

**Fassett Jr. High**  
**Washington DC 8th Grade Trip**  
**Parent-Student Informational Packet**  
**May 14th-17th 2024**

**1.) Payment Information and Directions:**

***Cost per student***>> **\$776.00**

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

***Payment Dates***>>

- **Tuesday Oct. 31st**>> \$100 down payment
- **Wednesday Jan. 31st**>> \$300 total down payment
- **Sunday April 14th**>> Remaining balances are due

\*\* Payments CANNOT be accepted after this date\*\*

***Payment Options***>>

- Payments can be made through **GroupCollect**  
(Registrations instructions are stapled to the back of this packet)
- Payments can be made by credit card or bank account debit through **GroupCollect**
- \*\* **Everyone MUST register through the *GroupCollect* website.** \*\*

***Refund Information***>>

- All refund information and Scholastica's policies are stapled to the back of this packet.
- There will be NO refunds for students who are disqualified from the trip for school behavior issues.

## **2.) Departure Instructions:**

- Arrive at Fassett no later than 5:45 am on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 and report to the GYM.
- Parents should park only in the parking lot by the gym and tennis courts.
  - \*\* Please do not park in the front driveway\*\***
- Students should report to assigned bus# areas in the gym with their luggage by 5:15 am.
- Attendance will be taken at 6:00 am.
- A medication table will be set up in the middle of the gym to take and bag student's medications and medication forms.

## **3.) Luggage Size:**

- Small/medium size suitcases are highly recommended.
- Students are responsible to carry their OWN luggage to and from the busses and hotel.

## **4.) Checklist for Packing:**

- \*\*\*\* ***NO STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS***\*\*\*\*
- \*\*\*\* ***NO X-BOX or PLAYSTATION type video game systems***\*\*\*\*
- Jeans/Shorts (weather permitting)
- T-shirts/ Hoodies / Sweatshirts (NO tank-tops)
- Comfortable shoes (flip flops/slides will be allowed ONLY at the hotel)
- Rain jacket/ Poncho/ small umbrella (check the weather)
- Toothbrush/ toothpaste
- Deodorant / soap / shampoo / Personal bathroom items if necessary
- Money for lunch on Tuesday, May 14th en route to DC

## **4a.) Optional Items**

- Mobile phone / charger / camera
- Money/gift cards / bank cards for souvenir items

## **5.) Student Appearance/ Fassett Dress Code**

- The Fassett Dress Code will be enforced.
- NO HATS allowed at any time for students. This is a Fassett School Policy.
- Students are not allowed to wear sweatpants/pajama pants/ flip flops..... except in the hotel.
- We will be wearing the Fassett DC2024 T-shirt on the group picture day. This is not an option.

## **6.) Meals**

- Cash money will be given to students and chaperones as they depart the busses each day. Most meals you will have multiple options to pick from which may include food trucks, food courts, restaurants, etc. Students can purchase additional items with their own money.
- Proper manners and conduct will be expected at all times before, during, and after eating.
- With our very tight time schedule, meals will need to be purchased and finished in a timely manner.

## **7.) Hotel Information**

Best Western Lanham  
5910 Princess Pkwy  
Lanham, MD 20706  
(301) 459-1000

- Boys and girls will be roomed on separate floors.
- Students will be roomed in groups of 4. Students will NOT room with their parents or chaperones (Unless medically necessary and cleared by Nurse Kristi/ Mrs. Kollarik)
- Students will not be allowed to leave their rooms to wander or visit other student rooms. Chaperones and/or teachers will go to the student's rooms if issues arise.
- There will be NO switching or trading room assignments once in DC.
- All hotel rules apply! It is important that students act appropriately at all times during the hotel stay.
  - >> Respect the privacy of others in your room and your floor.
  - >> Vandalism and destruction of hotel property will be billed directly to the PARENTS of those individual(s) involved.
  - >> Students will be instructed to not open their hotel room doors for anyone except a chaperone or a teacher.
- Breakfast will be at the hotel each morning.

## **8.) Bus Rules**

- Bus assignments will be made in the Spring. Students will be with their chaperone AND hotel room group of 4. Past that, bussing requests will not be taken.
- All students must ride their assigned bus **at all times** while on the trip.
- Students will be allowed to have drinks and snacks on the bus, but **THEY** will be responsible for keeping the busses clean each day.
- Scholastica tour guides will be speaking and giving directions often will on the bus so students will be asked to listen and pay attention while adults are making announcements.

## **9.) Money and Valuables**

- Students can bring extra money for food/souvenir items.
  - >> Small bills are encouraged
  - >> Only send enough money with your student that you are comfortable with them potentially losing;)
  - >> Any souvenir purchased must be packed in the student's suitcase for the return trip.
- Valuables such as cameras, wallets, purses, cell phones, etc. are the sole responsibility of the student. Chaperones and teachers will **NOT** be responsible or expected to carry personal items for students.

## **10.) Code of Conduct**

**\*\* Students who receive a total of 3 ISS and/or OSS days before departure day will be disqualified from the trip. There will be NO refunds for behavior disqualifications.**

- Students will **NEVER** go anywhere alone (without a teacher or adult) on this trip.
- Students will show respect, listen attentively and carefully to tour guides, park rangers, and staff members at all tour sites, monuments, memorials, and attractions.
- Disciplinary action on this trip for students not meeting our standards could include:
  - >> Removal from their group for part/ all of a day
  - >> Contacting parents
  - >> Discipline referral at Fassett during the last week of school
- Any **major** discipline infraction could result in the student being suspended from the last week of school OR being sent home at the **parent's expense**. These could include:
  - >> E-Cigs/vaping/tobacco of any kind/alcohol (includes possession)
  - >> Theft/shoplifting/ vandalism
  - >> Blatant disrespect for chaperones and tour guides
  - >> Bullying, physical and/or verbal attacks on classmates

