



OE BAND NY TRIP MEETING

March 26, 2024

Trip Meeting Summary: Please refer back to the packet for more details.

Packet Review

- Bring Tuxedos early to make sure they don't go in the suitcases. Will go in the equipment van on Wednesday April 10th. Also, will be having a 7am rehearsal on that day. Don't forget to pack black tall socks.
- Southwest flight has the majority of the group.
- Flutes and clarinets will be packed on carry-on
- Trumpet and Alto saxes mostly on Southwest. Bringing instruments along with them on flight. You're allowed two checked items. Ideally, 6 bring your instrument as your carry-on item.
- United flight; Trumpet and Alto saxes will go in equipment van
- Dress in layers. Temps have been chilly in NY.

Meals

- Bring something to eat for breakfast, and final meal at students' expense.
- Rest of meals provided

Shopping

- What you buy, you need to bring back. Keep that in mind when shopping.
- Make sure what you buy can pass security checkpoint
- Souvenir shops in the district sell snow globes, DO not put in carry-on, place in checked baggage if you purchase one.

Expectations and Consequences

- Make good choices, consequences will depend on the severity of choices made. That may include driving you to the airport, purchasing a ticket, at parents expense. No do overs. Shoplifting will definitely get you a trip back home.
- Try hard, keep it classy. We are representing the school and our state.
- Chaperones are an extension of the staff. If you wouldn't say it to Smikahl, do not say it to the chaperone. If you're disrespectful, you will have to stick with Smikahl during sightseeing.
- After the room check, you do not come out of your room. Call Smikhal or the nurse if anyone is sick.
- Chaperone groups can combine except for Top of the rock, Time Square, and any sightseeing that requires us to stay with our groups for safety.
- Curfew will depend on what happens and what time we get back at the hotel, and the hotel's rules.
- We don't hang out in the hallway, either stay in your room or in the commons place at the hotel.
- Traveling with a group is different from traveling with family. Go with the flow. If not in itinerary, probably not going to happen.



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Review Saturday night's Itinerary; Broadway show "Kimberly Akimbo." Justin Cooley, former OE student stars in the show. After the performance we will have a meet and greet with Justin for about 15 minutes. Have questions in mind to ask Justin. **(Meet and Greet Tentative)**

Bus to airport, no bus home. We need a parent signature stating kids will be picked up or okay to ride with a designated person on file. It is important we get kids home on time. We have school the next day.

If you have new medication, we need to know, so we can administer meds on trip. Same goes for any medical changes to current history we have on file.

Questions:

Who's the nurse going on the Trip?

Mrs. Lindsey. Went on our last trip to LA.

What measures will be taken for children with severe Food allergies?

As long as we received that information in the Bob Rogers portal, we have assured proper precautions have been taken for any planned meals. If anything changed in the past month as far as new allergies, we need to know asap, so we can communicate with staff. It would be wise to share that information with your chaperone, and make sure to remind us. Always be an advocate for yourself.

After their performance on Saturday, do they change out of tuxes?

Time permitting, kids will have a chance to change out of their concert attire.

Limitation on electronics and cell phones?

NO phones during performance, or Broadway show. With 100+ kids we won't be able to police phone usage. Make sure to download "Moments that Matter" app. It has messaging features, GPS tracking, photo features. Mr. Smikahl will provide more info on the app.

Is there a dress code for the Broadway show?

No dress code required. It all depends on teacher/student expectations. Wear comfortable shoes. For some events maybe wear nicest school clothes.



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Once in hotel rooms, will the kids have access to reach staff?

Smikahl's phone number is in the packet, and we will also create chat groups with chaperones.

Epin pens-do they keep on themselves or does the nurse carry for the child?

Usually, whatever is established with the school nurse will be followed during the trip. Again, helpful for chaperones and staff to know if a student needs to carry an epi pen. Smikahl will make sure all chaperones are aware. This is why it's important to update us on new medical changes if needed.

Amount of cash/travelers checks to carry?

Depends on what your student might want in terms of souvenirs, snacks, etc. Recommend maybe preloaded visa cards instead of travelers checks.

Are the airlines aware of any anaphylactic students?

We will have to double check with airlines. Again, make sure you have completed medical forms, and or updated any changes to medical history.

Cards vs cash?

Predominantly cards, some places may take cash. Cards are more secure. Hot dog stands, etc. probably only take cash.

Once we leave are there any expected communications with Smikahl?

No, unless your kid does something that garners a call to parents. Olathe East Band Booster Facebook page is a good place to keep up with the trip. Bob Rogers app, "Moments that Matter" is also a great way to stay in the loop.

For parents going to see the band, not chaperoning, when and where is the performance?

Smikahl will send an email with performance details.

Pick pocketing in big cities like NY?

Best to wear a cross body bag kept on your chest. Do not keep stuff in your pockets. Don't pull out cash and count it in public. Be smart about it. Don't take all your cash with you, don't keep it all in the same pocket, divide it. When you're in time square, people in costumes will expect money in return to pose with you for pics, stay away from them. Don't hand strangers your phones to take pictures, ask your chaperone or a friend. Some people in Chicago requested money to give the phone back. Safe to assume the same in NY.

Expect the unexpected. Things will happen. ie, Flights being delayed, etc. This is why we have a travel company organize our trip, to make sure the trip runs as smoothly as possible.