

Raiders Take New York!

Greetings, CDH Families!

We are excited to announce that the Band, Choir, and Theater Departments at Cretin-Derham Hall are banding together to plan a trip to New York City in Spring of 2026. This is organized by the Sunshine Travel Company, which is the same company we have used in the past for our trips to San Diego (2024) and San Antonio (2022), which were a blast! This trip will be a great opportunity for students to experience high quality performances & travel experiences, develop their performing arts skills, and make fun memories with their peers.

When will this take place? The dates for this trip will be Wednesday April 8th through Saturday, April 11th, 2026 - 3 nights, 4 days. [Check out the overview/itinerary here!](#)

Who is eligible to go? CDH students who are enrolled in Band, Choir, or Theater classes in the 2025-2026 school year are eligible to go. Students who are actively involved in extracurriculars in these programs are also eligible (e.g. students must be on cast or crew for at least one theater show throughout the year if not enrolled in performing arts classes, and/or must be an active a member of jazz band, string ensemble, or a cappella.)

How much will this trip cost?

Prices are at a tiered level depending on how many participants sign up. Due to a high level of interest, we will be adding a second bus in order to extend capacity for additional students. As of 9/12/25, we are at 61 participants, which puts the maximum pricing around **\$1,925** per student based on quad occupancy (4 students to a room). We are ultimately aiming to get at least 66 participants, which would reduce the price to **\$1,895**, and it could reduce even further from there if more participants sign up. (9/16 Update: We now have 77 participants, which means the pricing is now **\$1845** for student quad occupancy - yay!) See the table listed on the bottom of [this proposal](#) for more details.

Current payment schedule:

- **Deposit:** \$100
- **9/15/25:** \$600
- **11/20/25:** \$600

- 2/20/26: \$575

What does that price cover? This price covers air fare, hotel lodging (including overnight security details), 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches, tickets and admission to activities on itinerary, motorcoach transportation in NYC, and an experienced tour guide.

What activities are on the itinerary? These trips are jam-packed with sightseeing, activities, workshops with professionals, performance opportunities, and shows/concerts! Here is a list of the activities & attractions that will be included:

- Empire State Building/Ellis Island
- Statue of Liberty
- Rockefeller Center
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- 9/11 Memorial Plaza
- Central Park
- Lincoln Center
- Radio City Music Hall
- Ferry boat ride
- Chinatown/Little Italy
- Times Square
- Herald Square
- Community performance
- Private workshop at a major college/university
- Broadway workshop
- Jazz show
- Broadway musical

Sounds fun! How do we sign up? When you're ready to take the leap and sign up, please do so at the WeTravel portal linked below. This is where all registration/payment will take place. This link will lead you through registration and ask you to put down a \$100 deposit to secure your spot. **Please register/pay the deposit by June 1st to lock down this price point.** You may still be able to register in the fall if there are open spots, but the price may be slightly increased due to airfare fluctuation.

Booking instructions are [linked here](#). When creating your tour account, be sure to use the email address for which you want to receive your invoices and other tour information. Be sure to choose 'student quad occupancy' when signing up.

WeTravel Portal:

<https://sunshinetravel.wetravel.com/trips/cratin-derham-hall-choir-band-and-theater-group-sunshine-travel-09620026>

Frequently Asked Questions:

What additional costs can we expect? Students are responsible for 1 meal a day and any additional snacks they would like to bring or purchase while on the trip. They are also responsible for any souvenirs they would like to purchase.

Will there be fundraising opportunities to reduce the trip cost? Yes! We had two fundraising events this past spring and more coming in fall 2025. All proceeds for these events will be put toward reducing the cost for participants. For this spring:

- **BandCake Breakfast - Saturday, October 4, 2025** - More to come on this later.

Do you need parent chaperones? Yes! We will need a few parent chaperones, depending on how many students plan to attend. If you are potentially interested in being a chaperone, don't sign yourself up with WeTravel just yet - [please fill out the application form linked here](#). We cannot guarantee that everyone who is interested in chaperoning will be able to join us; selections will be made after student numbers have been reviewed. Chaperone costs can vary depending on the rooming choices (for example, if you'd like a single room, that will cost more than if you choose to double with another chaperone). If a chaperone would like to room with their own students, that can be arranged (with pricing changes for those participants based on room occupancy).

Other questions/concerns? Please put these questions in the designated place in the form, or email Ms. Schuster, Mr. Wiley, and/or Mr. Williams and we will get back to you as soon as we have the relevant answers.

We look forward to bringing your talented students on this adventure to the Big Apple!

Sincerely,
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