

Notre Dame Catholic High School September 21, 2015

Dear Parents and Juniors:

As part of the English and American History curriculum, Notre Dame is planning to take the Junior Class on an overnight trip to Boston, Massachusetts on **Sunday and Monday, November 15-16, 2015**. This trip is intended to be educational, yet enjoyable. The following letter outlines details of the trip and specific guidelines and regulations.

The trip will depart from Notre Dame on Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 A.M. Students should arrive at the school no later than 7:45. We will celebrate Mass in the ND Chapel before departing. Upon arriving in Boston, students will enjoy lunch and shopping in Quincy Market followed by a Duck Tour of the city and a visit to the Old North Church in the historic North End.

Following our visit to Boston, students will board the buses and travel one hour to the Great Wolf Lodge in Fitchburg, MA. We will have dinner as a group at the hotel and students will have the opportunity to use the indoor water park, the indoor ropes course and a variety of other entertainment options at the hotel. On Monday morning, students will have breakfast and can again use the indoor facilities of the hotel before the group departs at approximately 2:00 pm. (Students will also eat lunch at the hotel.) We will return to Fairfield at approximately 4:30 pm. Please make sure your student has transportation home from school on this day.

The cost of the trip is **\$180.00** per student which includes coach bus transportation, a Duck Tour of Boston, hotel room (based upon 4-students per room), admission to the water park and ropes course, Sunday evening dinner, and breakfast and lunch at the hotel on Monday. The cost increases to \$200 per person for 3-students in a room or \$220 per person with two-students in a room. (What is not included in the price: lunch at Quincy Market, food purchased at any rest stops, or mini-golf, the arcade, laser tag or theater at the hotel.)

In order to guarantee a problem free trip, Notre Dame asks students and parents/guardians to sign a simple "contract" before a student may go on the trip. This contract focuses in on certain problem areas. The contract formally reminds everyone of the consequences arising from failure to follow the school and state/federal regulations.

We especially warn about the use of drugs and alcohol. Parents, please caution your children regarding the use of drugs or alcohol. Students must be aware of the consequences of using drugs or drinking – the possible expulsion from Notre Dame or even arrest by local police. If your child can not abide by these guidelines, it is strongly suggested that he/she not come on the trip. If drinking/drugs are on your

child's agenda, please do not allow him or her to participate. Please be aware that the school reserves the right to randomly search students' bags before and during this trip.

If students do not attend the trip, they will be expected to attend classes.

Students must participate in all group activities. Students are expected to stay with the group during the entire trip.

The Junior Trip is a school sponsored activity. All policies and procedures of Notre Dame are to be observed. Violation of rules will be treated in a most serious manner. We ask the cooperation of all to ensure a successful trip. **We also ask that all Juniors and Parents/Guardians read this information carefully. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the regulations and to follow them. Please, if you find it impossible to live within these guidelines, do not come on the trip. Also, please note that a student's participation on this field trip may be denied because of disciplinary problems at school.**

Please sign and return the attached sheet to Mr. Cipriano with a *non-refundable* deposit of \$75 payable to Notre Dame High School by **Thursday, October 1**. *Returns after this date can NOT be guaranteed participation on the trip.*

A CONTRACT BETWEEN STUDENT/PARENT & NOTRE DAME

Junior: I promise to follow all school regulations while on the Boston trip. I realize that any serious violations of trip guidelines may result in my expulsion from Notre Dame.

Parent: I have read all the information contained in this letter. I have discussed the matter with my child. I understand that a serious violation of trip guidelines (like drinking alcoholic beverages or using drugs) may result in my child's expulsion from Notre Dame. I give my child permission to go on the Junior Class Trip and hereby release and save harmless the Diocese of Bridgeport and any and all of its employees from any and all liability for any and all harm arising to my son/daughter as a result of this trip.

Junior's Name (Please Print) _____ **Homerom** _____

Junior's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

SELECT APPROPRIATE OPTION:

___ **\$180 – Four** Students per Room (balance of \$105 due by Friday, October 30)

___ **\$200 – Three** Students per room (balance of \$125 due by Friday, October 30)

___ **\$220 – Two** students per room (balance of \$145 due by Friday, October 30)

List names of Roommates: _____

***** Please note: if one signed-up member of the room does not end up participating in the trip, the remaining roommates will be responsible for the increased room cost *****

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