

Dear Parents and Students,

The music department is offering its annual spring trip to participate in the “Music in the Parks” adjudicated competition festival on Friday, May 23, 2014. Our ensembles will perform for the judges in the morning and then students will have the remainder of the day to enjoy the park. The day culminates with an awards ceremony in the Hershey arena in which all participating schools will receive their ratings and trophies.

The primary purpose of the trip is for students to gain musical knowledge and improve their playing or singing by receiving feedback from highly qualified music educators who serve as judges. Instructors will have both written and recorded comments available to share with students after the trip. Excellence in musical performance is the focus of the trip with time in the park as a great “extra” for the day.

This year’s trip fee for each student is \$70.00 which includes festival costs, transportation, a music department T-shirt (our uniform for the day) and admission to the park. Meals are not included, so each student will need to bring money to purchase food within the park. It is our hope that every qualified student will be able to participate. If there are financial concerns, please contact your child’s director. We do not want any student to miss the trip due to financial need. Scholarship assistance available. The payment plan is outlined below. **Payments must be in the form of a check made out to “Dallastown Middle School” or exact cash. Please note: ALL PERMISSION SLIPS MUST BE TURNED IN WITH THE FIRST PAYMENT. No payments will be accepted without the signed permission slip.** Please indicate your child’s T-shirt size on the bottom of the permission slip, as all students will get a music department T-shirt (included) that will be our uniform for the day.

Payment #1- \$35 due Friday, February 28, 2014

Payment #2- \$35 due Friday, March 28, 2014

You may pay the entire amount at the first payment deadline if you wish. Due to the large number of students involved, it is essential that payments be made by the established deadlines.

If students have a season pass, cost is only \$40. **Please let instructors know if your child has a pass. *STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE PASS WITH THEM ON THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL.***

Please note: **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON FEES FOR ANY REASON. (That includes if a student does not maintain the rehearsal and attendance expectations of the ensemble and is subsequently denied the trip.)**

More specific information will be communicated closer to the time of the trip. Students must meet all of the attendance and performance expectations for their ensemble in order to attend the trip.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child’s director. We look forward to another wonderful “Music in the Parks” experience with our talented Dallastown Middle School musicians!

Sincerely,

Mr. Buer, Mr. Diehl and Mrs. Ruth