

May 8, 2017

Dear Parents/students;

I am very pleased to offer another amazing performance and travel opportunity for Music students at Ballenas Secondary School! We are under a week before the Ballenas Music department travels to Seattle with 64 students! This opportunity is a result of great mutual support between administration, parents, students, and me. Students will never forget this incredible trip! Our travel agent and I have put this itinerary together and I am very happy with it.

A big thank you to all parents who helped with fundraising this year, especially TammyLynn Campbell for administering the Smile Card fundraiser and Irina Stafeeva for keeping our spreadsheet accurate! It has been a year-long commitment for both of them, and I am grateful to both of them for their excellent record-keeping.

Meals: All breakfast and dinners in Seattle are paid! Students will need to cover their lunches each day. Students will need to cover their dinner on the ferry on the way home. When on the road, we will stop at grocery stores that have an attached deli/lunch counter. No fast food. I have asked students to drink water when on the bus. No pop etc. I'll bring a flat of water on each bus.

We would like to thank Doug Kirsch, Rob McGibbon, Margaret Homer, and Lisa MacDonald for chaperoning our trip. My role and that of our chaperone team is to keep your children safe and healthy, while creating an environment that enables a maximum amount of fun and amazing experiences for all!

Please read the information on the following pages carefully. We would ask you to sign and tear off the last two pages of the handout to be collected at the end of the meeting. I would like to thank our vice-principal, Mr. Kevin McKee for joining us this evening.

cheers;

Rick Robson
Ballenas Music



FINAL ITINERARY PREPARED FOR:
ECOLE SECONDAIRE BALLENAS SECONDARY SCHOOL
SEATTLE PEFORMANCE TOUR
MAY 2017

<p>Sunday 14</p> <p>8.15am</p> <p>8.45am</p> <p>9.45am</p> <p>10.15am</p> <p>12.15pm</p> <p>3.00pm</p> <p>3.45pm</p> <p>4.15pm</p> <p>5.45pm</p> <p>6.30pm</p> <p>9.00pm</p>	<p>PARKSVILLE/SEATTLE</p> <p>Your private charter buses (2 x 56 seaters) will arrive to load luggage and equipment.</p> <p>Drive to Duke Point Ferry Terminal.</p> <p>Check in time at the Duke Point Ferry Terminal.</p> <p>Ferry from Duke Point to Tsawwassen for tour members, buses and drivers.</p> <p>Drive from Tsawwassen to Seattle with border crossing, stops to purchase lunch and for bathroom breaks. There will be time to purchase lunch at Haggens in Burlington.</p> <p>Estimated arrival at your hotel. Check in and unload your luggage and equipment.</p> <p>Transfer to the Cheesecake Factory.</p> <p>Dinner at the Cheesecake Factory.</p> <p>Walk to the Paramount Theatre. You will be given a walking map.</p> <p>Tickets to an evening musical: "An American in Paris".</p> <p>Transfer back to your hotel by 2 school buses.</p> <p>Accom: Hyatt Place (3 nights) 110 6th Avenue North Seattle, WA 98109</p> <p>Ph: (206) 441 6041</p> <p>Your hotel has an indoor swimming pool.</p>
<p>Monday 15</p> <p>6.30am</p> <p>7.00am</p> <p>7.30am</p> <p>8.30am</p> <p>10.00am</p> <p>12.00noon</p> <p>12.30pm</p> <p>1.30pm</p> <p>2.10pm</p> <p>3.30pm</p> <p>3.45pm</p> <p>4.45pm</p> <p>5.15pm</p> <p>6.30pm</p> <p>7.10pm</p> <p>9.45pm</p>	<p>SEATTLE</p> <p>Breakfast at your hotel.</p> <p>Load your equipment on your charter buses.</p> <p>Transfer to the University of Washington.</p> <p>Concert band clinic with Mark Tse.</p> <p>After your clinic you will load your equipment on the buses and transfer to the Pike Street Markets where there will be time to purchase lunch.</p> <p>Transfer to Dearborn Park Elementary school.</p> <p>On arrival at you will set up and warm up for your performance.</p> <p>Performance at Dearborn Park Elementary school.</p> <p>After your performance you will load your equipment on the buses and transfer back to your hotel to unload your equipment.</p> <p>Walk to the Seattle Center (10 minutes). You will be given a walking map.</p> <p>Entrance to the EMP Music Museum and the Science Fiction Museum.</p> <p>Meet your bus at the EMP Museum. Transfer to the Hard Rock Cafe.</p> <p>Dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe.</p> <p>Transfer to Safeco Field.</p> <p>Evening baseball: Mariners vs Athletics.</p> <p>Transfer back to your hotel by 2 school buses.</p>

FINAL ITINERARY PREPARED FOR: BALLENAS SECONDARY SCHOOL
 SEATTLE PERFORMANCE TOUR (Continued)

MAY 2017

<p>Tuesday 16</p> <p>9.30am 10.00am 10.15am 11.15am</p> <p>12.45pm 1.15pm 2.00pm 2.40pm</p> <p>4.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm</p>	<p>SEATTLE</p> <p>Breakfast at your hotel. Breakfast is served from 6.30am. Please ensure you stagger your breakfast times so that the group does not arrive all at one time. Load your equipment on the buses.</p> <p>Walk to the Seattle Center.</p> <p>Entrance to the Space Needle.</p> <p>Meet your buses at the Seattle Center and transfer to Haggen Food & Pharmacy, 17641 Garden Way NE, Woodinville, WA 98072 where there will be time to purchase lunch.</p> <p>Transfer to Mountlake Terrace Elementary School.</p> <p>On arrival you will set up and warm up for your performance.</p> <p>Performance at Mountlake Terrace Elementary School.</p> <p>After your performance you will load your equipment on the bus and transfer to the departure point for the Ride the Ducks at the Seattle Center.</p> <p>Ride the Ducks Tour.</p> <p>Transfer to Ivar's Acres of Clams.</p> <p>Dinner at Ivar's Acres of Clams. (non-seafood also on the menu)</p> <p>Transfer back to your hotel to unload your equipment.</p> <p>There will be some time to swim in the pool at your hotel.</p>
<p>Wednesday 17</p> <p>9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.30pm 5.15pm 5.45pm 7.45pm 8.45pm</p>	<p>SEATTLE/PARKSVILLE</p> <p>Breakfast at your hotel. Breakfast is served from 6.30am. Please ensure you stagger your breakfast times so that the group does not arrive all at one time. Load your luggage and equipment on the buses and check out of your hotel.</p> <p>Drive from Seattle to Tulalip.</p> <p>There will be time to purchase lunch and shop at Tulalip Outlet Mall.</p> <p>Drive from Tulalip to Tsawwassen</p> <p>Check in time at the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal.</p> <p>Ferry from Tsawwassen to Duke Point for tour members, buses and drivers.</p> <p>Drive back to school.</p> <p>Estimated arrival back at school.</p>

From our travel agent:

January 30, 2017

“Good morning everyone,

I have been in touch with the US border control authorities this morning to clarify the rules for student groups crossing the border by road into the USA.

There has only been a change to anyone that holds a passport from Yemen, Somalia, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Sudan – these passport holders won't be allowed into the USA. Please make sure that none of your students holds a passport from any of these countries. **As long as they are Canadian Citizens they will be allowed into the USA** and to be on the safe side please make sure they hold a Canadian passport if they were born in one of these countries rather than just carrying their Canadian Citizenship card.

It is not religion based and no-one will be asked what religion they are when crossing the border.

Passports are not required for students under the age of 19 crossing the border with a student group that is a Canadian citizen. Those students that are not Canadian citizens will require a passport and potentially a visa depending on what country they are from. There has been no change to this policy. Please check with me if you have any questions about whether a particular nation needs a visa or visit “<https://ca.usembassy.gov/visas/>”

Best regards
Carrie

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**Ballenas Rooming List
Seattle, Washington
May 14-17, 2017**

Room #1
Ethan Dean
Matthew Atagi

Room #2
Garreth Davidson
Connor Litton

Room #3
Devin Owpaluk
Isaac Waite

Room #4
Renz Siscar
Gabriel Dodd

Room #5
Josh Dystra
Victor Kamel

Room #6
Austin Paddock
Seamus MacDonald

Room #7
Peter Kurelja
Joey Ramstad

Room #8
Ben Noel
Evan Matzanke

Room #9
Cameron Basara
Matt Green

Room #10
Edwin Xiong
Garrick Waite

Room #11
Jordan Wort
Jarrod Dykstra

Room #12
Gage Kilkenny
Ben LaPatourel

Room #13
John Stephenson
Codey Reumkens

Room #14
Robert Lachance
Jared MacDonald
Ryles Forrest

Room #15
Natasha Hargreaves
Raelia Van Dusen

Room #16
Sarah Mar
Miranda Niddrie

Room #17
Bridget McGibbon
Sophie Dugas

Room #18
Kassidy Cartwright
Simone Cameron

Room #19
Navianna Martin
Jessie Waite

Room #20
Jordy Bater
Emma Down

Room #21
Olivia Cain
Abby Hamilton

Room #22
Amber Deakin
Marina Lawler

Room #23
Jamie Wort
Madison Calder

Room #24
Maggie Coukell
Jamie Coukell

Room #25
Allison Poole
Emma Rockliff

Room #26
Angie Maguire
Casey Reumkins

Room #27
Alyssa Abbott
Rebecca Stephenson

Room #28
Juliette Desvaux
Elise Cole
Joanna Waite

Room #29
Amy-Jean Reedel
Tanya Congdon
Chaetonn Crawford

Room #30
Kylea Smith
Mackenzie Kirsch
Emily Kirsch

Chaperone Rm #1
Doug Kirsch
Rob McGibbon

Chaperone Rm #2
Lisa MacDonald
Margaret Homer

Director's Room
Rick Robson

Seattle Checklist

- **Instrument** (specify on homeowners insurance in case it is lost or stolen). Make sure your name is on your instrument!
- **Music Folder** with Music (Reeds, Cork Grease, Oil, **and a Pencil**). Make sure your name is on your folder!
- **Uniform-** Our uniform is black dress pants, black dress shirt, black socks, black dress shoes. Ties will be issued to students before we leave.
- Remember you must be able to easily carry everything you plan to bring in one suitcase. Bring a swimsuit if interested- there will be a pool in the hotel.
- Bring earbuds. Listen to your music privately on the bus.

Student Behavior While In Hotel

- Smoking, drinking, or use of drugs is **not permitted**. Students found to be in possession or under the influence may be sent home with a chaperone at the expense of parents, and your school will take disciplinary action.
- “In rooms” and “lights out” times will be strictly followed by students. Activities on this trip will be best enjoyed after a good night’s sleep. Excessive noise in your room will not be tolerated by hotel guests and management. Keep sound at a reasonable level so others are not disturbed.
- All school rules/district policies are in effect.
- Students and their parents are financially responsible for any damage to rooms.
- Students **may not leave the hotel grounds** without teacher/chaperone permission.
- Room phones are to be used for room-to-room calls. Use your cell phone for long distance calls home.
- Charges may not be made to the room for any reason.
- Common courtesy toward each other, chaperones and other hotel guests is expected at all times.

FIELD TRIP PARENT INFORMATION FORM
(DAY OR OVERNIGHT)

THIS PAGE TO BE RETAINED BY PARENT

DATE: May 8, 2017 SCHOOL: Ballenas Secondary School

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: Ballenas Music Seattle Trip

DATE(S) OF ACTIVITY: May 14-17, 2017

PURPOSE OF ACTIVITY: To participate, perform, and experience a wonderful time in Seattle.

TRAVEL ITINERARY: See letter

SUPERVISION	
TEACHERS	OTHER ADULTS
Rick Robson	Margaret Homer
	Lisa MacDonald
	Rob McGibbon
	Doug Kirsch

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: (250) 927-1519
(This is where trip organizers can be reached.)

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (250) 927-1519

TRANSPORTATION BY: Wilson Coach Lines

ACCOMMODATION: Hyatt Place

ESTIMATED STUDENT COST: \$863 ACTUAL STUDENT COST: \$863.00

TEACHER SIGNATURE: _____

APPROVED BY PRINCIPAL: _____

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (IF REQUIRED) PLEASE SEE REVERSE OR ATTACHED.
Note to Parents: Regulation 7.4 to Board Policy No. 5020 states as follows: "Students without parental consent will not be eligible to participate in any out of district field trips"

**Expectations of Conduct for Students
(student/parent copy)**

1. Smoking, drinking, or use of drugs is **not permitted**. Students found to be in possession or under the influence may be sent home at the expense of parents and disciplinary action taken by the school.
2. Be punctual for all events and group meetings. It is essential for a successful trip. Wear a watch.
3. All instructions and direction given by chaperones are to be followed promptly. Be courteous to those giving instructions as they are doing their best to ensure you have a fantastic trip!
4. Guidelines about hotel behavior are to be followed. Common sense and good deportment are expected at all times.
5. Students assigned to a room are the only people allowed in that room after “lights out”. Lights out times will be clearly set on the trip.
6. Mature, respectful, and responsible behavior is expected at all times. You are an ambassador representing your school, your community, your family, and yourself.
7. Buddy systems of at least two students is in effect at all times. Don’t go anywhere alone, and always let other people know where you are going.
8. If this strikes you as unfair, I would urge you to please stay home.

I hereby agree to abide by the above list of regulations and am fully aware if I fail to adhere to the above I will be disciplined accordingly. Should a serious offense be committed, I am aware it may result in my being sent home immediately at parent’s expense.



Expectations of Conduct for Students (School Copy)

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 Student first and last name
 (Printed)

 Student Signature

I am aware of, and support the above list of regulations governing the conduct of my child.

 Parent Signature

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)
FIELD TRIP PARENT INFORMATION FORM
(DAY OR OVERNIGHT)

TO BE SIGNED & RETURNED TO SCHOOL

DATE: May 8, 2017

TO: Rick Robson
Name of Teacher

I (parent/legal guardian) _____

have received and read the information on the planned field trip to:

Seattle, Washington on May 14-17, 2017
(location) (date)

NOTE: *Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the school board or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing my son/daughter to participate in this activity, I am accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree that this activity, as described above, is suitable for my child.*

I give my consent for my son/daughter to participate in the activity as outlined above and/or attached.

Name of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Emergency Telephone Number: _____
(Where parent/legal guardian or emergency contact can be reached.)

BC Care Card Number _____

Medical Problem(s): allergies, etc. (if any) _____

Please return this form at the end of the Seattle trip parent meeting.

[Note: Per Student Safety - Risk Management Regulation 7.3 of Board Policy 5020, if trip services/activities require a third party waiver, it will be attached to the trip information package