**Dates:** Friday, May 13th – Saturday, May 14th 2016

**Departure/Return:** The trip will depart from and return to Montgomery Upper Middle School

**Performance Attire:**

* **7th Grade Band Boys:** Standard Concert Attire as indicated in the Band Handbook. Tie is optional.
* **7th Grade Band Girls:** Standard Concert Attire as indicated in the Band Handbook
* **8th Grade Band Boys:** Standard Concert Attire as indicated in the Band Handbook. Boys **must wear** a tie of their choice.
* **8th Grade Band Girls:** Standard Concert Attire as indicated in the Band Handbook
* **Jazz Band** All Black attire including a tie of your choice. Jazz band students should wear their jazz band attire for their concert band performance as well. Don’t bring 2 sets of concert attire.
* **Choir Boys & Girls:** Standard Black and White Concert Attire as indicated in the Choir Syllabus.
* **Orchestra Boys**: Concert Black Attire. Boys must wear a tie of their choice.
* **Orchestra Girls**: Standard Concert Black Attire

**WE WILL ALL WEAR THE SAME GREEN MONTGOMERY MUSIC DEPARTMENT T-SHIRT ALL DAY ON SATURDAY. Students who did not purchase a shirt should wear a forest green t-shirt to the park.**

**Packing Items and Luggage**

· Luggage Check will take place on the morning of the trip. Students should bring their luggage to the auditorium before the start of the school day.Students may only bring **one small/medium size bag** to be placed under the bus. This is the only item you will bring to be checked. Students will pack their clothes for Saturday as well as their overnight toiletry bag. Please do not over pack. **Students should not pack their Performance Attire as they will be wearing it to school**. Chaperones will be on hand to assist in checking the overnight bag. NO opened liquid containers of any kind will be permitted. Water bottles are acceptable but they must be sealed. Students are not allowed to bring medications of any kind (sealed or unsealed) as these items will be carried by the attending Nurse. Medications must be given to the nurse before the week of the trip. For our trip to Hershey, students may (and should) bring snacks (in containers) or bagged food along on the bus. We may (depending on time) be stopping briefly at a rest area for lunch as we head to Hershey and students will have the opportunity to purchase food.

Students may bring water on the bus provided it’s in a re-sealable container.

· **Students must bring their Performance Attire along with them on the bus**. **Band and Orchestra students will also bring their music with them as their carry on as well.** Students will have the opportunity to change into their performance top upon arrival at the performance venue or at the hotel prior to the performances (time permitting).

**Safety and Security –Our #1 Priority**

· All students will be under adult supervision the entire trip. All busses will be traveling together the duration of the trip. Chaperones will stay with 7th grade students at the park on Saturday the entire time. 8th Grade students will check in with their chaperone throughout the day.

· For added security, we have hired a security guard to roam the hallways at the hotel during the night after students go to bed.

**Suggested Items to Bring**

· Spending Money: Suggested amount: $40-$50 (This figure may be higher/lower depending on family decision) including approx. $15-$20 for dinner on Saturday at the park as well as refreshments and money for lockers at the park to store personal items. Large lockers can fit the belongings of an entire chaperoned group so if everyone pitches in it’s a relatively inexpensive way to keep your items secure while spending the day in the park. NO PERSON WILL BE ABLE TO BRING FOOD OR BEVERAGE INTO THE PARK- YOUR BAGS WILL BE CHECKED!!!

· Snacks for the bus ride to Hershey- drinking water and food. *You will need lots of food (no peanuts) due to the fact that after lunch on Friday there is no meal until approx.10pm.*

· Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, and any additional shower items. (overnight bag)

· Comfortable sneakers for the day at the park. Sandals are NOT suggested, as students may lose them on the rides. Also, girls should NOT bring jewelry of any kind into the park. This includes earrings, necklaces and rings. There is a risk of injury for wearing jewelry on the rides, so don’t even bring them. Be advised that Hershey has a dress code. Students who are ejected or not permitted to enter the part because of inappropriate dress will **not** be refunded and will spend the day on the bus (i.e. wear your Hershey T-shirt and you have nothing to worry about!) Additionally, any items such as knives or weapons of any kind are not permitted on this trip. Students found with these items will have them confiscated, receive disciplinary action and will be removed from the park with no refund. All school rules are in effect during the trip.

· Comfortable shorts/pants for the park (watch the weather). **ALL STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR THEIR GREEN MUSIC DEPARTMENT T-SHIRT IN THE PARK.** If students wish to ride the water rides at the park, we suggest students bring more than one change of clothing and a towel with them and store in lockers (for a fee) in the park. If the weather is cool, students may want to bring a light wind-breaker or jacket along with them.

**Performance Venues (5 minutes apart by car)**

**ALL CHOIRS:** Palmyra Middle School 50 West Cherry Street, Palmyra, PA 17078

**ALL CONCERT BANDS/JAZZ BAND/ ORCHESTRA:** Palmyra High School 1125 Park Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078

**Hotel Information**

Radisson Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey

1150 Camp Hill Bypass

Camp Hill, PA 17011

(717) 763-7117

**Theme Park Information**

Hershey Park

1001 Hershey Park Drive

Hershey, PA 17033

800-437-7439

www.hersheypa.com

\*\*\*The park will be open to the general public during our stay\*\*\*

The park will remain open if it rains. The park reserves the right to close any rides due to inclement weather. The Directors will make the decision to alter the day’s plans based on inclement weather. **There is NO REFUND of any kind due to weather.** The Boardwalk Water Park will NOT be open during our stay; however, there will be a few water rides in the park that may be open.

**SCHEDULE AND TIMELINE**

**Friday, May 13th 2016**

\* Parents MUST drop off their child in the PARENT-PICK UP AREA at normal school time. Students should then proceed to the auditorium to drop off their one piece of luggage along the walls of the auditorium. Students will then report to homeroom and continue with their day until called back down. All students should wear their performance pants/dress to school in the morning, along with a shirt of their choice. All students should bring with them on the bustheir performance top (dress shirt, tie, blouse, etc.). Please **do not pack your performance attire in your overnight bag** since students may not be able to access their overnight bag until we arrive at the hotel after all the performances are complete.

**CHAPERONES will report to the band room, F102 for a meeting**

**8:45a:** General meeting/review the morning’s procedures/check-in with Chaperones (Dr. **Hackel**)

**9:15a:** Load luggage and equipment on busses (**Mr. M**)

**10:15a:** Depart UMS (we will stop for lunch along the way)

**2:15p:** Arrive at Hotel for Check-In

Equipment Managers under Mr. M will exit the bus and remove all luggage and set it up.

**2:45p:** All Busses Depart to performance venues. Enjoy visiting school performances in the auditorium.

* **Upon arrival at Palmyra MS all Choir Students will depart the buses. (Two Buses will remain with them. All Band and orchestra students will load the remaining buses and travel to Palmyra HS.**
* **Upon arrival at PHS equipment managers will depart the buses and remove all percussion and instrument cases. When told, all band and orchestra students will depart the buses and get their instruments and line up under the awning.**

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| 7th Grade Choir (MCI-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra MS | 4:00 PM | 4:20 PM |
| 7th and 8th Grade Men’s Ensemble (ME-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra MS | 4:40 PM | 5:00 PM |
| 8th Grade Choir (MCI-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra MS | 5:20 PM | 5:40 PM |
| 7th and 8th Grade Women’s Ensemble (WC-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra MS | 6:00 PM | 6:20 PM |
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| Jazz Ensemble (JE-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra HS | 5:15 PM | 5:40 PM |
| 7th Grade Concert Band (CBI-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra HS | 6:05 PM | 6:30 PM |
| 7th Grade Orchestra (SOI-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra HS | 6:30 PM | 6:55 PM |
| 7th Grade Symphonic Band (CBI-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra HS | 6:55 PM | 7:20 PM |
| 8th Grade Orchestra (SOI-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra HS | 7:20 PM | 7:45 PM |
| 8th Grade Concert Band (CBI-MS-AA-R) | Palmyra HS | 7:45 PM | 8:10 PM |

\*\*\*Following completion of performance, Choir will load the busses and come to Palmyra HS to watch the Bands/Orchestras. When band/orchestra kids finish loading the busses, all depart together to hotel.

**9:00p:** All busses depart to Hotel for evening Pizza Party

**9:45p:** Arrive at Hotel. Change and report to Pizza Party (Pizzas, salads, cookies, bread sticks, sodas, water)

**11:00p:** Bed Check and Lights Out!

**Saturday, May 14th 2016**

**BAND, CHOIR, ORCHESTRA (ALL GROUPS)** Saturday, May 14th

**7:00a:** Wake up call. Bags are packed and room cleaned **BEFORE** breakfast

**8:00a -8:30a:** \*Buffet American Breakfast at the Hotel- all students will check in with their park chaperones before getting food. Following breakfast students sent back to rooms to grab belongings and await chaperones for room check and dismissal to the busses.

**8:35a:** Chaperones begin dismissing their groups from the rooms, and then grab their own belongings and load the busses. Take attendance immediately so we can head out.

**9:30a:** Arrive at Hershey Park. Students stay on the bus while all Directors and Chaperones exit the bus and see Mr. Mazurkiewicz for park tickets.

7th Gr. Students will stay with their chaperoned groups

8th Gr. Students in their groups.

Enjoy the park!

**12:00p**: **Buffet Lunch in the Park** **at Tidal Force Catering Area. Menu is all-you-can-eat, American-style. Lunch is mandatory. 8th Grade groups check-in w/ staff chaperones at the entrance to tidal force dining area. 8th grade chaperones will check in with Mr. Woodworth.**

**7th Grade Parents and Staff chaperones check in w/ Ms. Makvana at entrance. All groups may leave at any time once they finish eating.**

**3:15p:** Awards Ceremony at the Hershey Park Arena. **All 7th grade chaperones must check-in with Ms. Makvana personally**. **8th Gr students check-in w/ staff chaperones. Staff chaperones will check in with Mr. Woodworth at “The Claw.”**

**Following the awards ceremony students must purchase their own dinner.**

**7:00p: Students must be in their bus seat**. Attendance taken immediately and report to **Ms. Makvana and Mr. Woodworth**. Head home.

**9:30p:** Approx. arrival at UMS. All students will be instructed to call home once we are 30 minutes from UMS.

++Upon arrival only equipment managers will depart the buses and:

* unload all of the equipment into the band room.
* unload all luggage on the side walk and area in front of the outside cafeteria tables.

Once all equipment is unloaded and secured all students will be dismissed. Menu Includes:

**Friday Dinner:** Pizza, Salad, cookies, soda, water, breadsticks**.**

**Saturday Breakfast**: Breakfast Pastries, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Has Browns, French Toast or Pancakes (alternate daily), Fresh Fruit, Cereal, Milk, Assorted Juices and Coffee/Tea.

**Saturday Lunch:** This All-You-Can-Eat Picnic Meal consists of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Fruit Salad, Potato Chips, Assorted Beverages, and Ice cream.

**Saturday Dinner:** On your own in the park.

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Hershey Handbook Acknowledgement Form 2016

**Please sign and return by Friday April 29th to acknowledge that you have read and understood the Hershey Handbook.**

We understand the conditions and regulations listed in the Hershey Handbook and agree to follow them in the manner in which they are intended. Student and parent/guardian signatures indicate that we have read and understand the rules and regulations for the Montgomery Upper Middle School Hershey Park Trip.

**Please return this page by Friday April 29th. Keep the remainder of the handbook for reference and planning.**

HERSHEY HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

Student NAME (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/guardian PRINT name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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