

To: Parents/Guardians of CHS Band Students
From: Mr. Williams
Re: **2018 Spring Trip to Chicago, Illinois: March 15th – March 17th, 2018**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This spring the CHS Fine Arts Department (*Symphonic Winds, Concert Jazz Ensemble, and Concert Choir*) will travel to Chicago, Illinois to participate in the Windy City Classic **Chicago PAC (Performing Arts Consultants) Music Festival**. The students will be working very hard towards this trip, as well as the rest of our performances for the upcoming spring (*IHSA Solo & Ensemble, IHSA Organizational Contest, Spring Concert, etc.*). I am expecting all of them to be very rewarding experiences. This trip is for two nights, three days. The total cost is **\$330.00 per student and \$415.00 per chaperone**. This will include: **two night stay at hotel** (*including breakfast each morning*), **admission** to see *the world renowned Blue Man Group*, a **dinner/show at the Drury Theater**, a **dinner** at Chicago's famous Italian restaurant *Giordano's*, as well as a **tour of the Willis Tower** (*what was the Sears Tower*), **Shedd Aquarium, Motor Coach transportation, and festival fees (judges, trophies, recordings)**. This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to perform outside of Southern Illinois! I will only be taking up to **five** 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 selected as a chaperone, you will get tickets and hotel through the band, however due to seat availability on the bus, some parents selected as chaperones will have to provide their own transportation. 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 trip deposit of \$100.00 will be due with your consent form (attached at bottom) on November 20th, 2017**. The first payment (*\$115.00*) will be due on **December 15th, 2017**, and the second payment (*\$115.00*) will be due on **January 12th, 2018**. 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 Jennifer Flath at jennflath@yahoo.com**. If you would like to pay for the entire trip up front, you may, however the entire balance will be due by **January 12th**. **Due to specific deadlines and dates set by PAC, there will be no refunds given past January 1st**. 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 CHS Band office: (618) 985 – 2940, ext. 4187. Please make all checks out to the **Carterville Band Boosters**. **DO NOT SEND CASH!** Thank you.

My student will be taking part in the 2018 CHS Fine Arts Spring Trip.
My student will **NOT** be taking part in the 2018 CHS Fine Arts Spring Trip.
Please take the initial trip deposit of \$100.00 out of my student's account.
Please take the **ENTIRE** balance of \$330.00 out of my student's account.
I am enclosing a check for the initial trip deposit of \$100.00.
I am enclosing a check for the **ENTIRE** balance of \$330.00

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____