

April 6, 2009

Dear Band Parents,

Thank you for your patience as we continue to finalize the details for the upcoming band trip to Port Aransas/Corpus Christi, April 16 – 19. **There will be a parent meeting about the trip at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13 in the band hall.** Please note the following:

1. The trip cost is \$380. Final payment is due April 10!!
  2. The following items accompany this letter (as separate email attachments):
    - a) Trip and Swim Permission & Emergency Contact Form - please print, complete, sign and return. *We must have this form fully completed by the parent meeting on Monday, April 13, in order for your child to go on the band trip.*
    - b) Travel Guidelines – please print and review these with your child.
    - c) Suggested Packing List – to help remember items to bring, especially sunscreen.
    - d) Suggested Supermarket Items List – the students will have an excursion to the local supermarket and will prepare a number of meals in their rooms. This list contains suggestions for items to buy for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as dinner menus. Please encourage your child to plan meals and items to buy at the supermarket (there will only be one opportunity) with his/her roommates.
    - e) Itinerary, which will also be posted on the band website, [www.pearceband.org](http://www.pearceband.org). Of course, some details may change as need arises.
- The Trip and Swim Permission & Emergency Contact Form can be: deposited in the band safe before April 13; brought with you to the parent meeting on April 13; or sent, for receipt no later than April 13, by mail to: Dana Christian, 7601 Bantry Circle, Dallas, TX 75248 or Michele Loewenstein, 7211 McKamy Blvd., Dallas, TX 75248.*
3. The band will be traveling by buses provided by Coach America, an approved RISD company.
  4. UIL concert performances are on Wednesday, April 15, for Symphonic and Concert Bands. All band students will travel with Wind Ensemble to UIL on Thursday, April 16, to Mesquite Poteet HS, and they will leave from there for the band trip.
  5. All students will eat during “A Lunch” on Thursday, April 16 prior to leaving for Poteet HS. Please encourage your child to bring or buy a substantial lunch.
  6. Snacks and water will be available with the chaperones for the students on the buses. Students may bring additional snacks and sealed water bottles.

7. We are staying at The Dunes Condominiums, 1000 Lantana Drive, Port Aransas, 877-296-3863. There will be six students per room. If your child is not comfortable sharing a bed, please make sure he/she brings a sleeping bag.

8. Your child will be provided with his/her chaperone's cell phone number and room number. Your child's chaperone will also have your child's cell phone number that you provide on the Trip Permission & Emergency Contact Form.

9. The students will be competing in the South Coast Music Festival, Flour Bluff High School, 2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi – see the itinerary for times.

10. We suggest sending your child with \$50 to cover the cost of meals, souvenirs and sundries. They will need to purchase two or three fast-food meals (dinner Thursday, lunch Sunday, and maybe lunch Friday) and will need to prepare four or five meals in their rooms (breakfast Saturday and Sunday, lunch Saturday, dinner Sunday).

11. The Senior Dinner will be on Friday night at Seafood & Spaghetti Works in Port Aransas. The restaurant has prepared a wonderful choice of items for our students. Seniors need to bring an additional \$15 for this dinner, which includes salad bar, entrée, beverage, dessert, tax and tip.

If you have an emergency while we are on the trip, you can reach us on our cell phones:  
Dana: 972-971-0519; Michele: 972-672-1751.

If you have any questions before the trip, please do not hesitate to call us.

Dana Christian  
Michele Loewenstein  
PABC Trip Coordinators

JJ Pearce HS Mighty Mustang Band - Spring Trip to Port Aransas/Corpus Christi, April 16 - 19, 2009

Itinerary

Thursday, April 16

- 7:45 AM - Students report to band hall with luggage - tagged with name, school & band
- 8:00 AM - AP Students need to fill out AP test forms
- 8:30 AM - *Wind Ensemble rehearsal in band hall*
- 9:00 AM - All students to 1st period class!
- 10:30 AM - Buses arrive on Grid at JJ Pearce HS
- 10:50 AM - 2nd period ends; all students report to band hall  
Load luggage, uniforms, instruments, mutes, and music on buses  
*Wind Ensemble dress for UIL in formal attire; put change of clothes on bus*
- 11:50 AM - **All students eat A lunch**
- 12:20 PM - Board buses on Grid
- 12:30 PM - Depart for UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest at Mesquite Poteet HS
- 1:00 AM - Arrive at Poteet HS  
*Wind Ensemble to warm-up room*  
Cadet, Concert & Symphonic students to auditorium
- 3:00 PM - *Wind Ensemble stage performance*
- 4:10 PM - *Wind Ensemble sight-reading ends; change clothes*  
Restroom break for all students!  
Board buses
- 4:45 PM - Buses depart for Port Aransas  
Chaperones distribute snacks
- 7:00 PM - Dinner in Waco in Richland Mall food court
- 8:00 PM - Board buses
- 8:15 PM - Depart from mall
- 1:30 AM - Arrive at The Dunes Condos, Port Aransas  
Unload and check into rooms
- 2:00 AM - **LIGHTS OUT!**

Friday, April 17

- 8:30-10:00 AM - Breakfast in condo meeting room - come at your leisure
- 9:45 AM - Board buses *for souvenir shopping and IGA Supermarket* in Port Aransas
- 10:00 AM - Buses depart from condos; drop students at IGA Supermarket
- 12:00 Noon - Shop for food - be prepared with list!!
- 1:00 PM - Buses *depart from supermarket* for condos
- 1:15 PM - Lunch on own in condo
- 2:00 PM - Pool/beach time
- 7:30 PM - Pizza Dinner & Plate Awards for all but seniors  
- Senior Dinner at Seafood & Spaghetti Works
- 9:30 PM - Pool time/relax
- 11:00 PM - Back to own rooms
- 11:45 PM - Room check
- 12:00 Midnight - **LIGHTS OUT!**

Saturday, April 18

- 9:00-10:30 AM - Breakfast on own in condo
- 10:30 AM - Pack sack lunch and snacks  
Prepare and dress for performance
- 11:45 AM - Load and board buses
- 12:00 Noon - Depart from condos
- 12:45 PM - Arrive at Flour Bluff HS Auditorium  
Unload; eat sack lunch
- 1:30 PM - Concert Band warmup
- 2:00 PM - Concert Band performance**
- 2:30 PM - Symphonic Band warmup
- 3:00 PM - Symphonic Band performance**
- 3:30 PM - Wind Ensemble warmup
- 4:00 PM - Wind Ensemble performance**
- 4:30 PM - Listen to final performance
- 4:45 PM - Load and board buses
- 5:15 PM - Depart from Corpus Christi
- 6:00 PM - Arrive at The Dunes Condos  
Unload; return to rooms
- 6:00-8:00 PM - Dinner on own in condos
- 8:00 PM - Tug-of-war on beach
- 9:00 PM - Dessert party overlooking pool  
Pool time/relax
- 11:00 PM - Back to own rooms
- 11:45 PM - Room check
- 12:00 Midnight - **LIGHTS OUT!**

Sunday, April 19

- 7:00-8:00 AM - Breakfast on own in condo
- 8:00 AM - Room sweep
- 8:30 AM - Load buses
- 9:00 AM - Depart Condos
- 1:15 PM - Lunch in Austin in Highland Mall food court
- 2:15 PM - Board buses
- 2:30 PM - Depart from mall
- 6:00 PM - Arrive at JJ Pearce HS

## Trip and Swim Permission

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to attend the JJ Pearce Band trip to Port Aransas/Corpus Christi from April 16 through April 19, 2009.

I understand that my child will be staying at a condominium *on the beach*. There is a pool and there is the Gulf of Mexico.

I [ **give/ do not give** ] my child permission to swim in the pool at the Dunes and in the Ocean (Gulf of Mexico) while he/she is staying at The Dunes Condominiums.

**I understand that there are no lifeguards on duty either at the pool or at the ocean and I agree that I will not hold J.J. Pearce Band, or its administrators, teachers or chaperones, liable for any injury that may occur.**

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

## Emergency Contact Information

While my child is on the trip with the JJ Pearce Band, I (we) can be contacted at the following address and phone number:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Adult Contact Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must contact the Chaperone Coordinators if there is has been a change to my insurance carrier, or any changes to my child's health form.

I understand that any serious breach of discipline for my child during the trip to Corpus Christi/Port Aransas could result in my child being sent back to Dallas on the next available flight. I agree to pay all expenses incurred due to this breach of discipline.

I understand that this form must be signed in order that my child may travel to Corpus Christi/Port Aransas with the JJ Pearce Band.

I have read the above information, the Letter to Band Parents, and the JJ Pearce Band Travel Guidelines for students, and have discussed the information with my child.

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

## Student Cell Phone Number

In case it is important for the chaperones to reach students during the trip while my child is in Corpus Christi/Port Aransas with the JJ Pearce Band, he/she can be contacted at the following cell phone number:

Student's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# J. J. PEARCE BAND

## TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

### *On the bus:*

1. Whenever we board buses, be seated and quiet so attendance can be taken.
2. Stay seated and use indoor voices.
3. Snacks will be provided. You may also bring your own snacks and sealed water bottles. Please be neat; clean up your area whenever you leave the bus.
4. No "Lotties."
5. Buses will be equipped with video players. You may bring videos: Rated PG-13, PG, or G only!
6. Keep restroom facilities clean.

### *In General:*

1. Be certain that you understand and follow the itinerary at all times. Be prompt!
2. Stay with the PHS group (a current band member participating in the South Coast Music Festival) whenever we leave the hotel or buses. If a rare situation arises that makes it necessary to leave the group: permission must be obtained; you must be with two other students; and you must communicate regularly with the chaperones. It is important for your safety that you keep the chaperones informed if you are away from the group.
3. Do not make random acquaintances. Group members (defined above) may enter only PABC-assigned rooms/units. Additionally, non-group members may not enter a PABC-assigned room/unit.
4. A curfew is printed in the itinerary. Students are expected to remain in their assigned rooms after curfew. For any emergency that arises after curfew, except a hotel emergency (such as a fire), contact your chaperone on his/her cell phone or on his/her room number. *Leaving your room, or having someone else in your room, after curfew will be a severe breach of discipline.* Students who violate this rule may lose the privilege of traveling, and/or receive school disciplinary action, and/or other actions as deemed appropriate by the band directors.
6. If boys and girls are visiting in the same room, the drapes must be open and the lights must be on. Significant public displays of affection are discouraged.
7. Be considerate of your chaperones; without them we could not travel. Students are responsible to chaperones and should be polite and responsive to their requests.
8. Room phones are for room-to-room or 911 calls only.
9. Any damage to rooms or property will be paid for by the person or persons responsible. Please check your room on arrival and report any irregularities to your chaperone.
10. Money must not be left in the room when we are gone. Please plan ahead so that chaperones are not loaded down with purses.
11. Smoking is not allowed. Smoking will result in school-level disciplinary action.
12. Drinking or possession of alcohol or any proscribed substance will constitute a severe breach of discipline and will result in band and school disciplinary action.
14. Water guns, water balloons, and any other projectiles intended to cause discomfort to others are prohibited.
15. School policy prohibits hazing of any sort. Students indulging in activities that in any way could be construed as hazing will be subject to school disciplinary action.
- 16. Students who do not follow the guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action, including being sent home at parental expense.**

## **Suggested Packing Items - Port Aransas/Corpus Christi**

(4 days; 3 nights)

### **Clothing**

- bathing suit
- goggles
- sun hat**
- flip flops/sandals
- concert attire \*
- dress; tuxedo; cummerbund; shirt; tie; belt; black socks; black shoes
- undergarments
- pajamas
- robe
- sneakers
- socks
- shorts
- long pants - seniors should bring a pair of nice slacks
- short-sleeve shirts
- sweatshirt/hoodie/light jacket in case of cool weather or rain
- jewelry - as little as possible; earrings, watch; nothing you would want to lose

### **General**

- batteries
- beach bag and towel
- beach toys (plastic shovels, pails, etc.); frisbee
- books
- camera; film
- cell phone and charger
- homework**
- instrument**
- laundry bag
- music player - suggest you leave at home
- pen
- playing cards
- sleeping back - if won't share a bed
- snacks
- tennis rackets and balls
- travel games
- videos for bus - *Rated PG-13 or less!*

### **Personal**

- cosmetics
- brush & comb
- dental hygiene
- eyeglasses & related items
- hair bands, etc.
- personal hygiene (such as deodorant; shampoo)
- prescription medicine (in original container - give to your chaperone!)
- sunblock/ chapstick with sunblock; solarcaine**
- sunglasses**
- tissues

**\*Note: *Wind Ensemble needs concert attire at UJL the day we leave for the trip; you may need to pack clean items for the trip concert day and you must have a separate bag of clothes to on the bus (not packed) to change into after UJL***

### **Money**

- \$50** suggested to cover the cost of:
  - dinner on Thursday on way to Port Aransas
  - lunch on Friday
  - supermarket (breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday; breakfast on Sunday)
  - lunch on Sunday on way home
  - souvenirs
  - snacks; something extra
  - *Seniors need additional \$15 for senior dinner (includes tax and tip)*

## Supermarket Items - Port Aransas/Corpus Christi

You will need to buy food for the following meals: Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast\*  
Here are some suggested items to purchase (pick and choose) and suggested dinner menus:

### Breakfast:

cereal  
milk  
bananas  
eggs  
bread  
margarine/butter  
breakfast bars  
frozen waffles/pancakes  
pastries  
orange juice  
yogurt

### Lunch:

bread  
sandwich meat  
cheese  
peanut butter  
jam  
fresh fruit  
yogurt  
chips  
beverages

### Miscellaneous:

paper towels  
snacks

### Dinner:

chicken pieces  
fish  
ground beef  
steak  
extra firm tofu  
oil  
vegetables  
salad  
salad dressing  
bbq sauce  
ketchup  
mustard

dinner rolls  
frozen fries  
pasta  
rice box (w/ seasoning)  
jar spaghetti sauce  
small potatoes  
soup cans or boxes  
macaroni & cheese  
fruit  
nuts  
beverages

**We highly encourage you and your roommates to preplan what you will make for each meal and what you will buy!!**

### Sample dinner menus:

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Salad greens, mandarin orange pieces, almond slivers, vinaigrette Salmon fillet - baked Small potatoes baked with garlic or dill Steamed asparagus	Baby spinach with red onion and raspberry vinaigrette Chicken pieces baked with bbq sauce Baked french fries Steamed broccoli
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Tossed salad with dressing Ground beef sauteed with onion Pasta and tomato sauce Italian bread Celery sticks	Squash soup Stir-fry with tofu, snow peas, sweet red pepper, onion Rice pilaf
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Sliced tomatoes Broiled steak Baked potatoes (need an hour) with sour cream or salsa and chives or green onions Steamed green beans	Tossed salad with dressing Macaroni & cheese (Kraft from box) Baby carrots
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Tossed salad with dressing Sandwiches: tuna salad; cheese; or sliced meat Pickles Cut up fresh fruit	Pancakes with syrup Scrambled eggs Cut up fresh fruit

**\*Friday lunch will either be in Corpus or you will need to prepare one extra lunch depending on your South Coast Music Festival concert schedule**