



WILLIAMSBURG TRIP

December 16 – 20, 2019

*Information for
parents and students*

BJA Williamsburg Trip

As we anticipate our 8th grade trip to the Museum of the Bible and Colonial Williamsburg, we trust your student is as excited about this learning experience as we are! Our teachers are looking forward to interacting with students in an informal atmosphere. We also realize the responsibility we have to provide proper supervision for your student. To assist us with that responsibility, please carefully go over the following information with your student and stress the importance of abiding by the established policies.

As part of that discussion, please also help your student think through how to reflect the Lord Jesus to others—believers and unbelievers alike—while on the trip. We trust that the trip will not only be a fun learning experience but will also contribute to the spiritual and social growth of our students!

If there is an emergency, parents can call Mr. Payne at (864) 423-4179 or the middle school office to get a message to a student.

DEPARTURE/RETURN

- Departure: In front of the Applied Studies Building (where we have MS chapel) at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, December 16. Students should plan to drop off their luggage in the chapel room when they arrive that morning. Students need to be orderly and helpful as we load the bus.
- Return: At middle school building around 8 p.m. on Friday, December 20. Students will be instructed to call/text home when we are one hour away from school.

BUS TRIP

- Snacks: Dry snacks (nuts, chips) are fine; please do not bring sticky foods or any form of chocolate. Students may drink only water on the bus, and to minimize spills, beverage containers should have a screw-on cap. Because the bus makes few stops, students need to limit fluid intake while traveling.
- Bus entertainment: Books, games, game systems with approved games, and approved games on phones. Students may not access the Internet or use their phones or other devices as hot spots. Of course, all content should abide by school expectations. Because of the risk of devices being lost or damaged, we discourage students from bringing expensive electronic devices on the buses.

CELL PHONE USE

- Cell phones may be used with permission from a chaperone. Students will be encouraged to communicate with parents – calling or texting at convenient times each day to keep parents updated.
- Phones may be also used for playing approved games, reading acceptable books, and taking appropriate photos.
- Phones are not to be connected to Wi-Fi or to use data to connect to social media of any kind, to watch videos/movies, or to listen to music.
- Phones should be set to silent when on tours.
- Chaperones may collect all phones at various times; phones will be collected in the hotel at lights out and returned at breakfast.
- Phone privileges may be lost if guidelines are not followed.

PACKING LIST

- Students should pack lightly and bring only what is necessary. Lodging will be at SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Centreville, VA, and Courtyard by Marriott Williamsburg.
- School trip medication form (available from the office or [online](#)) along with any needed medications
- medium-size suitcase or bag, marked with the student's name
- Personal toiletries
- Camera, including batteries and memory card if desired; cell phones may be used as cameras
- Cell phone, if desired
- Clothing—being able to layer is important since temperatures may vary during the day; mix and match when possible; bringing a jacket or winter coat. We have had rain and cold temperatures on this trip!
- Comfortable shoes for cold weather – we do a lot of walking
- Guys: properly fitting neat jeans or slacks; uniform shirts
- Girls: properly fitting neat jeans or slacks; uniform shirts
- Other (Bible; compact umbrella; money for 9 fast-food meals as well as for souvenirs and tips, including a \$4-\$6 tip for the ladies who prepare the breakfast buffet—please keep food and souvenir money separate)
- Small bag or backpack for bus

ITINERARY

Monday, December 16

Depart from Applied Studies Building

Necessary stops and meal stop along the way

Late arrival at SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Centreville, VA

Tuesday, December 17

Early breakfast at hotel; travel into DC to the MOTB

Tour Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC

Lunch and travel to Udvar-Hazy Aerospace Museum, Chantilly, VA

Supper and return to SpringHill Suites

Wednesday, December 18

Breakfast at hotel, load bus, depart for Williamsburg

Lunch in Williamsburg and travel to Jamestown, tour Jamestown

Travel to Williamsburg for fife & drum parade, walk colonial area

Late supper and check in/get settled at Courtyard by Marriott

Thursday, December 19

Breakfast at hotel

Spend entire day in Colonial Williamsburg

Return to hotel

Friday, December 20

Breakfast at hotel

Travel to Jamestown and take ferry across James River

Return to Greenville – necessary stops and meal stop along the way

Arrive in front of the MS building (Parents arriving for pick up need to leave room for the buses to enter the MS car line)