

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Dear New York Trip Participants:

The day that we leave for New York is quickly approaching. Consequently, here are some last-minute details and suggestions for those who are traveling:

- Payment:** Make sure you are all paid up! Any student who does not have their trip entirely paid for will not step on the bus. There are no refunds at this point.
- Medical Form:** Please fill out and sign the attached Medical Information/Permission Slip sheet and turn it in to Mr. Visnaw or Mrs. Schack ASAP. Students must turn all medications in to their chaperons for proper dispersion.
- Luggage:** Do not over pack! Bring only what you can carry by yourself. Students may bring one "backpack-sized" carry-on bag and also one suitcase to be stored inside the bus luggage area. You will not have access to the stored bag until hotel check-in. All flutes and clarinets are to be packed in a suitcase. You are solely responsible for your luggage (including your instrument).
- What to Bring:** Plan to dress comfortably (i.e. jeans, shorts, slacks, and comfortable walking shoes). All clothing must be neat, clean, and modest. Be prepared for weather extremes. Sweaters, jackets, and/or rain gear can be left on the bus, so bring these items if in doubt. For our clinic performance, you are allowed to wear what you'd like. For the Broadway Show you will need to be in dress clothes (no jeans or T-shirts).
- Other Needs:** A change of clothing for each day, swimsuit, pajamas, toiletries, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc., camera/film, spending money, cell phone, and a watch are highly recommended. Optional: Travel game, MP3 player, etc.
- Rules:** **ALL SCHOOL RULES ARE IN EFFECT!!!!** Anyone caught breaking these rules, or other rules set forth by the hotel, Mr. Visnaw, or Ms. Schack, will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the trip. Parents will be called to arrange their child's trip home at their own expense. See attached "General Rules" sheet for more details.
- Contact Info:** The phone numbers of where we can be reached are through either **New Horizons** at (800) 327.4695 or through the **Crowne Plaza Englewood Hotel**, 401 S. Van Brunt Street, Englewood, NJ, 07631. Phone number: (201) 871.2020. Linda Petix, AB Band Booster President, will be on the trip and can be reached at (586) 242.0218.
- Luggage Check:** Due to our afternoon departure time, **all luggage, including carry-on's, MUST to be dropped off at ABHS BEFORE SCHOOL on Wednesday, May 18th**. Bring all luggage down to the band room large practice rooms. For those parents attending the band booster meeting, feel free to bring the luggage at that time (if desired). The luggage will be checked beginning 1st hour the morning of the trip.
- Departure:** Report time to ABHS to begin loading is 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18th.
- Return:** The students are scheduled to arrive back to ABHS around noon (12 PM) on Sunday, May 22nd.
- Chaperones:** We have 26 adult chaperones traveling on this trip. For those parents that are chaperoning, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 17th immediately following the Band Booster Meeting that evening. Please plan on attending.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to attend the Tuesday, May 17th Band Booster Meeting at 7:00 PM in the ABHS Band Room. You can also contact us at (586) 648-2525, ext. 2359 (Visnaw) or ext. 2358 (Schack) or by the email address listed on the website. All information and a copy of the itinerary can be found at www.anchorbaybands.org.

Musically yours,

Handwritten signature of Molly J. Schack in cursive.

Molly J. Schack
Instrumental Music Director

Handwritten signature of P. David Visnaw II in cursive.

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GENERAL RULES

- Students will NOT be allowed to pack any liquids in their carry on or suitcase. Bottled water will be provided for each student at the start of the trip. There will be opportunities for students to purchase beverages throughout their trip.
- Laptop computers, games systems (Wii, PlayStation, etc.), TVs, and portable DVD players are not permitted.
- Students are to use appropriate language and demonstrate good behavior.
- We represent our school and community as we travel. Students are to be considerate of everyone with whom we come in contact.
- Each student is to stay with his/her designated group and never travel anywhere alone. Students must not leave any facility except in an approved, chaperoned group.
- Students may wear comfortable clothing appropriate for touring during most of the trip.
- Each student is to participate fully in all activities of the trip.
- The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is absolutely prohibited.
- Students assume full responsibility for all valuables taken on the trip.
- All school rules are in effect!

BUS RULES

- Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Providing the student follows bus rules, each student may select his/her seat.
- Students may take food on the bus. However, NO LIQUIDS (see above). Please keep the bus clean and dispose of all trash properly.
- Students are expected to bring only what luggage they can carry (one suitcase and a carry-on piece). Luggage should be tagged with your name. Luggage will be inspected.
- Portable music players may be played with headphones on the bus.
- Bring VHS Videos for the bus. A DVD player may be available. Only G, PG, and PG13 movies will be allowed and must be approved by the director and/or head chaperone for that bus.

HOTEL RULES

- Students will stay in their own rooms from curfew until breakfast time. Lights out and quiet time will begin thirty minutes after curfew. Room checks will occur nightly.
- One radio or TV per room may be played at a moderate level. They are not to distract others.
- Everyone is to help keep his/her room neat. Rooms will be checked.
- No student is to enter the room of hotel guests not from our group. No one from outside our group is to enter our group's rooms.
- No student is to leave the hotel premises.
- Students should use cell phones to call home.
- At no time may boys visit girls' rooms and vice versa.
- Students are responsible and required to pay for any damage and/or theft.
- No swimming is allowed unless an adult from our group is present to supervise.



ABHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC MEDICAL INFO AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Student's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ Home Phone Number _____

Business phone where parents can be reached: Mother _____ Father _____

List the name and phone number of two parties that can be called if the parents cannot be reached:

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Does your child have any medical condition or is he/she under medication that we should know of?

No _____ Yes _____

If YES, please explain _____

Student's Blood Type (if known): _____ Allergies: _____

Insurance Co. _____ Policy Number _____

Insurance Co. Address _____

Doctor's Name _____ Office Phone No. _____

In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the school sponsor to make the necessary decisions for the safety of my child's health.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

_____ has my permission to participate in the ABHS Band's trip to New York City, New York, between May 18th and May 22nd. We understand that Anchor Bay High School's policy of behavior (as stated in the student handbook) is in effect during the trip. Should my child violate this policy, (example: smoking, drugs, alcohol, being in a room of the opposite sex) he/she will be sent home. I accept financial responsibility for his/her immediate return.

This form must be signed and returned and returned to Mr. Visnaw or Ms. Schack in order for your child to participate. The Board of Education requires parental consent for all overnight trips.

_____/_____
Parent signature / Date Student signature / Date

May 11, 2011

Anchor Bay High School Band Traveling to New York City on May 18-22, 2011

Tour Sponsor: David Visnaw & Molly Schack

Tour Director: Michael Manning

Touring Motor Coaches: Trinity Transportation (734)282-2222

Tour Consultant: Jeff McLain

Tour Support: Becky Hill

Wednesday, May 18th

Meals Included Today: None / All meals en-route are on your own

4:00 pm Your privately hired motor coaches arrive for loading at:

**Anchor Bay High School
6319 County Line Road
Ira, MI 48023**

5:00 pm Coaches depart for the **BIG APPLE! Your route will not take you through Canada.**

♪ *The estimated driving distance is 653 miles; the calculated drive time is approximately 11 hours without stops. 2 hours of additional time has been factored into your travel for rest/meal stops and traffic delays.*

Thursday, May 19th

Meals Included Today: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

6:00 am Arrive your hotel, **The Crowne Plaza Englewood, NJ.** Upon your arrival you'll have access to **10 changing rooms** to freshen up for your first day in New York. *Please note: your rooms will not be ready to check-in to until later this afternoon. You'll need to leave your luggage on the coaches or with the bellman (your tour director will check with the bellman for availability).*

Michael, your Professional Tour Director will meet you here and accompany your group throughout your tour.

Upon your arrival you'll split into groups to freshen up and have a **Full American Breakfast Buffet at the hotel.**

8:00 am Board the coaches and transfer to the **Staten Island Ferry, St. George Terminal, Staten Island.** This five mile long, twenty five minute ride offers some of the best views of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, as well as the Southern tip of Manhattan. The Staten Island Ferry serves over 60,000 passengers a day. *Please note: you will not see your coaches again until later tonight as your drivers will require downtime.*

9:30 am Approx. Walk to **St. Paul's Chapel.** Located directly across from the former World Trade Center site, St. Paul's Chapel, an Episcopal church, was home to an extraordinary eight-month volunteer relief effort after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. **Unwavering Spirit**, a new interactive exhibit, honors that ministry and its legacy of love and compassion.

11 – 11:30 am Walk to **South Street Seaport for lunch.** The cobbled streets, buildings, and piers that were the center of New York's 19th Century seafaring activities. South Street Seaport is also known as the "street of sails".

One \$10.00 cash back will be provided to go towards lunch this afternoon



1:30 pm Board your **Gray Line's double-decker buses** at the South Street Seaport for your **guided tour of New York City**. (Your group will have two privately chartered double-decker buses)

4:30 pm Your tour will end in the **Times Square area** for free-time and dinner.

7:00 pm Meet for **dinner** at **Chevys Fresh Mex Restaurant**. Chevys, where Fresh Mex is more than just a menu slogan, everything is made from scratch every day, right in the kitchen.

8 - 8:30 pm At the conclusion of dinner you'll have the opportunity to experience the Times Square area before heading to your hotel.

10:00 pm Board the coaches and transfer to your hotel, upon your arrival check-in to your rooms.

11 pm – 5:00 am **Two privately hired Security Guards on duty at your hotel.**

Friday, May 20th

*Meals Included Today: **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner***

7:15 am Enjoy a **Full American Breakfast Buffet** at your hotel this morning.

8:15 am Board the coaches and transfer into Manhattan for your **Broadway Instrumental Clinic**.

Group 1 – SB / WE Ensemble

9:45 am Arrive for your workshop; **Broadway Instrumental**: You'll be working with a Broadway musician, your students will sight read and prepare a special performance of a selected piece of Broadway music provided by Music Theatre International. After 90 minutes of work on the piece, your group will be joined by a Broadway performer who will discuss interpretation of the material and then perform it, accompanied by your students.

10:00 am **Workshop begins.**

12:00 pm At the conclusion of your workshop transfer to the **Times Square area** for shopping and exploring. Known as the "Crossroads of the World" and New York's most famous intersection.

One \$10.00 cash back will be provided to go towards lunch this afternoon

2:00 pm You'll meet up with group 2 for your visit to the Tribute WTC Visitor Center.

Group 2 – 9th / CB Ensemble

Morning You'll have time to explore and shop in **Times Square**. Known as the "Crossroads of the World" and New York's most famous intersection.

One \$10.00 cash back will be provided to go towards lunch this afternoon

11:00 am Board the coaches and transfer to your **Broadway Instrumental Clinic**.

11:30 am Arrive for your workshop; **Broadway Instrumental**.

12:00 pm **Workshop begins.**

2:00 pm You'll meet up with group 1 and transfer to the **Tribute WTC Visitor Center**.

3:00 pm Arrive for your **Self-guided Audio Tour, "The Spirit of Tribute"**, a self-guided audio tour created by the Tribute Center Staff, weaves together over 16 personal experiences of survivors, firefighters, police officers, family members who lost loved ones, neighborhood residents, recovery workers and volunteers from across the country. Together, these voices tell the dramatic and poignant story of 9/11 and the effort to recover and rebuild in a uniquely personal way. The tour connects visitors to the physical landscape and transports them with archival sounds and meditative music. A simple map guides the way as you explore the WTC site from its periphery on the ground, over the West Street Bridge and through the World Financial Center windows.

4:15 pm Board the coaches and transfer to dinner.

5:15 pm **Dinner & Jazz begins at BB Kings**

6:45 pm After dinner you'll have some time to explore the area around BB King and 42nd Street before your scheduled visit to the Top of the Rock.

7:45 pm Board the coaches and transfer to the **Rockefeller Center**.



8:30 pm Arrive at the **Rockefeller Center** and ascend to the “**Top of the Rock**”, **Rockefeller Center’s observation deck.**

10:00 pm Board the coaches and transfer to your hotel for the evening.

11 pm – 5:00 am **Two privately hired Security Guards on duty at your hotel.**

Saturday, May 21st

Meals Included Today: **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

8:00 am Enjoy a **Full American Breakfast Buffet** at your hotel this morning.

9:00 am **Check out** of your rooms and start loading the (Michigan) coaches.

9:45 am Board your **locally hired** coaches and transfer to the Ripley Grier Studio. *Please note; your coaches this morning will be with a local company as your drivers will require downtime for your overnight return trip home.*

10:45 am Arrive at the **Ripley Grier Studio, 520 8th Avenue.**

11:00 am Enjoy your “**Meet the Artist**” program.

12:00 pm At the conclusion of the program you’ll have lunch in the area.
One \$10.00 cash back will be provided to go towards lunch this afternoon

Time TBD Michael, your tour director will provide the time for your transfer via **NYC Subway** to the **Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.**

2:00 pm **Your Guided Tour begins.** Celebrate the arts at Lincoln Center, the world’s leading performing arts center. Explore the world-renowned Metropolitan Opera House, Avery Fisher Hall, David H. Koch Theater, Vivian Beaumont Theater, and Alice Tully Hall.

3:00 pm Approx. At the conclusion of your tour, walk to **New York’s Central Park.** New York’s backyard, designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux in 1858. It took 16 years to create and involved the planting of over 500,000 trees.
You’ll also have time to explore **New York’s best known Boulevard, Fifth Avenue.** Some of the most prominent buildings include, Trump Towers, Cartier, Saks Fifth Avenue, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Tiffany & Company and many more.

5:00 pm Meet your coaches at a predetermined location and drop off any bags that you’ve collected today and transfer to dinner.

6:00 pm Arrive for dinner at **The Encore Restaurant at the New York Marriott Marquis / 1535 Broadway**

7:30 pm Walk to the **Minskoff Theatre for your show.**

8:00 pm **Curtain Rises on Disney’s Lion King!**

11:00 pm Board the coaches for your return trip home.

Sunday, May 22nd

Meals Included Today: **None / All meals en-route are on your own**

Noon Arrive at **Anchor Bay High School.**

Welcome Home and Thank You for Traveling with Brightspark!

