

**FASSETT JR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**WASHINGTON D. C. FIELD TRIP – PARENT/STUDENT PACKET**  
**May 17-20, 2022**

Dear Students and Parents:

The 8th grade teachers and administration have established the following guidelines, hoping that this year's trip will be a safe and memorable one for all involved.

**Tour Dates:**

This year's trip will be from May 17-20, 2022.

***Tuesday, May 17***>> Depart Fasset Jr. High between 5:30-6:00 am on Blue Lakes Charters & Tours busses.

***Friday, May 20***>> Return to Fasset Jr. High between 1:00-3:00 am (approximate).

**Payment Information:**

***Cost per student***>> ***\$700.00 (Approximate)***

- Transportation
- Hotel accommodations (4 students per room)
- All meals (except lunch on the way to DC)
- All attractions that require paid admission
- 3 Fasset Washington DC t-shirts
- Group Photo (1)

***Payment Dates***>>

- **Friday Oct. 15**>> \$100 Down payment sent to Scholastica
- **Friday March 11**>> Remaining balance due to Scholastica

\*\* We are looking into a possible GROUP fundraiser, more information will be communicated and sent home as I get the details.\*\*

***Payment Options***>>

- ALL payments will need to be sent to Scholastica using the vouchers provided.
- Payments can be made by check or money order.

***Refund Information***>>

- Refund information and details regarding COVID protocols will be available and sent home with students.
- There will be NO refunds for students who are disqualified from the trip for school behavior issues.

## **I. Departure Instructions**

1. Arrive at Fasset Jr. High at **4:45 a.m.** on Tuesday, May 17th , 2022.  
(Please report to gym.)
2. Parents should park **only** in the parking lot by the gym and tennis courts.  
**\*\* Please DO NOT park in the front driveway \*\*** This will be blocked off for the busses.
3. Students are to report to assigned area by 4:45 a.m. with their luggage according to their chaperone/bus #.
4. A medication table will be set up to take and bag student's medications and forms.
5. Attendance will be taken at 5:00 am
6. Students should use the restroom before they load luggage and board the busses.

## **II. Luggage Size**

1. Small/medium size suitcases are highly recommended.
2. Students are responsible to carry their own luggage/ Please label suitcases.  
**\*\* Luggage tags will be provided\*\***

## **III. Student Appearance**

1. Students will be expected to follow school handbook dress policy rules.
2. Sneaker/Athletic Shoes are suggested because of tour schedule.  
Flip-flops are NOT permitted during the touring of sites, however, you may bring them for the hotel.
3. NO HATS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME. This is a Fasset school policy
4. We will be wearing a different Fasset DC 2022 t-shirt each day. This is NOT an option.

## **IV. Checklist For Packing \*\*\*\*\* NO Student Chromebooks \*\*\*\*\***

***The following items would be appropriate for this trip.***

- Jeans/Shorts(weather permitting)
- T-shirts /sweatshirts (NO tank-tops)
- Jacket / rain jacket / rain gear
- Comfortable shoes (flip-flops allowed at the hotel ONLY)
- Umbrella (check the DC forecast)
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Comb/brush/shampoo/soap
- Deodorant
- Personal items if needed
- Medication Form/Medication (If needed)
- Money for lunch on Tuesday

### ***Optional Items:***

- \*\*Students are solely responsible for any items they bring\*\****
- Camera / Mobile phone/ CHARGER
- Souvenir money
- Gatorade/snacks (bottled water will be provided based on donations)

## **V. Meals**

1. Tickets/vouchers for each meal will be given to students and chaperones as you depart the busses each day. You will be given multiple choices at different food courts, as well as restaurants. Students may purchase additional items with their own money.
2. Proper manners and conduct will be expected at all times while eating.
3. With our very tight time schedule each day, meals will need to be purchased and finished in a timely manner.
4. Students will be expected to clean up after themselves.
5. We will have at least 1 boxed lunch/dinner as an "eat and go" on the bus. Order forms will be sent out in the spring for students and chaperones who are going.

## **VI. Hotel Information:**

Best Western Capitol Beltway  
5910 Princess Garden Parkway  
Lanham, MD 20706  
301-459-1000

1. Boys and girls will be roomed on separate floors.
2. Students are not to leave their assigned floor to wander. Security personnel will be in place to monitor hallways. Chaperones will be expected to go to the student rooms if there is a need or an issue arises.
3. One student will be responsible each day for the room key (it can be the same person), and each group's chaperone will keep the other room key.
4. Students must stay in their assigned rooms once a final room check has been completed by the chaperones. There will be NO switching or trading room assignments.
5. All hotel rules apply!! It is important that students act appropriately at all times during the hotel stay.
  - Respect the rights and privacy of others in your room and on your floor.
  - Horseplay, vandalism, and destruction of hotel property is prohibited and could result in being sent home early from the trip at the parent's expense.
  - Any damage to the hotel room by a particular student or group of students will be the financial responsibility of those student's parents.
  - No student should open their hotel room door unless the person knocking identifies themselves as a chaperone or Fasset staff member.
  - Double check to make sure your group has their room key upon leaving for the day, and that your room is locked.
6. Breakfast will be at the hotel each morning, bright and early beginning at 6:00 am. Breakfast times will be staggered on a rotation schedule which we will go over with the chaperones.

## **VII Bus Rules**

1. Please help keep the bus clean! You may have drinks and snacks, but you are responsible for picking up after yourself.
2. All students must ride their assigned bus at all times during the trip.
3. Restrooms on the bus should only be used in an emergency (self explanatory).
4. Pay attention when adults are speaking to the entire group on the bus! Scholastica tour guides and/or Fassett staff members will be giving directions and instructions that are very important throughout the day.

## **VII Money and Valuables**

1. Students can bring money for souvenir items, however, keep the following in mind:
  - Only send an amount of money you are comfortable with your student potentially losing.
  - Small bills are recommended.
  - Any souvenir purchased must be packed in the student suitcase for the return trip.
2. Valuables such as cameras, cell phones, wallets, purses, etc. are the sole responsibility of the student. Teachers and chaperones will NOT be responsible for carrying around personal items of students.

## **VIII Code of Conduct**

- 1.) School policy and past practices will be followed.  
A combination of TWO in-school or out of school suspensions will remove a student from the trip (payments are non-refundable....yes, it has happened).
- 2.) School dress code and behavior expectations will be followed on every aspect of the trip. Behavior that is immature, inappropriate, or dangerous will not be tolerated. Consequences may include a student being removed from their group, or missing an event/attraction. In extreme cases, the student may be sent home at the parent's expense.
- 3.) **Never** go anywhere alone on this trip.
- 4.) Students are required to ride their assigned bus for all tours, trips to attractions, and return trips to the hotel and home.
- 5.) Respect will be shown at all tour sites, monuments, memorials, and attractions. Students should listen carefully and attentively to tour guides, park rangers, and staff members.
- 6.) If disciplinary action for a student is necessary, the Fassett staff on the trip will determine a course of action. This *could* include:
  - Removal from their group
  - Contacting parents
  - Discipline referral at Fassett for the last week of school
  - Missing an attraction or tour stop
- 7.) Any **major** discipline infraction could result in the student being sent home at **the parent's expense**. Major discipline infractions could include:
  - E-Cigs and/or Vaping (includes possession)
  - Theft
  - Vandalism
  - Blatant disrespect for chaperones or tour guides

- Consistent failure to follow school and tour guidelines
- Bullying, physical, and/or verbal attacks on classmates

### **Communication**

It is encouraged that all parents sign up for the Fassett DC 101 remind. We will be using this to push our information to our chaperones on the trip, and to coordinate all 6 busses when necessary. It will also be used to send updates on arrival times to DC, and the return time to Fassett on Friday night.

101 Remind: **FassettDC2022**

\*\* This will be activated at a later date in the Spring.\*\*

### **Return Time To Fassett**

We will be returning to Fassett late Friday night, earlier Saturday morning, with plan being between 1:00am and 3:00am. This timeframe could vary based on a lot of factors, so it is encouraged that you sign up for the 101 Remind to keep up to date with our trip. Upon returning, ALL students will be encouraged to text/call home when we reach Sandusky to let their parents know that we are about 1 hr. away.

## **General Trip Schedule Highlights:**

### ***Tuesday, May 17:***

- 1.) Group stop/lunch on PA Turnpike (students pay for their own for lunch)
- 2.) Arlington National Cemetery
- 4.) Dinner at Pentagon City Mall
- 5.) Check-in to the hotel

### ***Wednesday, May 18:***

- 1.) George Washington's Mt. Vernon tour and lunch
- 2.) Bus tours of Monuments and Memorials--  
Jefferson Memorial / FDR Gardens / Marine Corps Memorial
- 3.) Boxed dinner on the bus or at Joint Base Myer
- 4.) Twilight Tattoo at Joint Base Myer

### ***Thursday, May 19:***

- 1.) Group photo at the Grant Memorial / Capitol Building
- 2.) National Mall Memorials/Monuments--  
WWII Memorial / Vietnam Memorial / Lincoln Memorial/  
Korean War Memorial
- 3.) Capitol Building walk-around / Supreme Court / Library of Congress  
walk-throughs
- 4.) Smithsonian Museum touring / National Archives
- 5.) Pizza party @ the hotel for dinner

### ***Friday, May 20:***

- 1.) Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum
- 2.) Gettysburg Battlefield guided-tour
- 3.) Dinner at Gettysburg
- 4.) Trip home