

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

November 2026



What we will cover...



Technology Policy



Itinerary



Luggage/Medicine Check-in



What to bring....

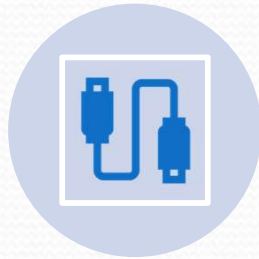


Contact Information

Technology Policy



NO - CELL PHONES



NO - IPODS



NO - IPADS,
KINDLE,.....ETC.



NO- IWATCHES,
FITBITS,...ETC.



NO GAMING SYSTEMS



IF IT PLUGS IN....NO



YES- DIGITAL CAMERAS



****PARENT(S) AND
STUDENT WILL SIGN A
FORM VERIFYING NO
TECH IS PACKED AT
LUGGAGE CHECK-IN.**



Itinerary

- Gettysburg
- Washington D.C.
- Mt. Vernon

Luggage/ Medicine Check-in

- Tuesday, November 3rd
- HJS Cafeteria
 - 6:00-7:00
- Students will learn their chaperone at luggage check-in.

What to bring to luggage Check-in....

(Tuesday, November 3rd)

- Main Suitcase
- Medicine and Medicine Forms
- Any additional information the chaperone will need.

Medicines

ALL medicines require the SWLSD form.

- No Exceptions

SWLSD Med Form

- Prescribed med will require a doctor's signature on form.
 - We cannot take a signed form from the HJS office.
- Over the counter meds just parent signature
- We will provide Ibuprofen and Tylenol

Chaperones will hold ALL medicines!!!!

What to pack.....

- Bottles of water for touring. (or Refillable bottle)
- Sunscreen
- Playing Cards, games,.....
- Baby powder
- School appropriate clothing (especially shorts)
- Backpack (carry-on)
 - String backpack provided for touring
- Books/ magazines for bus ride
- **COMFORTABLE SHOES!**

Food

- ALL students need a packed lunch for the 1st day.
 - Chaperone will collect lunch morning of departure.
- All the remaining meals are covered in the trip.
- Snacks (suggestions)
 - Drinks (twist top), granola bars, hard candy, trail mix etc. Things that will travel well.
 - NO ENERGY DRINKS
 - NO dairy products!!!!

Suggestion: Pack a 2nd bag of snacks for the trip home.

Spending Money???

- We will visit a souvenir shop on Thursday morning, and there are shops in the Smithsonian Museums.
 - DC hoodies start around \$35
 - NO Weapons or Laser Pointers!!!
- Each student will receive:
 - 4 t-shirts
 - Hoodie
 - String backpack
 - Jacket



Dates to remember

- **Tuesday, November 3rd (6:00-7:00pm)**

Luggage check-in HJS Cafeteria

- **Wednesday, Nov. 4th (5:15 AM) Depart**

- Arrive at the HJS Cafeteria by 4:45AM

- **Saturday, Nov. 7th (10:00 PM approx.)**

- PLEASE BE ON TIME!!!!

Contact

- Parents will receive emergency contact information at luggage check-in.
- **Parent Square**
- Students will have access nightly to a chaperone's cell phone to call home.
- **Parents can call the hotel, and the hotel will connect you to your child's room.**



Questions