

September 18, 2024

Hello Upper Hall Families!

This spring, the upper hall classes (gr. 6,7,8) will have the opportunity to go to Washington D.C.!

The dates of the trip are Wednesday, May 21 to Friday, May 23. The expected itinerary for the trip is attached. As of right now, we expect the cost for each person to be \$611.00 before fundraising.

As we begin to plan for this trip, we ask that you fill out the bottom half of this letter that will serve as your "intention to participate". Please mark the appropriate place below, and return the bottom half of this paper complete with a \$50 deposit if your intention is to go on the trip. Checks can be made out to Saint Joseph School, cash is accepted as well.

There will be an opportunity for parents/guardians to accompany us on this trip as the role of a chaperone. If you are interested in being a parent chaperone on this trip, please consider the following:

- The parent/guardian interested in attending must be the same gender as the student they are the parent/guardian of.
- Parents/guardians must be VIRTUS trained and have a background check at least 30 days prior to the trip.
- All rooms will include four people. (A parent/guardian and three students, or two parent/child pairs, depending on numbers and how we will all fit.) Room assignments are made by the SJS staff.
- It is not guaranteed that there will be room for all parents/guardians who volunteer. If we have more volunteers than chaperones that are needed, a lottery system will be used- at this time we anticipate needing 6 male chaperones and 9 female chaperones.
- Parent/Guardian volunteers will not receive fundraising money and will be responsible for the total cost of their trip.
- Parents/guardians who attend will be filling the role of a chaperone, to their child AND additional students. It is the expectation that the parent/guardian uphold all rules set forth by SJS and Nowak Tours staff, be with their assigned students at all times, as to ensure the safety and fair treatment of all who attend. There will be a chaperone meeting to cover rules and guidelines prior to the trip.

\*\*\*Fundraising side note- we have several fundraisers planned for this fall and winter to help defer costs- Football Squares for 1 NFL and 1 college game; a Christmas Fun babysitting night in early December. All proceeds will be split evenly between all students attending the trip. Our hope would be to decrease the listed price by about \$100.

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be attending the overnight Washington D.C. trip

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not be attending the overnight Washington D.C. trip

\_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_, am interested in chaperoning the trip.