



February 1, 2009

Dear Band of Blue Parent:

We have been very busy getting ready for our trip to New Orleans and for our performance in the **Krewe of Endymion Parade** in the Mardi Gras. The **Krewe of Endymion Parade** is Saturday, February 13, 2010. The trip dates are February 10-14, 2010. We will leave Wednesday evening, February 10th and tardy time will be 5 PM and will return Sunday evening, February 14th. Students do not have school on Monday, February 15th for President's Day Holiday.

We are staying at the :
Sheraton Four Points/Metairie, LA.
6401 Veterans Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70003
Hotel Phone: 504-885-5700

We will be visiting National World War II Museum, The New River Walk Area, The Audubon Aquarium, Jackson Square, Jacks Brewery (MALL), Mardi Gras Museum, The French Quarter area for eating, shopping and street performers; We will take a riverboat cruise down the Mississippi River on the Natchez Queen, View a Mardi Gras Parade, visit Preservation Hall and the Battle of New Orleans site. See the 9th Ward and the rebuilt areas from Hurricane Katrina.

You will need money for meals en route there and back. You will also need money for meals at the shopping areas we will go to. Your breakfast and dinners are included in this trip package. Please be careful with your personal finances. If you have a cell phone we will ask you for your cell number for our records. **Please obey all chaperones! It is for YOUR safety!** Anything prohibited at school is also prohibited on this trip. You are under school rules. Anyone who breaks the law on this trip will suffer the consequences of his/her actions. Don't try to shoplift. You will only embarrass the school, your family and the band. No alcohol, no tobacco. All school rules and regulations are in effect on this trip. No movies or long distance calls may be charged to your room. You may not order food to be delivered at all!!

Please follow ALL instructions and we will have a great time. How you act will determine if we do this again! We have a very busy schedule; please get as much rest as possible. We reserve the right to send you home at your parents cost if you become a problem. A Colleton County Sheriff Deputy will be with us and will gladly take you home immediately if you are a problem. Phones in the hotel rooms will be turned off. There will be pay phones in the lobby. Please do not bring video game systems to play in your rooms. Personal electronic devices (i.e. Gameboys, CD/MP3 Players) are OK but you bring them at your risk! Please bring headphones! No boom boxes! Not everyone shares your taste in music on the bus. If we hear your music, we will take it and give it back to you at the end of the trip.

Students of the opposite sex may not visit in each others rooms at any time. You are responsible for any damage to your room. Remember that someone has to make up your bed and clean your room and it may be YOU if it is a mess. We want this trip to be one of the highlights of your high school years. If everyone listens and follows instructions we will have a great time!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 538-8903 or 893-6026. We want to have a safe and enjoyable trip.

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