – 11:00 pm

This is the best time to get things ready for in the morning and even get a good night’s rest! Some of you might want to **SHOWER** tonight. **PACK** everything you can. **LAY OUT CLOTHES.** You will need 3 sets of clothes for tomorrow:

- 1) Orchestra Concert Clothes, including shoes. ***Boys should wear a black suit or tuxedo, or at least black dress pants and a black dress shirt. EVERYONE has to wear black dress shoes. Girls can wear black dress pants and a black blouse or a black dress that is mid-calf length. NO SHORT DRESSES! Also, please do not wear a black dress with big white polka-dots! It has to be all black!***
- 2) Business Casual Clothes, with walking shoes. ***This means pants suits or dresses for girls and collared shirts and dress pants for boys. We have been asked NOT to wear JEANS***
- 3) Comfortable 14 hour Bus Ride Clothes (***NO Pajamas***), keep walking shoes

Consider a separate SMALL Carry-on or extra-large Ziploc bags for the changes of clothes that need to be on the bus, that way no one goes under the bus for a suitcase! The buses are full, so keep that in mind when deciding how to do this!!

11:00 pm

Curfew

Saturday, March 1

6:00 am

Wake Up / Pack Up Room to Go

7:00 am

Breakfast at the Hotel. **(Meal is included)**

7:45 am

Load Buses / Chaperones check your rooms for stuff left behind and excessive messes. **Students will be sent back in to clean up their room if they leave it too messy / trashy!!!**

8:00 am

Check out of Hotel.
Depart for Competition. **You will need to be dressed in your black concert dress, and have your instrument and music.**

Also, your other clothes to change into later! See 10-11pm last night for complete list of instructions.

8:30 am

Arrive Lincoln Center and unload buses at Avery Fischer Hall.

9:00 am

Warm up.

9:30 am

Performance! Afterward, we will change clothes into #2 and load the instruments back on the buses. Drivers will return to the Hotel to sleep, so they can drive us overnight.

10:30 am

Stay and hear 2 more orchestras perform. This can be a very educational experience!

11:30am

Depart Lincoln Center walking, ***but stay near Lincoln Center!*** Divide into small groups. You **MUST** stay with a chaperone. Eat Lunch **(Meal NOT included.)**

1:30 pm

Awards Presentation will take place at Avery Fischer Hall. Every group will be presented with a participation award at the conclusion of the festival. Caption awards will be presented in various categories, and individual awards will also be presented. The top three orchestras will receive additional awards for their performances. A Grand Champion and 2nd Runner-up trophies will be awarded. Two representatives from each orchestra will be asked to meet backstage 15 minutes prior to the awards. These representatives will need to be dressed in performance attire.

2:15pm

We will again divide into small groups with chaperones and visit the various options you have signed up for. These include the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Natural History Museum, Central Park and the Zoo, Rockefeller Center and the Radio-Television Museum and NBC Studios, China Town, Greenwich Village, and various shopping opportunities, such as Macy's and Bloomingdale's. You MUST stay with a chaperone. **Chaperones will have lists.**

6:15pm

The small groups will need to ride the subways with chaperones to the 23rd Street Subway Exit (for most all groups, but double check subway map) and go to Pier 61 (off W. 23rd Street) where we will board the "Spirit of New Jersey" cruise ship. **Arrive no later than 6:45 to board by 7 pm.** Students from the other orchestras will also be aboard ship. Dinner will be served buffet style and there will be music and dancing following dinner. Dress attire is "business casual".

9:30pm

The cruise ship docks at this time. After the cruise, we will board the buses and depart for Oak Ridge. We will change from our "business casual" clothes to the "comfy" bus clothes at this time, or somewhere shortly down the road. **Keep some money for snacks!!**

Sunday, March 2

12:30pm

We will relay bus drivers along the way. It is about a 14 hour drive, so we should arrive back in Oak Ridge around mid-day on Sunday. We will call parents from the bus with cell phones when we are close to Oak Ridge. **Keep some money for snacks!!**

Things to Remember:

- 1. School Rules Apply:** *There should be no alcohol, drugs, cigarettes or other forbidden substances brought on this trip.* You do not need these in order to have a good time!
- 2. Money:** *You will need money for lunches on Thurs., Fri., and Sat., and any snacks on trip up and on trip home!* Food in NY is expensive! All other meals on the trip are already paid for. If the weather is very bad, we will divide up and spend some time in museums or indoor venues. Most places have \$8 - \$12 entrance fees, so bring some extra to cover such an expense, especially if the forecast is for rain or snow. Also, for any souvenirs or shopping.

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