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Dear Parents,

This info sheet provides all of the details concerning our trip to the High Note Festival on 6/5! If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to me via e-mail: avecchio@edgewaterschools.org

Thank you!

Ms. Vecchio

About the High Notes Festival

At High Note Festivals, we choose a positive approach. Your group will be judged on how they play. Period. You choose the music that best showcases your ensemble. Middle Schools do not compete against High Schools, and a Concert Choir of 40 that practices 20 hours a week will not be judged against a Mixed Chorus of 150 that practices two hours per week. In fact, by not having groups compete against each other, students strive instead to improve their own personal best score each year. By presenting a well-rehearsed concise program, each group has the opportunity to receive our highest rating of superior. Not every ensemble will earn this honor, but no one will go home in second, third, or last place. What our adjudicators listen for is the execution of the very skills and techniques you teach every day: breath control, intonation, phrasing, dynamics, attacks, releases, diction, balance, tone, posture, attentiveness to the director, concert etiquette, etc. We want to hear you at your very best. Our adjudicators will reinforce your excellent teaching skills. Furthermore, adjudicator's recorded comments are designed to be heard by your students. We will compliment your students on what they have accomplished, and give them reasonable suggestions for improvement.

Two adjudicators will evaluate your group's performance and provide you with written and audio commentary along with a numerical rating. The recorded audio comments will serve as a clinic when played for your students. An award trophy will be presented at the conclusion of your performance(s) along with the adjudication forms. Once your scheduled performance is complete, you and your students are free to enjoy an afternoon of fun at Six Flags Great Adventure!

Itinerary for June 5th, 2020

8:30- Students and chaperones come to music room at EVG to prepare for the day.
We will take attendance, review guidelines/rules for the day, confirm contact information, and warm up.

9:15- Leave on bus for *St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, Freehold, NJ*.
This is an hour drive so, students may bring something to do on the bus.

10:30 – Arrive at *St. Rose of Lima Elementary School*
We will need to get all instruments off the bus and into the school

11:20- Students perform adjudication (warm-up and 3 songs)

12:00- Students get back on bus for **Six Flags** Departure.
During this 25 minute drive, I will review guidelines, safety procedures, etc.
Students can also eat their lunch at this time.

12:30- Arrive at **Six Flags Great Adventure** (Students finish eating lunch on bus).

1:00- Enter park (Students break into their groups for the day).

5:00- Meet at front of park meeting spot and get on bus to depart for **EVG**

6:30- Students arrive back at **EVG**
Parents will be required to pick up their students from school!!!!

Destinations

Saint Rose School
51 Lincoln Place
Freehold, NJ 07728

Six Flags Great Adventure
1 Six Flags Blvd
Jackson Township, NJ 08527

What to Bring

On the day of the field trip, students must bring their instrument, music, and a bagged lunch. I would also recommend bringing the following:

- Sunscreen
- Extra money (snacks/games in the park- refillable water bottle in the park is \$4.50)
- Ziploc Baggie for cellphone/money
- An extra change of clothes if students intend on riding a water ride

What to Wear

On the day of the trip, students should wear their EVG MUSIC T-Shirt, if they purchased one. Let me know if you would like to purchase one by tomorrow. If they did not purchase one, please wear a navy blue t-shirt that resembles our music shirts.

In addition, I recommend students wear:

- Navy T-shirt (EVG music shirt)
- Comfortable pants (leggings are fine)
- Sneakers

**Please note if students bring a bag into the park, they will need to pay for a locker at every ride. You can check the park procedures on the Six Flags Great Adventure website.

Rules for the Day

Students must follow these guidelines throughout the day:

- No cellphone use off the bus, unless it is an emergency.
- Food and drink are not allowed in the park, so make sure you eat your lunch on the bus!
- DO NOT separate from your group! Students will be separated into groups of 5 + a chaperone. These groups travel together no matter what. Plan bathroom breaks at the same time!
- Instruments are not to be assembled or played until you are told to do so.
- Be alert, pay attention, and listen to any and all directions from Ms. Vecchio, Mrs. Fonseca, or a chaperone.

In case of an Emergency

If for some reason, a student gets separated in the park, they are to find the nearest park employee to determine their current location and call me at (973) 900-4040. If they do not have a phone, I will give each student a bracelet with my number on it so they may find an employee to help dial my number (Or Mrs. Fonseca's number). If for some reason, none of those steps work,

our meeting spot will be at the main fountain (#7 on the map). We will review all of this before entering the park. Chaperones, we will go over an emergency protocol before leaving the school.

EVG Gold Band – High Note Festival Permission Form (1)

Please return to Ms. Vecchio with payment by March 6th!

Date: June 5, 2020

Departure: 9:15 am from EVG; Return at 6:30pm at EVG

Student: _____ **Student Cell #** _____

Destination: Six Flags Great Adventure Jackson, NJ Travel

I hereby give my child permission to travel with approved EVG chaperones. This may include travel in any situation deemed necessary by the chaperone. Transportation to and from Six Flags will be by charter bus.

Emergency: I hereby consent to the administration or treatment of medical procedures to my child if necessary.

Release: I hereby release the Edgewater School District and its employees and/or representatives, from any claim with regards to any losses, injuries, or damages arising out of, during, or in connection with my child's participation in the trip.

Cost: Ticket into Park + Festival Fee = \$60. Season pass holders = \$25 for festival fee. Parent chaperones = \$41. Chaperones with season passes enter for free. Students may wish to bring extra money for games or additional food/snacks/drinks.

I, _____, give my child permission to travel with approved EVG chaperones, and to attend this trip to the High Notes Festival and Six Flags Great Adventure, New Jersey, on Friday, June 5th. I understand that transportation will be by coach bus to and from EVG and Six Flags and that students must ride the bus both ways and be picked up at 6:30pm at EVG. A student who violates rules or disregards the authority of supervisors on a field trip significantly endangers the safety of other students and may be summarily dismissed from participating in any or all activities. The teaching staff member in charge will supervise any students not participating.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Agreement: In signing this form, I, _____, certify that I have read the details of the trip and I am aware that I will be on a school sponsored trip. I am aware that I am under the supervision of the school chaperones and I will comply with their directives. I agree that my behavior must conform to EVG expectations noted above in addition to the expectations set forth by the EVG student handbook. I understand that I will be held accountable to the Code of Conduct and will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action for violations of these rules. Lastly, I agree to participate in an engaged and cooperative manner in order to gain the most from this school trip.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET

Emergency Contact Info (2)

Student	Name: Phone:
Parent(s)	Name: Phone: Name: Phone:
Emergency Contact	Name: Phone:
Medical or allergy issues that are important to know for this trip	
Does your child hold a season pass?	
Would you like to chaperone this trip? Without a season pass, adults will need to pay \$41 for park entry.	
On a scale of 1-5, how much does your child enjoy rollercoasters?	1 2 3 4 5

1 = low, 5 = high.

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