

May 10, 2009

Dear Parents/Chaperones,

What a great trip! I had a wonderful time escorting this group of young people to our nation's capital. I hope you also find the stresses getting ready and the long bus rides were worth it. Thank you for joining us. I am so very proud of this group of young people! Aside from a bit of rain and missing the Twilight Tattoo, the trip went very well.

I have a favor to ask of you. Please rate the events and places we visited on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "rather a waste of time" and 5 being a definite "I'd do that again anytime." I will need to start planning next year's trip in the next few weeks and appreciate any thoughts you might have. Also rate the meal locations and the hotel for me. Please include any other thoughts or ideas you have to make the trip even better in the future.

Attractions		Accommodations	
Tuesday, May 5	<u>Rating</u>		<u>Rating</u>
Battlefield Tour		Breakfast @ Gettysburg	
National Cathedral		Lunch @ Montgomery Mall	
Drive down Embassy Row		Old Country Buffet	
White House Pictures		Breakfast @ hotel	
		Lunch @ Pentagon City	
Wednesday, May 6		Dinner @ Pentagon City	
Supreme Court lecture		Lunch @ Reagan Building	
Capitol/Congressman Pence		Dinner @ ESPNZone	
Arlington National Cemetery		Lunch @ Old Post Office	
Changing of the Guard		Dinner @ Pentagon City	
Wreath Ceremony			
Subway to Pentagon City		Comfort Inn hotel	
T-Shirt Shopping		Tour Guide-Kavin (Gettysburg)	
		Tour Guide-Bob (DC)	
		Tour Guide-Mark (Night Tour)	
Thursday, May 7		Friday, May 8	
Washington Monument		Mount Vernon	
FDR Memorial		Afternoon on the Mall	
Pentagon Memorial		IMAX – "3D Sun"	
Group Picture		Night tour of the Memorials	
Newseum		○ Air Force Memorial	
World War II Memorial		○ Jefferson Memorial	
Vietnam War Memorial		○ Lincoln Memorial	
Korean War Memorial		○ Kennedy Center	
ESPNZone		○ Iwo Jima Memorial	
		Info from Mr. Drier	
		○ Pop-up Map book	
		○ Information booklet	

I have a couple favors to ask of all of you. First, please send in a disk of all the pictures you or your child took on the trip. I will assemble a folder of any and all pictures given to me on disk. Students will be able to view the pictures and create their own disks of favorite pictures. If you haven't, please share your pictures with us so that we all can benefit from each other's photography. Stop by after school sometime if you wish to pick out pictures yourself.

Second, we traditionally have had a get-together for all the students and parents to view the students DC PowerPoints and reminisce about the trip. If you would be willing to host the group, please let me know ASAP. Also let me know of any dates that you know will not work for you. A weekend evening would probably work best, but that is not absolute. If you think having at school would work, let me know that. If we do have it at school, we will need some people to volunteer to supervise the kids in the gym or outside.

I will have the class write a note to Congressman Pence, thanking him the time he gave to the class. They will also write a note to Jim Brune thanking him for his generous donation of the T-shirts. Finally, I will have the class write a note to Bob for all he did to make the trip special.

Finally, thank you again to the Wyneken Class of 2009! Everything from here on in seems rather anticlimactic!

God's blessings,

Mr. Drier

PS-On another note, I am still taking pictures of the students in the Class of 2009 throughout their years at Wyneken. They can be pictures of anything showing the students. Groups of students are better, but not essential. Send them with your child and I will scan them and return them as soon as possible. Also, I need the class group pictures from some of their years for scanning. Help me out if you can. I use these pictures in the visual presentation I make at graduation. I will let the class know which years I am missing. Thank you for your help with this.

Remember the following dates:

- The girls first soccer tournament game will be on **Monday, May 18**, site, time and opponent to be determined.
- The Wyneken 40th Anniversary worship service will be **Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 AM** in the new gym.
- The athletic banquet is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17 at 5:00 PM.**
- Fun Day is scheduled for **Friday, May 29** and will involve all grades.
- The Wyneken Class of 2009 will be remembered and officially passed on at their graduation on **Monday, June 1** at 7:00 at St. Paul-Preble.
- The last day of school for the 2008-2009 school year is **Tuesday, June 2** with awards at 8:30 in the gymnasium and closing worship at 10:00 at St. John-Bingen.