

UPDATED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM FOR THE SPRING PTHS ALL MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS AND WALT DISNEY WORLD (10/1)

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Name of Trip	Universal Studios/Disney All Music Department Trip
Destination	Orlando, Florida-Universal Studios/Disney World
Music Groups	PTHS Music Department Trip-Marching Band, All Choirs, Orchestra, All Band Ensembles (Concert, Wind Symphony and Jazz) Only 8th graders involved in the PTHS Marching Band are eligible.
Dates of Trip	Tuesday, March 22-Sunday, March 27, 2022-dates are approved by the PT School Board (*note that approvals are subject to change due to COVID or other changes.)
Trip Details	This trip anticipates that students will travel to Orlando, Fl., via air, Tuesday (times TBD dependant upon airfare availability). Students will go to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure on Wednesday and Thursday. The entire group will participate in Universal's "Music and the Art of Foley Instrumental and Choral Workshop" on Wednesday. The Marching Band students and band ensemble students who meet certain requirements will march in the Universal Studios parade on Thursday and Room 100 will perform on CityWalk on Thursday. Students will go to Disney World Friday and Saturday and will have these days to enjoy the parks. Students will go to Hollywood Studios one day and to another Disney Park (tbd) the second day. The group will depart Orlando, Fl on Sunday (times TBD dependent upon airfare availability) to return to Pittsburgh.
Hotel	Universal Orlando's Endless Summer Resort: Dockside Inn and Suites.
Cost	The estimated cost of the trip is \$1810.00. Cost includes airfare, 5 nights hotel stay, overnight security for all nights, registration fees for workshops, Park to Park entrance fees for 2 days for Universal Studios, One Park per day entrance fees for 2 days at Disney World, allotment for DisneyGenie + (Disney's new FastPass system), chaperone and director costs, coach bus transportation to and from the airport and to and from each park daily, fees to drive the trailer to and from Florida and stipends for meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner). *Please note that the price above is based upon an estimated airfare cost. Actual airfare cost may change the price of the trip.
Payment	<p>Payments will be made online via GroupCollect through a portal set up by our travel agency. THE Peters Township Music Boosters ("PTMB") WILL NOT COLLECT AND HAS NO CONTROL OVER PAYMENTS. NEITHER THE PTMB NOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN REFUND ANY AMOUNTS PAID.</p> <p><u>Payment dates will be as follows:</u></p> <p>Initial Deposit: October 6, 2021: \$60.00 (airfare deposit) Second Payment: October 15, 2021: \$400.00 Third Payment: November 15, 2021:\$400.00 Fourth Payment: December 15, 2021:\$400.00 Final Payment: January 15, 2022: \$550.00</p> <p>The link for the portal will be emailed, blasted and posted at 8:00 am October 2, 2021. The link will provide you with the ability to register your student for the trip and pay the initial \$60.00 online. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRIP IS LIMITED TO 159 STUDENTS. SIGNING UP IS FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED. Once the trip number is filled, there will be a waiting list, but no other reservations will be accepted.</p>

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Trip Discount	The PTMB membership will consider and will vote on a potential trip discount for eligible participants at our monthly meeting on January 12, 2022. In order to be eligible for a trip discount, families must be PTMB members NO LATER THAN December 20, 2021 . Go to ptmusicboosters.com and choose “Shop”, then “Membership”. Membership is \$55 per family. Please note that the ability to offer and the amount of any trip discount is ENTIRELY dependent upon the monetary success of our Fundraisers. The success of those fundraisers is ENTIRELY dependent on participation of our families. WE ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING TWO FUNDRAISERS . Sarris Candy sale forms are due 10/1/21. In addition, we DESPERATELY need volunteers for the HS and Trax Farms Funnel Cake Booth which runs EVERY Saturday and Sunday in October. Please go to ptmusicboosters.com for more information and sign up TODAY!!!! Click “Volunteer Sign Ups” in the drop down box. NO CLEARANCES ARE REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER AT TRAX FARMS or to BUY Sarris Candies.
Number of Participants	Due to the number of airline seats our travel agency believes will be available, the trip will be limited to approximately 159 student participants. Once the Portal opens to make the initial deposit, it will continue to accept registrants on a first come, first served basis until all spots are filled. We will advise when the Portal will open as soon as that information becomes available. Announcements will be made in class, via Canvas or email by teachers and via EBlast.
Travel Insurance	CCIS will offer the opportunity for all participants to purchase travel insurance via the online GroupCollect payment portal. We STRONGLY recommend that all participants read the insurance options carefully and purchase travel insurance. TRAVEL INSURANCE COST IS <u>IN ADDITION TO</u> THE COST IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

Additional Information.

- The trip cost identified above is an approximate cost which may change depending upon the number of students attending, chaperones needed, additional costs/taxes, fuel surcharges, and finalized details. Students and parents must be willing to commit to the full amount, which is yet to be finalized.
- **In order to reserve a group of airline tickets, we are required to make an initial deposit of \$60 per student by 10/ /21. (To be supplemented upon receipt of date from travel agency.)**
- PTMB is NOT collecting any of the money for the trip. Neither the school district, nor the PTMB can refund any participant any payments made in connection with this trip.
- Each student is required to attend school, on time, except on school approved trip dates. Specifically, students **MUST** be in school on Tuesday, March 22 until participants are excused to leave to fly to Orlando and **MUST** return to school on Monday, March 28.
- **CCIS FORMS:** CCIS will require all participants to complete a COVID-19 Waiver/Release form and a Food Allergy Information Sheet. Additional forms may be required.
- **SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMS:** Students will be required to turn in certain documents required by the School District, including but not limited to the PT Permission Form, a PTSD Medication Form, signed by their physician, for any prescribed or over the counter medications, or a copy of the PTSD Medication Form stating that no medication is to be given, and any additional required PTSD forms or other forms regardless of student’s age.
- Students must attend all events that are part of the trip and must stay with the group. Any student who does not comply with the director or a chaperone will be required to contact his or her parents/guardians

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and said parent/guardian will be required to come pick up their student from Orlando, Fl. No student is permitted to be in another student's hotel room for any reason, to leave the group, not attend any event or remain at the hotel during the day.

- Chaperones: This trip will require parent volunteer chaperones. Chaperones must be adult parents or guardians of a participating student. Chaperones will be selected by the music directors. Both male and female chaperones will be required. Chaperones MUST have their clearances, in place, and on file with the school district BEFORE being selected. Any parent/guardian interested in chaperoning this trip should apply for and provide the School District with their clearances NOW. Information on clearances is available on the school district website at ptsd.k12.pa.us. Please watch for a Google Questionnaire in the next week to sign up to be considered as a potential chaperone.
- Room Assignments: This trip will offer multiple options for room assignments, including 4, 5 and 6 person rooms. Roommate selections will NOT be requested or made until December 1, 2021 and will be submitted separately.
- Security Guards: The cost includes 2 Security Guards who will be on duty from midnight to 6 am each night in the areas where the group will be occupying rooms.
- Meals: Breakfast is included each day at the hotel. There will be one (1) group dinner on Wednesday, March 23rd at Jimmy Buffets (or an equivalent). Each day in the parks, students will receive a gift card for \$15 for lunch and \$20 for dinner which may be spent anywhere in the parks at the student's discretion. Students will receive a \$15 stipend on March 22 and March 27 to spend during travel. Students may wish to bring their own additional spending money to supplement these amounts.
- All participants agree that neither the PTMB, PTSD, or any teacher, music director or chaperone are responsible for any decisions, cancellations or changes made by CCIS, any airline, bus company, Universal Studios or Disney World with respect to this trip.
- All participants will be REQUIRED to comply with rules and guidelines for COVID-19 measures at all times, including but not limited to mask wearing in the airport, on the plane, on all busses and in parks, restaurants, stores and hotel as required at the time of the trip.
- Please refer all questions to Ryan Perrotte, Music Dept Chair, perrotter@pt-sd.org.

Please note that all communications regarding the Trip will be communicated to students via an Edmodo group and to parents via EBLASTS. Please sign up to receive emails and eblasts at www.ptmusicboosters.com. Scroll down and click on "Subscribe to Eblasts". Please also consider becoming a member of the Peters Township Music Boosters. Only those families who are 2021-2022 members and have paid the \$55.00 Membership fee will be eligible for any potential future trip discounts. Go to <http://www.ptmusicboosters.com>. Click on "Shop" (in the drop down box), then "Membership". Families must be members before December 20, 2021 in order to be eligible for any potential trip discount.

Thank you.