



To: Crimson Express Parents/Guardians, and Students
From: Mr. Williams
Re: Washington, DC National Independence Day Trip (July 2022)

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Students,

As was announced at the end of April, Crimson Express has been invited to represent the State of Illinois in the National Independence Day Parade July 2022! This will be the band's second appearance in Washington, DC for this honor. Plans are being made for our trip to DC as we speak. Yes we are more than a year away, but due to the nature of this trip, we are starting to plan now. The dates of the trip are July 2nd through July 5th, 2022. While in Washington, DC, we will march in the National Independence Day Parade, visit the historic Mall (Jefferson, Lincoln, Martin Luther King, and other Memorials), as well as several other landmarks and sightseeing opportunities (Arlington National Cemetery, National Archives, Attendance at the "Capitol Fourth Celebration" on the Capitol Lawn, which will feature fireworks and a National Symphony Concert). We will be requiring a \$100 deposit by Friday, May 21st to begin the reservation process for students. I am doing my best to keep this trip in the \$450-\$650 range. As was stated this year, Seniors who are graduating this May 2021, are eligible to go on this trip due to the band not taking a trip during the pandemic school year.

Please use the form below to remit your deposit payment by May 21st. I will be at the school for Graduation practice that day and can accept consent forms/deposits. Another letter with information on the next installments will be coming your way at the start of Band Camp at the end of July. This should be a great experience in our Nation's Capital! Feel free to contact me at (618) 687-2336, Ext. 1333, or at nwilliams@mhs.org should you have any questions. Thank you!

_____ My student will be taking part in the National Independence Day Trip.
_____ Please take the initial trip deposit of \$100.00 out of my student's account.
_____ I am enclosing a check for the initial trip deposit of \$100.00, with a 10% surcharge.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date_____