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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. is fast approaching. The chaperones and I are once again excited to be able to facilitate this educational and fun trip for the students. On the back of this letter is the finalized itinerary.

As you are aware, the trip is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, through Saturday, March 24, 2018. Students should arrive at the Middle School on Thursday morning at 5:45 a.m. All buses will depart the Middle School at 6:30 a.m. sharp. Upon arrival to the Middle School, students should report to the auditorium to check in with their assigned chaperone. Bus and chaperone lists will be posted in the cafeteria a few days prior to the trip.

Students are allowed to bring their cell phones/chargers and a carry-on bag with snacks (peanut and tree-nut free only), reading materials, and headphones. Larger, more expensive electronic devices such as laptop computers, iPads or Kindles are not permitted. Please note the school is not liable for any lost or stolen items. The carry-on bags will be inspected on the morning of the trip and any prohibited items will be left in the main office.

The boys' luggage is due in school on Tuesday, March 20 and the girls' luggage on Wednesday, March 21. Please limit students to one piece of luggage each. Luggage should be tagged with your child's full name. Students should bring their luggage directly to the conference room located in the main office upon arrival to school for inspection. I will also be meeting with the students to review trip expectations as discussed at our parent meeting in the fall and some packing restrictions prior to their bag drop off day. Students will reclaim their luggage Thursday morning before getting on their assigned bus.

During the trip, in the event of an emergency, you can contact me on my cell phone at 631-813-0185. Please be aware that this number only accepts voice calls, no text messages.

Finally, you may have heard some media reports that there is a potential for large crowds in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, March 24. As you can see on the itinerary, we are scheduled to leave the D.C. area by 1:45 p.m. and have two "reserved" activities for that morning. Please know that I have been in constant contact with CTA and we are confident that our planned activities will not be impacted by these events. If you are familiar with Washington, D.C., these type of large events are common and the trip directors/school chaperones are prepared to deal with these type of issues. Please trust that your child's safety will ultimately determine if any adjustments to the itinerary are necessary.

Should you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the main office at 631-870-2700 or CTA at 800-541-6606.

Best Regards,

Peter J. Pramataris
Principal