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Sanford H. Calhoun High School Music Department

Calhoun Choral Program

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Dear Calhoun Choral Parent,

As parents of returning Concert Choir students can attest, the Calhoun choral curriculum is not limited to preparing for two concerts per year; the school year is an ongoing building experience, filled with many opportunities to perform in different venues; and that one of the primary objectives of the Choral Program is to allow students to work together as a group, to succeed together. To those of you who have given so freely of your time to help our endeavors over the years, I, along with the students of the entire Calhoun Choral Program, thank you.

To help to achieve that goal, the Concert Choir has had a long standing tradition of scheduling a multi-day performance tour each spring. After over a year of thought on the subject, I have made the decision to shift our spring tour focus to be on performing for a variety of audiences, in a variety of locations.

This year, the Calhoun High School Choral Program is planning a performance tour to **Boston, Massachusetts** from **Thursday, April 2, 2020 to Sunday, April 5, 2020**. The choir will get the opportunity to perform at the Kennedy Library, at Quincy Market, and on stage at Six Flags New England. This will not only be the CCP's first tour to Boston, but the first time that the group will perform at 3 different locations over the weekend!

The group will leave the school from the music room on Thursday morning and will be returning at approximately 7:00pm on Sunday. The group will be traveling via motor-coach buses.

The total cost of the trip will be **\$700.00**. This price will include hotel accommodations for 3 nights in Boston (4 to a room), three breakfasts, three dinners, admission to Six Flags New England, admission to the Kennedy Library, admission to the Shear Madness interactive show, admission to the New England Aquarium, admission to the Salem Gallows Hill Theater Show, tickets to the Boston Duck Boat Tour, transportation costs, and chaperone costs (9). The students do have two major fundraisers planned, giving each student an opportunity to defray their cost.

In order for the group to perform, a balanced number of students must attend the trip from each voice part. As someone who has attended countless music tours as a student and later as a chaperone/ staff, I can safely say that the trip will be an unforgettable experience. As we get closer to the trip, you will receive a 5-6 page

itemized itinerary, complete with phone numbers, for each part of the weekend (my communication procedures with parents over the years have become the basis for the District-wide trip policies... For parents of new members to Concert Choir, that would like to see an example of **A PREVIOUS YEAR'S itinerary and paperwork** so that you may see the type of detail that goes into my tour planning, [click here.](#))

Funds will be collected, in installments throughout the fall and winter (of course, you may pay the balance at any time).

The District has adopted policy and regulations regarding extended trips. The document includes: "If a trip is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances which are beyond the district's control, parents shall be advised that it is possible that moneys will not be fully refunded. In that event, the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD shall not be responsible for any non-refunded vendors' fees, deposits, or other expenses related to the trip. As a result, it is **STRONGLY ADVISED** that students fundraise a minimum of \$200 to allay costs. Also, please be informed that fundraising does not guarantee that the total money required will be raised."

In addition, Calhoun HS has adopted a set of guidelines regarding the total number of full-day trips that a student may take per year. A permission slip form now includes a section for all of a student's teachers to "sign-off".

It will be very important to adhere to the payment schedule that will be created. Please keep this in mind prior to giving permission for your child to attend. Please print this email, sign the bottom permission slip and have your child return it, along with a **\$200.00 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit** (make checks payable to "Bellmore-Merrick CHSD"), by **Friday, October 4, 2020**.

If you have any questions please feel free to speak to me at any upcoming performance or contact me at your convenience at (516) 992-1373, or via email: ssardo@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us

Yours in Music,
Sanford Sardo
Director of Choral Activities
Calhoun Choral Program

BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Calhoun High School

Attendance

FIELD TRIP – PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Students who go on field trips are required to meet with their teachers before the date of the trip to discuss work that will be missed. It is the students' responsibility to be prepared for all classes upon their return. I have discussed this procedure with my child who has my permission to go on the school-sponsored field trip described below:

Student Name _____ Date(s) of Trip April 2-5, 2020

Date/Time Leaving 4/2 , 8:00 AM _____ Date/Time Returning 4/5 , 7:00 PM _____

Type of Transportation COACH BUS Cost \$700.00 Faulty Sponsor(s) Sardo

Name of Parent or Guardian to Contact in case of Emergency, Illness, Injury or Delay:

Telephone # _____ Telephone # _____ Telephone # _____
[Home] _____ [Business] _____ [Cell] _____

Please list below names and telephone numbers of persons to be called in an emergency if the parent or guardian cannot be reached:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Physician to be called:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

A District Medical Form Will Follow, as the Trip Approaches

I understand and agree to the following:

1. The field trip may be canceled at the discretion of the District, for a variety of reasons, which may include factors related to the health, safety, and welfare of the children as well as faculty and parents. This could also include a local or national emergency or an increased "terror alert" issued by the Department of Homeland Security.
2. In the event of a cancellation, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District shall not be responsible for any un-refunded vendors' fees, deposits or other expenses related to the trip. As a result, it is STRONGLY ADVISED that students fundraise a minimum of \$200 to allay costs. Also, please be informed that fundraising does not guarantee that the total money required will be raised.

Signature of Parent or
Guardian _____

Date _____

(Turn Over)

Student Name _____

Trip Dates __April 2-5, 2020__

Attendance # _____

TEACHER SIGN-OFF

Students must get their teachers to sign off on this form as a way to inform the teacher of the trip and to be apprised of any work that needs to be made up. Students **MUST** be responsible for all work that is missed. They must attend extra help in order to get necessary class materials.

	Class	Teacher Signature
Pd. 1		
Pd. 2		
Pd. 3		
Pd. 4		
Pd. 5		
Pd. 6		
Pd. 7		
Pd. 8		
Pd. 9		

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

It is our aim to give all passengers the best possible services and attention. We are not responsible for delays caused by circumstances beyond our control. Any additional expenses that are incurred due to a third party such as: Airlines, motor coach, cruise ships etc. or weather, are the responsibility of the tour group. Members of the collective tour group designate Custom Tours, Inc. as agent for the purpose of arranging group travel.

We reserve the right to reject or terminate the membership of any person whom the management may consider objectionable. We also reserve the right to make such changes in itineraries, hotels, or incidentals as may be necessary for the comfort and welfare of the passengers.

Baggage and other personal belongings are the passengers own responsibility and Custom Tours, Inc. is not responsible for any losses, damage or injury to personal property.

Custom Tours and its affiliated entities and its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns, neither own or operate any persons or entity which is to, or does provide goods or services for these trips or tours. Because Custom Tours does not maintain any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers, Custom Tours assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any tour suppliers, or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, instrument owned, operated or otherwise by any of these suppliers, or(3) any wrongful, willful, or negligent act or omissions on any part of any party not under the supervision or control of the Operator.

It is understood that this release covers not only the person traveling but their heirs and guardians as well.

Trip Name Calhoun HS Choir- Boston

Trip Date April 2-5, 2020

Please sign below

Students name

Signature of Responsible Party

Date

Please Print Name Clearly

Attendance # _____