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Sanford H. Calhoun High School Music Department



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Calhoun Choral Program

Concert Choir/ Chorale/ "Crescendo"

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Dear Parent,

This letter is to give you additional information for the CCP Tour to Orlando. Not only will the 24 members of "Crescendo" be representing the CCP, 74 members of the Calhoun Concert Choir will also be in competition. It's going to be an exciting weekend!

As I hinted at via our Twitter Newsfeed, last week, we received an email from Disney Performing Arts. It seems that the weekend of April 7-10, 2011 is shaping up to be one of the largest in *Festival Disney/ OnStage* history. In an attempt to give as many schools an opportunity to perform during that weekend as possible, Disney Performing Arts has informed any group that has registered for BOTH the *Festival Disney National Competition* and the *OnStage* performance opportunity, that they must make a choice of which to participate in. A great period-long discussion in class followed, culminating in a straw-poll. The students overwhelmingly chose to participate in the *Festival Disney* competition, and to forgo the *OnStage* performance this year (Disney's loss).

The silver lining here is that the total cost of the trip will now be **\$20 cheaper**, a total of \$975.00. This price will include registration fee, round trip airline tickets, hotel accommodations (4 to a room), admission to Disney's EPCOT, admission to Disney's Hollywood Studios (including the awards ceremony at the park), competition at Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort, admission to Disney's Magic Kingdom, a trip to the Downtown Disney Village Marketplace, transportation costs to and from Islip/ MacArthur Airport, transportation costs in Florida, and performance and adjudication expenses (some aspects, like performance venue, may be subject to change as we get closer).

Many students have done well fundraising and hopefully many have cut their cost down with the money they have raised. We hope to be able to run at least one more fundraiser before the trip. In order to have our trip paid for in a timely manner, We are asking each student to turn in their money in 5 installments. As many music students have unfortunately found out over the years, it is vitally important that each student adhere to this schedule (due to strict deposit dates by Disney, Airlines, etc). Your attention to detail is appreciated.



Payments are due as follows: #1- (\$200.00 Deposit already paid)

#2) November 29, 2010	\$200.00
#3) December 20, 2010	\$200.00
#4) January 21, 2011	\$200.00
#5) February 14, 2011	\$175.00

The fruit fundraiser profit will be calculated and posted for the students next week. Students may deduct fundraised money in their accounts for any payment. Please make all checks payable to "Bellmore-Merrick CHSD".

As we get closer to the departure date, each parent will be given additional materials, including a very detailed itinerary complete with contact numbers. Parents of students who have attended the CCP Tour in past years know that I pride myself on my detailed itineraries. For those parents of new members, I have posted a downloadable (pdf) copy of our 2009 tour to Disney online, as an example. It can be accessed (for a limited time) at <http://www.ccp1.org/itin.pdf>

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at your convenience @ (516) 992-1373, or via email ssardo@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us.

In Music,

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