

# 2017-2018 Jordan High School Band & Choir Tour – New York City, New York

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Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Band & Choir Students and Parents,

The JHS Band & Choir students have the opportunity to travel to New York City, NY this coming March. Below is the latest information, finalized tour dates, finalized cost, and everything else that you need to know about the trip. If you are interested in signing up and still have not done so, please contact Mr. Burnside or Mrs. McKnight ASAP!

**Dates:** The tour will happen over March 22-28. Students will depart early morning on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and arrive home at or before dinner time on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*Important – There will be a Parent/Student Information Meeting on Sunday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm in the JHS Auditorium. The meeting will discuss and outline the tour itinerary, JHS travel policies and expectations, medical forms, packing lists, hear details from our travel agent, and answer any questions that you might have. This meeting is mandatory for anyone participating in the tour. Please mark your calendars!

**Brief Outline of Tour:** (98% finalized)

- Travel via motor-coach bus
- 7 days total, 4 nights in hotels
- At least 2 Music performances including one at St. Joseph's School for the Blind.
- Sightseeing/activities and shows include visiting Times Square, tour of Manhattan, John's Pizzeria, a Broadway show (TBA), Ground Zero, One World Observation Deck, Broadway workshop, visits to Little Italy and China Town, Tour of Radio City Music Hall, visiting the U.S.S. Intrepid and its museum, visiting Ellis Island & the Statue of Liberty and more!

**Cost:** The final cost will be \$1000 per student, \$500 per chaperone.

**Payment:** Payment for the trip will be collected in several installments. The first installment of \$150 was due in May 2017. Funds in student activity accounts (money from earlier fundraisers) may be used towards this installment. Current activity account balances are posted on the bulletin board outside of the band room. You may also email me to request your student's current balance. Here is the due date for the remaining payments:

Payment #2	Wednesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	- \$260 per student, \$155 per chaperone.
Payment #3	Wednesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	- \$260 per student, \$155 per chaperone
Payment #4	Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	- \$330 per student, \$190 per chaperone

**Fundraising:** Students have had the opportunity to fundraise over the last two years in anticipation of this trip. Several more fundraisers have been planned for this year to offer many opportunities for individual fundraising. It is possible to earn enough money to reduce tour costs by over half or even pay for it in full before the final payment! Current planned fundraisers include:

<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Cookie Dough/ Frozen Pizza	Club's Choice Fundraising	September 2017
Fruit Sale	Minntex	November 2017
Cookie Dough/ Frozen Pizza	Club's Choice Fundraising	January/ February of 2018

**Last Call:** Students who are still interested in participating in the NYC2018 trip can still sign up! Please contact Mr.Burnside or Mrs.McKnight ASAP to receive the necessary paperwork.

**Cancellation:** In the event that a student needs to withdraw from the trip. The following cancellation policy is in effect. This is taken from our contract with Performance Tours:

- June 10 – September 29, 2017                      \$ 50.00 cancellation fee/person
- September 30 – November 17, 2017            \$100.00 cancellation fee/person
- November 17, 2017 – February 26, 2018      \$150.00 cancellation fee/person
- After 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2018        100% loss of all payments

\*\*\*Important: Additional fees may be assessed for cancelling non-refundable purchases such as Broadway tickets, Museum tickets, workshop tickets, etc...

We are looking forward to preparing for what will certainly be a fun, music-filled, exciting tour! More information to come as we move forward, so stay tuned! If you have any questions pertaining to the first and second tour payment or fundraising please feel free to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

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