

Harper's Choice Middle School Music Department

Dear Music Department Parents,

If you are reading this, your child is a member of the 7/8 Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, or Chamber Orchestra. We have some news for you about our annual spring trip. We will be taking our trip to Hershey, PA to participate in the Music Showcase Festivals. The Festival includes an adjudicated performance at a local school in the morning, followed by the afternoon in Hersheypark. The day is concluded by an awards ceremony in the evening at the park pavilion. **The date of the trip is Friday, May 14, 2010.** Families should plan on children being involved from 5:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. on the day of the trip. All students in the above performing groups are expected to attend the trip unless absence has been pre-arranged well in advance. **The cost, per student, for the trip this year is \$100.00.** This cost includes all transportation, all registration fees for the festival, admission to Hersheypark for the day, and an HCMS Music Department shirt. It does not include meals. Students must buy their own meals in the park. To ease the financial burden, please review the following payment schedule.

The first payment of \$40.00 is due on Friday, October 14, 2009.

The second payment of \$30.00 is due on Friday, January 8, 2010.

The final payment of \$30.00 (\$25 if student has a music department shirt) is due on Friday, March 5, 2010.

If you have a financial concern, please contact us privately so that we can discuss other payment options. **Checks should be made payable to HCMS Music Boosters. All cash or checks should be in an envelope labeled with student's name and "Spring Trip." We will not accept money unless it is in an envelope.** The chaperone selection process will begin sometime in April. Cost for chaperones is \$40.00(\$35.00 if you already have a shirt). This includes bus transportation, park admission, and an HCMS Music Department shirt. **Please do not send money until we contact you about chaperoning.** There will be a meeting for all chaperones on Monday, May 10, at 7:00 P.M. in Mrs. Brisco's room to discuss chaperone duties, trip organization, and park safety. If you have further questions, please contact one of the directors at school.

Musically yours,

Mrs. Brisco, Mrs. McKay, and Ms. Miranda

Please read, sign, and detach the permission slip below and return with the first payment of \$40 by Friday, October 14, 2009.

I have read the above information about the Music Department Spring Trip. I understand the payment schedule and agree to abide by it. If unable to make payments as scheduled, I will contact the directors to make other arrangements. By signing this I grant permission for my child to participate in this trip to Hershey, PA on Friday, May 14, 2010. I understand that the trip will last from early morning to late evening, and I will arrange transportation to and from Harper's Choice on the day of the trip.

Student Name _____ T Shirt Size (S-XL) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Emergency Phone Numbers _____

Please check here if you are available to chaperone _____