



## Notre Dame Catholic High School

Dear Parents and Sophomores:

Notre Dame is planning a class trip to New York City on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016**. The following letter outlines details of the trip and specific guidelines and regulations.

The trip will depart from Notre Dame on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Students should arrive at school no later than 6:45 a.m. We will return to Fairfield at approximately 6:00 p.m. Please make sure your student has transportation both to and from school on this day. The cost of the trip is **\$65**, which includes coach bus transportation and various admission charges. Students will tour Madison Square Garden and the Body Worlds exhibit at Discovery Time Square. The cost of lunch is not included.

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. The contract focuses on certain problem areas. The contract formally reminds everyone of the consequences arising from failure to follow both 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 - possible expulsion from Notre Dame and/or arrest by local police. If your child cannot abide by these guidelines, it is strongly suggested that he/she not come on the trip. If drinking or using 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 sophomore 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 cooperation of all to ensure a successful trip. We also ask that all Sophomores 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 class trip may be denied because of disciplinary problems at school.**

Please sign and return the attached sheet to Mr. Cipriano with a check for **\$65** payable to Notre Dame Catholic High School, cash or credit card (in main office), Wednesday, April 6. Students returning the sheet after this date are NOT guaranteed a spot on the trip.

**CONTRACT/PERMISSION STATEMENT**

A Contract between Student/Parent or Guardian and Notre Dame

**Sophomore:** I promise to follow all school and trip regulations while on the Sophomore Class Trip. I realize that any serious violations of trip or school guidelines may result in my expulsion from Notre Dame.

**Parent/Guardian:** 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 or school guidelines (like drinking alcohol or using drugs) may result in my child's expulsion from Notre Dame. I give my child permission to go on the Sophomore Class Trip and release Notre Dame High School and its staff of all liability.

**Sophomore's Name (Please Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sophomore's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to participate on the trip, this form must be signed and returned to Mr. Cipriano with payment of \$65 on or before Wednesday, April 6, 2016.**