



Dear GCHS Band Parents,

The GCHS Band has been invited to perform in the 2019 ABC 6/Dunkin' Donuts Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, PA. This is a very prestigious invitation and we are excited to represent Gulf Coast High School in this televised parade.

Please understand that this is not a mandatory trip, you may still be in the GCHS Band for the 2019-20 school year and not travel on this trip. Please see the attached documents regarding the trip as the first payment, copy of state issued photo ID or passport, and information sheet are due on December 6, 2018. Payments and reservations will only be accepted with all documents required.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Goff at goffj@collierschools.com, Mr. McGuire at meguis@collierschools.com, or Band Booster President, Lynette Young at gchs2018youngcoffey@gmail.com, if you have any questions. If you have questions about your child's band account please check Charms and if necessary Jeff Carney (Band Booster Treasurer) at j.a.carney@att.net.

Thank you,

Justin Goff
Director of Bands

Steve McGuire
Assistant Director of Bands



GCHS Band Trip to the ABC 6/Dunkin' Donuts Thanksgiving Day Parade
Monday, November 25, 2019 – Friday, November 29, 2019

Payment Schedule – All payments are Non-Refundable

\$200 – December 6, 2018

\$200 – January 10, 2019

\$200 – February 14, 2019

\$200 – March 7, 2019

\$200 – April 11, 2019 (\$150 will go towards flight costs)

???? – May 2, 2019 (not to exceed \$200)

???? – June 7, 2019 (remaining balance)

Total cost of trip without airfare - \$850 **PLUS** Flight and Baggage Fees

Total cost of airfare will be determined once airlines are able to confirm their pricing. This information will be made available immediately upon receipt along with the payment amounts. It is expected to be known by January 1, 2019.

Payments are due on or before the above due dates. We will accept checks and cash through the “Bait Box” in the band room. Checks should be made payable to “GCHS Band-Aid Club.” Credit cards are accepted through PayPal on our website www.gchsharkband.com. Credit cards used via PayPal are charged an additional 3% per transaction. For questions about your student’s band account check Charms and, if necessary email Jeff Carney at j.a.carney@att.net. Payments may also be mailed to:

GCHS Band Aid Club Inc.
15275 Collier Blvd., #201 Box 365
Naples, FL 34119

Chaperone Information

The number of chaperones is limited to Collier County Public Schools Standards. Chaperones with the most volunteer hours are given first priority. The cost of the chaperone trip is \$850. Chaperone trip payments are not due at this time. Please email Lynette Young at gchs2018youngcoffey@gmail.com if you are interested in chaperoning on this trip. She will contact you with information regarding chaperoning and trip payments.

ALL chaperones must have Level II clearance through CCPS.

Every student/chaperone trip includes:

- Two (2) nights **lodging** in a Washington D.C. area hotel
- Two (2) nights **lodging** in a Philadelphia area hotel
- A **narrated bus tour** with step-on **Washington D.C. Licensed Guides**
- A visit to **Washington, D.C. area attractions** (to include the National Museums and Memorials as schedule allows)
- A visit to **Arlington National Cemetery**
- One (1) **Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner/DJ Cruise**
- A visit to the **Philadelphia Historic District** for sightseeing
- Two (2) **breakfast** at your Washington D.C. area hotel
- Two (2) **breakfast** at your Philadelphia area hotel
- One (1) **Smithsonian Museums Meal Voucher**
- One (1) dinner at **Buca Di Beppo Italian Restaurant** in Washington D.C.
- One (1) **Thanksgiving Day** lunch at **Hard Rock Café** in Philadelphia
- One (1) **Dinner at Dave & Buster's** in Philadelphia
- Round trip airfare
- Motor Coach Transportation in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia as per the groups itinerary

Special note to 8th grade parents of future GCHS Band Members

If you are zoned for Gulf Coast High School and plan on being in the GCHS Band Program for the 2019-20 school year (and plan on going on this trip) you **NEED** to make these trip payments (even though you are still in middle school). **ALL** payments must be made on time for **ALL** students. If for some reason you do not come to Gulf Coast High School your trip payments will be refunded as long as you request a refund by August 1, 2019.

Students Not Going on the Thanksgiving Trip

While we would love to have all of our GCHS Band Students go on this trip it is **NOT** mandatory for all students to attend this trip. You may still be in the GCHS Band for the 2019-20 school year and not attend this trip.

Future Flag/Dance Students

Tryouts for the GCHS Flag/Dance team will be in late March and early April. Only students currently on the team and wishing to go on the trip will need to make these payments. Any new student who makes the flag/dance team will make payments after they are selected for the team. New flag and dance students will need to be prepared to get caught up with their payments before the May 2, 2019 deadline with all fees being due by June 7, 2019. This will be in addition to uniform costs.

Refund Information

Refunds will only be issued for students who move and do not attend Gulf Coast High School. If you are currently on the dance and flag lines and fail to be selected for the 2019-20 team and have already made payments, you will be refunded all your payments. Students who meet these requirements must request a refund via email or letter to Mr. Goff at goffj@collierschools.com and carbon-copied to PA2019parade@gmail.com before August 1, 2019. All money will be non-refundable after August 1, 2019.

Credit Card Payment Dates in the GCHS Band Room

December 4, 2018 – 7:00-8:00p

January 8, 2019 – 7:00-8:00p

February 12, 2019 – 7:00-8:00p

March 5, 2019 – 7:00-8:00p

April 9, 2019 – 7:00-8:00p

May 7, 2019 – 7:00-8:00p

May 28, 2019 – 7:00-8:00p



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This form is due along with the first payment and a copy of the student's state issued photo id or passport on December 6, 2018. (Please write legibly in blue or black ink and provide only active emails that you can check on a regular basis for trip information and updates.)

FULL Student Name (as it appears on your ID) _____

Student Grade for the 2019-20 school year _____

Marching Section _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Parent(s) Cell Phone(s) _____

Parent(s) Email(s) _____

I understand that all of my payments are non-refundable unless I move out of the Gulf Coast High School District or do not make the GCHS Flag or Dance lines for the 2019-20 school year. If I move out of the GCH District and choose to attend another high school I must request a refund by August 1, 2019. It is my responsibility to request the refund and I understand that refunds will only be granted for the above reasons if requested before August 1, 2019. The cost of this trip could rise up to 10% based on the price of fuel for bus companies. Airfare cost will be presented at a later date but is expected to be below \$500. Students will be required to present a copy of photo identification (driver's license, valid passport, military ID or state ID) with this form.

Parent Signature

Date