

INFORMATIONAL OVERVIEW
PTHS ALL MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP TO WALT DISNEY WORLD
FEBRUARY 14-18, 2024: PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE PARENT/STUDENT
INFORMATIONAL TRIP MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 7:00 PM IN
THE AUDITORIUM

Name of Trip	2024 PTHS All Music Department Trip to Walt Disney World ("Trip")
Location	Orlando, Florida - 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 to go on the Trip.
Trip Registration	Registration for the Trip will open Friday, September 8, 2023 at 8:00 am. THE TRIP IS CURRENTLY LIMITED TO 162 STUDENTS. REGISTRATION IS FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED. Once the trip number is filled, there will be a waiting list, but no other reservations will be accepted.
Registration Link	https://bobrogerstravel.grcoll.co/go/peters24 Code: PETERS24
Dates of Trip/Flight Information	<p>Depart: Wednesday, February 14, 2024- Students will be split into two groups. Flight #1:Southwest #484:Depart PIT at 6:15am. Arrive: Tampa International-8:50am. Flight #2:Southwest #3179:Depart PIT at 6:50 am. Arrive Orlando International 9:15 am. Parents/Guardians responsible for transportation to Pittsburgh International Airport-meet in ticketing. Carpooling permitted.</p> <p>Return: Sunday, February 18, 2024-Fly to Pittsburgh, PA: Flight #1: Southwest #271: Depart Tampa International at 7:50 pm. Arrive PIT at 10:10 pm Flight #2: Southwest #2417: Depart Orlando International at 8:25 pm. Arrive PIT at 10:45 pm. Parents/Guardians responsible for transportation from Pittsburgh International Airport. Meet in baggage claim. Carpooling permitted.</p> <p>THERE IS NO SCHOOL,FRIDAY, 2/16 OR MONDAY, 2/19, 2024. Southwest flights include 1 checked bag per person. Flight times subject to change. Students will be assigned a flight after roommate selections are finalized in November.</p>
Trip Details	<p>*Wednesday, 2/14: Students will travel directly to Epcot via motorcoach from the airport.</p> <p>*Thursday, 2/15: Students will go to Hollywood Studios for the day via motorcoach.</p> <p>*Friday, 2/16: Choir, Orchestra, Band Ensemble, Room 100 Performance Day. Students will travel to Disney Springs and ICON Park via motorcoach.</p> <p>*Saturday, 2/17: PTHS Marching Band will march in the parade at Magic Kingdom. In addition to students currently in the PTHS Marching Band, students enrolled in a Band Ensemble are eligible to march if they learn the music and attend all practices.</p> <p>*Sunday, 2/18: Students will go to Animal Kingdom for the day. Students will depart Orlando in the evening and fly home.</p>
Hotel Information	Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista Resort, 8100 Lake Street, Orlando, FL 32836 Rooms have 2 double beds and a pull out sofa. Students will stay in groups of 5 or 6 per room. Roommate requests will be submitted in November, 2023.
Cost of Trip Information:	The estimated cost of the trip is \$2105.00. The Cost is based upon a minimum number of participants and is subject to change. Cost includes round-trip airfare, 4 nights hotel stay, overnight security, registration fees for clinic/performances, One Park per day entrance fees for 4 days at Disney World, chaperone and director costs, coach bus transportation to/from the airport and to/from each park daily, costs to drive the equipment trailer to/from Florida and stipends for meals (Wed: Lunch/Dinner, Th/Fri/Sat;Sun: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner). *Cost does

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	not include allotment for DisneyGenie + (Disney's new FastPass system), Trip Insurance, souvenirs etc. Trip insurance will be offered at an additional cost.
Meals	Breakfast is included each day at the hotel. There will be one (1) group dinner on Friday, February 16, at Uncle Julio's (or an equivalent). Each day in the parks, students will receive a gift card for \$40 for lunch and dinner which may be spent anywhere in the parks at the student's discretion. Students will receive a \$20 stipend on February 16 (Disney Springs) and 18 (airport). Students may wish to bring their own additional spending money.
Payment Information	<u>Payment dates will be as follows:</u> Initial Payment: October 6, 2023: \$525.00 2nd Payment: November 3, 2023: \$525.00 3rd Payment: December 1, 2023: \$525.00 4th Payment: January 5, 2024: \$530.00 or remaining trip cost, minus any trip discount
Travel Insurance	Bob Rogers will offer the opportunity for all participants to purchase travel insurance via the online 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/School Policies/Required Agreements

- The Trip has been **approved** by the Peters Township School Board. February 14 & 15, 2024 absences are approved. No Note needed.
- 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.
- A **BAND APP** has been created for this Trip for communication purposes. Students are required and parents/guardians are invited to join. All forms, documents and dates will be posted on the BAND APP. Communications will be via the BAND APP and email. <https://band.us/n/afa89e59eaacW>
- The Trip **may** cost approximately **\$2105.00** depending upon the number of students attending, additional costs/taxes, and finalized details. Students and parents must be willing to commit to the full amount, which is yet to be finalized.
- **THE TRIP SIZE IS CURRENTLY LIMITED TO 163 STUDENTS BASED UPON THE # OF SEATS AVAILABLE.**
- The PTMB is not collecting any money for this Trip. All payments will be made online through Bob Rogers Travel. Payments will be spread out over 4 installments. **There will be ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS given for ANY reason from PTMB or the School District.** Bob Rogers will offer Trip insurance which is strongly recommended.
- Trip Discounts: Any Trip Discount will be voted on by the PTMB membership in December of 2023 at a special membership meeting. You must be a member of the PTMB prior to the December, 2023 special meeting to be eligible for any Trip Discount. Membership is \$55.00 per family for the school calendar year. To become a member of the PTMB go to <http://www.ptmusicboosters.com>. The date of the meeting will be announced.
- Trip Discounts are entirely dependent on the success of the PTMB fundraisers. We currently need volunteers for our HS Funnel Cake Booth and Trax Farms Funnel Cake Booth. HS Funnel Cakes volunteers are needed for each home football game. Trax Farms begins September 23/24 and runs 5 consecutive weekends through October 22, 2023. The PTMB is asking every family to Volunteer for at least one shift for this Fundraiser. There are two shifts available each Saturday and Sunday. We currently have 12 open volunteer shifts for the HS Funnel Cake Booth and 91 volunteer shifts open for Trax Farms. **NO CLEARANCES ARE REQUIRED. Volunteers must be 18+ (No HS Students).** VOLUNTEER by going to <http://www.ptmusicboosters.com>. Click on Volunteer Sign Ups in the Drop Down Box.

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- Chaperones: This trip will require parent volunteer chaperones. Chaperones must be adult parents/ 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. A Chaperone Interest Questionnaire will be posted on the BAND APP in late September.
- Performances at Disney Springs (Orchestra and Choir) and ICON Park (Room 100) are free and open to the public. The parade at Magic Kingdom requires a ticket to the Park. The Band Ensemble clinic is closed to the public.
- *Each student is **REQUIRED** to attend school, on time, except on school approved trip dates.
- ***PER SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY, ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PASSING GRADE IN ALL OF THEIR CLASSES IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE TRIP. STUDENTS MUST CONFIRM A PASSING GRADE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DATE. ANY STUDENT WITHOUT A PASSING GRADE IN ANY CLASS MAY NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE TRIP. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AS COSTS WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCURRED.**
- Students are required to turn in 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, a PTSD Overnight Trip Form as well as any additional required PTSD or Event required forms. **ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MR. PERROTTE OR ROCHELLE KOERBEL NO LATER THAN February 1, 2024. Forms will be posted on the BAND APP and the PTMB website.**
- 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 and said parent/guardian will be required to come pick up their student from Orlando, FL at your cost and without a refund. 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.
- **Please** sign up to receive emails and eblasts in order to receive email updates and other information at <http://www.ptmusicboosters.com>. Scroll down to SIGN UP FOR EBLASTS.
- Please refer all Trip related questions to Ryan Perrotte, Music Dept Chair, perrotter@pt-sd.org or to Rochelle Koerbel, Trip Coordinator, rkoerbel@mcneeslaw.com.
- 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.
- 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 Bob Rogers, any airline, bus company, or Disney World.