

Washington DC

8th Grade Student Meeting

4/05/2024

DC: 4/8/2024- 4/9/2024

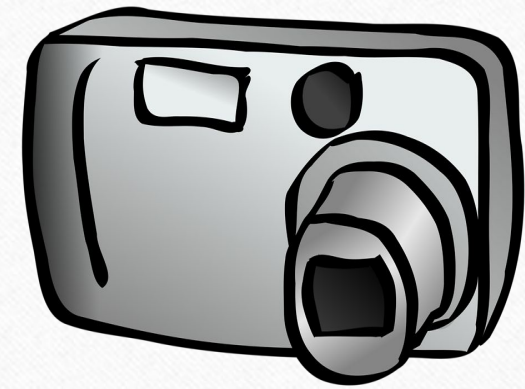
Packing List - Bags

- ONE suitcase – this will be stored under the bus until we get to the hotel
- ONE “carry on” bag (backpack or other small bag)
- LABEL all of your items.



Packing List - Electronics

- Camera (optional)
- Cell phone and charger
- Individual electronics may be used on the bus and in the hotel room, but **no phones, music devices, or earbuds should be used in museums** or during group activities
- No gaming consoles (Switches are fine)



Students are 100% responsible for any items that they bring including money, phones, and/or electronic devices.

Packing List - Clothing

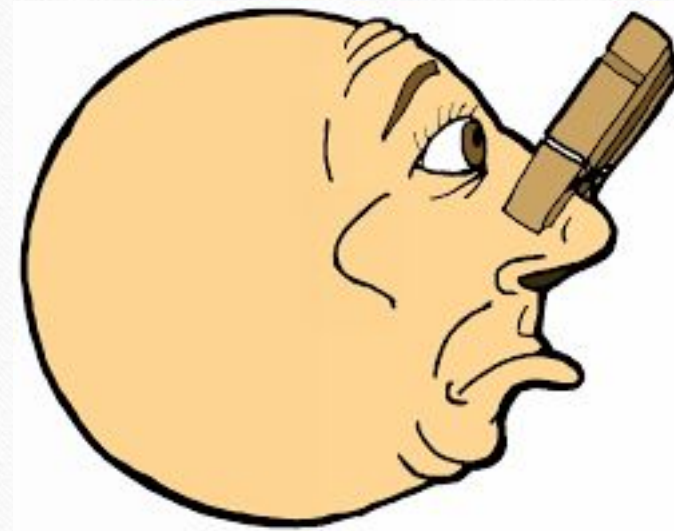
- COMFORTABLE walking shoes
- Sweat shirt or light jacket
- Rain gear
- Plastic bag for wet/dirty clothes
- Night clothes
- Clothes for day 2



Packing List – Hygiene

- Toiletries. toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, soap, comb, brush, etc.
- Deodorant

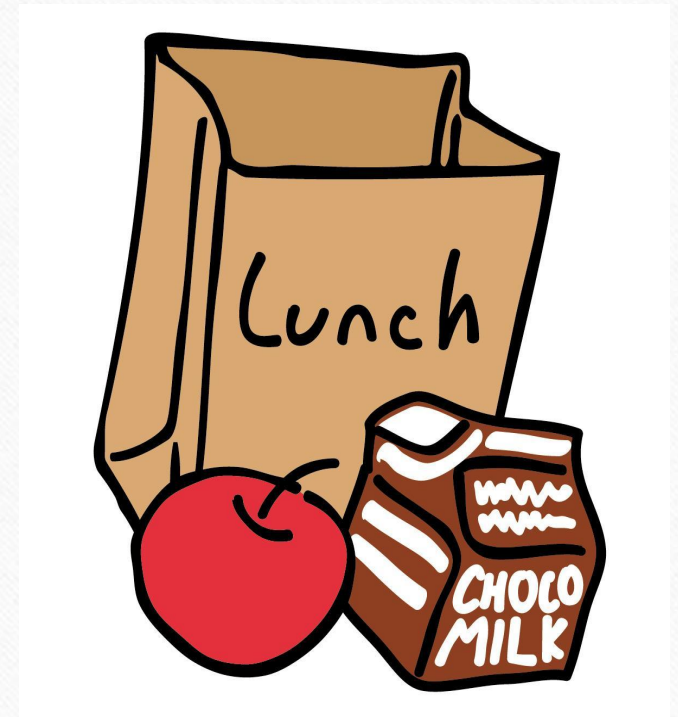
All students need to take showers!



Packing List - Food

- Bag lunch for Monday
(Make sure to bring your lunch on the bus.)
- Snacks (no **chocolate** or **gum** on the bus)
- Avoid drinks with excessive amounts of caffeine
- All drinks should have a lid!!

All other meals will be provided!



Packing List - Other

- Sunscreen
- Lotion
- Reusable water bottle
- Spending money
- Medications



Expectations

- You represent Dillard and your teachers – make us proud!



Expectations - Bus

- Keep the bus neat and clean
- Trash must be disposed of properly
- Keep voices at a reasonable level
- Don't use the bathroom unless it is an emergency (we will make stops)
- You may leave things on the bus

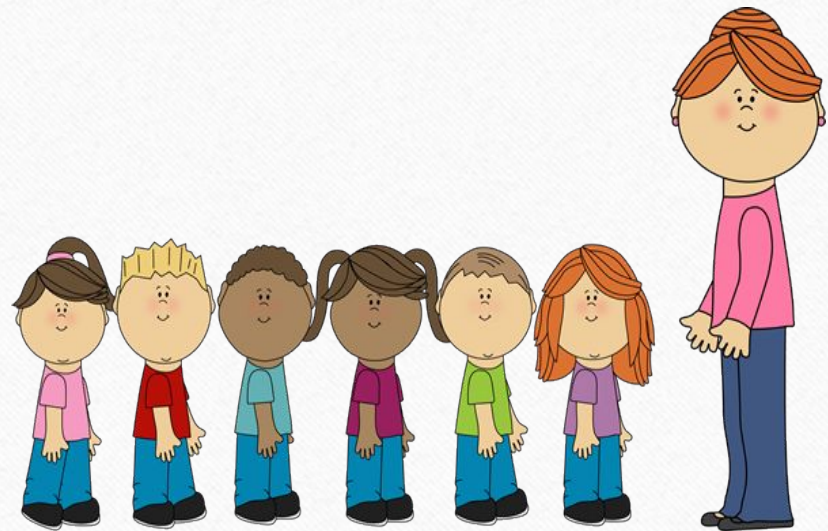


Expectations - Adults

- Students will respect ALL adults (chaperones, bus drivers, restaurant employees, hotel employees, museum employees, and other tourists)
- Be respectful of small groups that may need to pass through
- Do not use electronic devices at museums, exhibits, memorials, etc. (especially when a guide is talking)
- Do not give money to or take pictures of strangers
- If there is a problem, locate a chaperone or school staff member immediately

Expectations - Chaperones

- Stay with your chaperone
- If given permission to leave chaperone, you must meet back at designated location **ON TIME**
- Do not leave the building that the chaperone is in **ever**
- Bring a buddy with you at all times



Expectations - Hotel

- Curfew will be announced upon arrival at the hotel (use ice/vending machines before)
- No one will leave room once the curfew begins (**rooms will be taped closed**)
- Security guard on site
- In case of an emergency, call hotel desk and ask for a DDMMS teacher



Expectations – Tuesday AM

- Tuesday morning will be early!
- Don't stay up too late on Monday.
- Do not leave your room until a DDMMS staff member removes the tape
- Get a good breakfast and be ready for a great day!



Expectations

- No alcohol, drugs, vaping, or cigarettes
- Teachers reserve the right to search luggage and rooms if necessary

Museum Expectations

- If possible, **leave coats, backpacks, and large bags on the bus.** They may not be taken into the galleries and will have to be left unattended.
- **Food and drinks are not allowed in the museums.**
- **Students must stay with their chaperone** before, during, and after the tour, whether in the galleries, shops, cafeteria, or near the Museum entrances.

Itinerary

- You will get a copy of your specific itinerary the day we leave.



here are some of the highlights...

Itinerary - Memorials

- Lincoln Memorial
- MLK
- Thomas Jefferson
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Korean War
- Vietnam Veterans
- WWII Memorial
- Pentagon Memorial

Itinerary – Smithsonian Museum Tour

- African American History Museum
- Museum of American History
- Air and Space Museum
- Natural History Museum



White House

- Group Picture



Announcements / Final Reminders

- **Your parents need to drop you off at school on Monday, April 8th at 5:45 am.**
- **This trip is meant to be fun, educational, and impactful! Enjoy this time with your friends, ask questions, and you may learn something!**