## **Important Trip Information**

LMHS Show Choir/Senior Music Tour 2024 NewYork March 20-24, 2024

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- Suitcases/Carry-Ons
  - Label your suitcase and carry-on clearly. (we will have green tags at school you can use)
  - Suitcases and carry-ons <u>must</u> be brought to school on March 19 between 7-7:40 am. They will be locked in the auditorium until we leave on March 20. You will <u>not</u> have access to your suitcase again until we get to our hotel on the evening of the 21th. You may grab your carry-on for the bus as we get ready to depart.
  - Suitcases and carry-ons will be gone through by the LMHS music teachers and chaperones. Additionally, we will have the drug/alcohol dogs perform a check.
  - Suggested items for the bus include:
    - Blanket & Pillow
    - Book, cards
    - Phone Charger (there will not be electrical outlets on bus)
    - Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Deodorant
    - Ear plugs, headphones
    - Snacks (must be in original containers)
    - Homework
    - Nausea meds (approved)
- Medications
  - Each prescription and over the counter medication/vitamins etc. need to have a separate form filled out by a parent and in some cases need a Dr. signature.
  - All medications need to be in their <u>original containers with the student's</u> <u>name on them</u>.
  - Put medication that you don't need until Thursday night in one big plastic zip lock bag with your name on it for your suitcase.

- Any medication you need while on the bus should be put in your carry-on.
  Again in a zip lock bag with your name on it. Save any medication that you need to take between those times at home.
- If you need daily medication make sure you consider this when packing the suitcase. You will not have access to your suitcase from the morning of Tuesday, March 19 to the evening of Thursday March 21.
- Show Choir will need their <u>casual performance clothes</u> in their carry on.
  - Black pants, black socks, SC blue or black shirt, black or white shoes.
  - They will perform at the Statue of Liberty the morning of our arrival in New York and will change at a rest stop Thursday morning before we get to NY.
  - Show Choir <u>formal performance clothes</u> (blue dress, blue tie, black shirt etc.) will go in their garment bag under the bus.
- Clothing
  - Be sure to pack a variety of clothes for the trip, but remember you are limited to one large suitcase and one carry-on (backpack size).
  - Be ready to wear layers of clothing because the weather changes throughout the day. We will not be able to go back to the bus to get something.
  - Please be sure all clothing is school appropriate. We will follow the LMHS Dress Code on this trip. Students will need nicer clothes for when we see performances, so please plan accordingly.
  - Plan for rain (hat) and sun (sunglasses, sunscreen).
  - Bring comfortable shoes for walking.
- Behavior
  - While on this trip, you are representing Lake Mills High School and the Lake Mills Area School District. We will be following school policies while traveling. Inappropriate, dangerous, or illegal behaviors while on the trip will result in direct supervision for the remainder of the trip (a chaperone constantly at your side), disciplinary action by the school (including athletics) upon our arrival, and/or students being sent home from the trip at the cost of their parents/guardians.
  - PDA no one wants to feel uncomfortable so be considerate.
  - Make smart choices! 😁
  - Students must stay in groups with an adult chaperone at all times

- Hotel
  - Check your room for damage when you first get there and let us know so we can document it and/or let the hotel know.
  - Everyone needs to be visible in your room for room check. Not in the shower or visiting another room.
  - Once the room check has been done, your door **will be taped** and you may not leave it for the remainder of the evening. Call a chaperone if you have an emergency.
  - Remember that others are enjoying the hotel. Be quiet in the halls and in your room.
  - NO room service or ordering out.
  - Use the stairs if the elevator is slow.
  - Please DON'T be that person who has to run back to their room when everyone is sitting on the bus ready to go. Think ahead and allow for extra time to get everything you need.
  - Have a good breakfast it will be a while before lunchtime and NYC is expensive.
  - Be a good roommate! Plan who will shower at night vs. morning.
- Money
  - Remember you will need some of your own money for meals.
  - You will need to purchase on the road trip 2 Breakfasts/1 lunch/1 supper (these will be at fast food restaurants).
  - You will need to purchase 2 lunches and 1 supper while in NYC.
  - Please see the itinerary to find specific meals you are responsible for paying for while on the trip.
  - A good rule of thumb is to plan for \$10-\$15 on the road and \$12-\$17 per meal in NY. Don't forget you may need to tip depending on where you eat!
  - A debit/credit card should be good for most instances. You can bring cash but many places may not accept it.
- Phones
  - Check with your phone company you may need to upgrade your contract for one month so you can make calls and texts without roaming charges.
  - Make sure your phone is charged. We will communicate through text and REMIND throughout the trip.
  - Some people like to bring a portable charger with them for those long days without an electrical outlet.
  - The Bus will probably not have outlets that work, and the WiFi will probably be spotty.

- Snacks/Water Bottles
  - You are able to bring a water bottle on the bus but it must be empty and shown to a chaperone or music teacher who will then escort you to the water bottle fillers prior to our departure. All other school appropriate beverages and snacks must be <u>sealed</u> and in their original packaging. We will be checking!
  - If you are bringing something homemade from home we would like a parent email to let us know ahead of time.
- Leaving your car?
  - Please let Mrs. Heimstreet or Mr. Walsh know if you need to leave your car at LMHS during the trip. We will need your license plate number! Any cars left at LMHS will need to be parked in the auditorium lot along the back wall that faces the golf course.
- DVDs
  - If you would like to bring DVDs to watch on the bus, they must first be brought to one of the music teachers for approval by Tuesday, March 19. PG-13 or PG rating.
  - Please label each DVD with your name so they can be returned.
- Personal Items
  - Unfortunately we cannot be responsible for lost or damaged items. Bring things at your own risk.
  - Label as much as possible.
  - Bus Things roll under seats, get stepped on etc.