

To: Parents/Guardians of MMS Band Students  
From: Mr. Williams  
Re: **Spring Trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee: April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This spring the MMS Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble will travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee to compete in the **2010 Smokey Mountain Music Festival**. The students will be working very hard towards this trip as well as the rest of our performances for the upcoming spring (*Solo & Ensemble, Organizational Contest, Spring Concert, etc...*). I am expecting all of them to be very rewarding experiences. Since this trip is for three nights, four days, the cost is slightly higher than last year's trip to Louisville. The total cost is **\$310.00 per student and \$265.00 per chaperone**. This will include: **three night stay at hotel, admission to Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, admission to Dollywood, meal money (\$10.00 given to each student at every meal), festival fees (judges, trophies, recordings), a festival sticker, and a Guided Tour of Great Smokey Mountains National Park**. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to perform and socialize with other musicians of their age group. I will only be taking **seven** parents as chaperones. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please let me know. **I will notify parents who are selected as chaperones**. If you are not selected as a chaperone, you can still come and support the band, **however you will need to provide your own transportation and accommodations**.

We will be using the installment plan: **The initial room deposit of \$50.00 will be due with your consent form (attached at bottom) on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The first payment (\$65.00) will be due on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the second payment (\$65.00) will be due on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the third payment (\$65.00) will be due February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and the final payment (\$65.00) will be due March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** You can pay by check, or if there are enough funds, you can take it out of your student's account. If you would like the funds to be taken out of your student's account, please check the box below. **You can check the balance of your student's account by emailing our treasurer Teresa Cutler at [teresacutler@ymail.com](mailto:teresacutler@ymail.com), or by calling her at (618) 303-0049.** If you would like to pay for the entire trip up front, you may, however the entire balance will be due on **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. I am very excited about our progress and look forward to the spring. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the MMS Band office: (618) 684 – 3041, ext. 2224. Please make all checks out to **MMS Band**. **DO NOT SEND CASH!** Thank you.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ My child will be taking part in the 2010 MMS Band Spring Trip.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ My child will **NOT** be taking part in the 2010 MMS Band Spring Trip.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Please take the initial room deposit of \$50.00 out of my child's account.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Please take the **ENTIRE** balance of \$310.00 out of my child's account.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a check for the initial room deposit of \$50.00.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a check for the **ENTIRE** balance of \$310.00

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_