

# Chippewa Valley High School Bands and Choirs

## NEW YORK 2018

Who: CVHS Marching Band, Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Winter Guard, Choirs & Interested Parents.

What: Travel to New York City.

When: Departure on Monday, April 2nd, 2018 and return on Friday, April 6th. 4 days/4 nights in the NYC area. Travel is during Spring Break.

Cost: \$950 per student, including bus, hotel, meals, entry fees, all activities, and trip insurance.

Dear Parents,

This letter is written to poll interest in a band and choir trip to New York in the spring of 2018. If we are to undertake such a trip, we must begin planning now. Reservations for hotels, shows and setting up performances must be done far in advance. Please review the following information.

### WHY?

Music ensembles in the public schools have had a long history of traveling. Interstate and foreign travel have become an important part of many fine music programs throughout the U.S. Between the choir and band directors at CVHS, we have taken groups to every state in America except Alaska, throughout Europe, South America, Australia and New Zealand. Most choir and band programs in Macomb county undertake a major trip every few years, traveling to bowl games and competitions throughout the US and Europe. Our bands and choirs have most recently traveled to Hawaii, Florida, Tennessee, and NYC. Trips can benefit students in many ways. Group travel exposes students to different cultures, new ways of doing things, camaraderie and cooperation. Experiencing places they have read about gives new meaning to school learning. Trips can afford students the opportunity to meet choir and band students from other parts of the country and see

and hear their performances. It is also an opportunity to carry the fine reputation of Chippewa Valley Schools to other parts of the country.

And trips are a lot of fun! The competitions are exciting, and there will be plenty of time to see the important sights. We all remember our high school days. We can still recall taking trips with the choir and band in high school, the things we saw and the fun we had. This would be an experience our students would always remember.

It is not our intention that parents pay the entire amount of the trip out of pocket unless they wish to. Last school year we held, and this school year we will be holding many fundraisers to help students raise as much of the money as possible. But in order to make this work, we must have a commitment from the parents to be financially responsible for the amount of the trip. We can't have students dropping out of the trip at the last moment due to lack of funds. The choir and band will end up having to pay for any tickets and rooms we don't use.

We are asking parents at this time to make a **deposit of \$200 per student**. If we have enough attendees and the trip is approved, the deposit becomes nonrefundable and will be considered the 1st payment towards the trip. If the trip is not approved, the deposit will be returned.

Please complete the form below, detach, and return to Mr. Hoey (band), or Mr. Pecar (choir) by Monday, September 18th. Your response will remain confidential. The results will be tallied, and the final decision about New York will be made jointly by Mr. Pecar and Mr. Hoey and the booster boards in the hours that follow. All trips must also be approved by the CVHS administration and the school board.

**TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:** 4 Nights at 1st class hotel in the New Jersey area; Attend a Broadway Musical & NY Philharmonic/Metropolitan Opera; NBC Today Show; Tour of NYC including Radio City Music Hall, Time Square, Lincoln Center, Guggenheim Art Museum, 911 Memorial & Museum; Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Tour; Performance at the USS Intrepid Museum; Empire State Building at night; Spirit/Statue Dinner-Dance Cruise; Shopping opportunities Rockefeller Plaza/Times Square/5th Ave/China Town.

Please note – we have a limited number of seats. Spots will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If we fill up our spaces, we will begin a waiting list for a second full bus. If we have enough for a second bus, we will do our best to secure another bus. This is not easy, so we are encouraging students to move quickly on this. **\*\*\*\*Trip insurance for students is included in the price!\*\*\*\***

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Name of Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign and return to the CVHS Choir/Band Dept. **by Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we will commit to raising the cost of the trip for our son(s)/  
daughter(s) to travel to New York with Bands & Choirs during Spring Break 2018.

**(Please include a check for the deposit made out to CVHS Choir Boosters for \$200 per student or a student account voucher.)**

Parent(s) signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If the trip is approved, the deposit becomes nonrefundable and will be considered the 1st payment towards the trip. If the trip is not approved, the deposit will be returned. Our payment schedule will be close to the following:

Sept. 18 - \$200 deposit

Oct. 17 - \$350 First Payment

Nov. 13 - \$200 Second Payment

Dec. 15 - \$200 Third Payment

\*Online payment will be available, but there will be additional charges for credit card service fees\*

Please turn in this form and deposit payment (in a labeled envelope "Name – NYC trip) to: Mr. Hoey (band) or Mr. Pecar (choir) as soon as possible. Due by Sept. 18. There is a limit to the number of people allowed to come on this trip. Spots will be reserved on a first come first served basis. We will create a waiting list and try to accommodate.

Parents will have opportunity to travel with us, but we are not taking parent registrations yet. When we know we have enough students to make the trip a go we will begin taking parent reservations. Parent rates will be similar to the student rates, with an additional charge for rooms with less than four occupants.

Questions?

Contact Tim Hoey [thoey@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:thoey@cvs.k12.mi.us) or James Pecar [jpecar@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:jpecar@cvs.k12.mi.us)