

April 3, 2009

Dear Parents,

It is finally time to prepare for the music department's annual Spring Trip to Southern California. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the Symphonic Band and Advanced Choir to experience performing outside the area, as well as having lots of fun. This year's trip will be to **Disneyland** in Anaheim, California. All members of the Symphonic Band and Advanced Choir are eligible to participate.

Many details of the trip are still being finalized, but here is the schedule as it stands now. We will leave Horner at 7:00 A.M. on Friday, May 8. After eating dinner at a theme restaurant called Pirates Adventure, students will spend the night in a hotel Friday. Saturday morning, both groups will perform in front of a panel of adjudicators at a venue close to Disneyland. Students will then proceed to Disneyland and have the rest of the day free to ride the attractions. At the end of Saturday evening, we will leave directly for home, traveling all night. We will arrive back at Horner by approximately 6:00 A.M. Sunday, May 10 (yes, it is Mother's Day).

The cost of the trip is \$400 per student. This price is based on all students attending the trip. In the event of parent cancellation, payments are non-refundable. Arrangements are being made through the company Music in the Parks. Transportation will be by Royal Coach charter buses. There will be plenty of adult supervision during all aspects of the trip. The price includes the following: transportation, hotel room, park admission, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and a t-shirt.

I understand that this information is coming home close to the trip date. There were some issues in securing a bus reservations that have now been solved. If your child has participated in either the candy sale or the sing and play-a-thon, please make the appropriate adjustment to your payment.

Please pay the entire \$400 by Thursday, April 9 or  
\$200 by April 9 and \$200 by April 30

All payments should be placed in an envelope with the students name on it. Checks (made out to Horner Music) or money orders are the preferred method of payment.

We are scheduled to stay at the "Holiday Inn" in Anaheim, nearly across the street from Disneyland. Their phone # is (714) 535-1725. The performance is open to the public, but please keep in mind that this is an educational trip for the students, not a family vacation. If you plan on coming to watch the performances, you will need to make arrangements with me in advance. Please do not just show up.

Please fill out the attached commitment form and return to Mr. Lorigan by Monday.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (510) 656-4000 ex. 48050.

Sincerely,

Paul Lorigan, Music Director

**PARENT PERMISSION FORM - HORNER MUSIC SPRING 2009 TRIP**

My child \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to travel with the Horner Advanced Choir and Symphonic Band to Disneyland on May 8, and returning on May 10, 2009. I understand that transportation will be by coach buses provided by Royal Coach Charter.

Furthermore, I understand that the rules and policies of Horner Junior High School will be in effect during this time, and that if my student is involved in any activity, which, in the opinion of the music director and other adults in charge of the trip, is a danger to him/herself, or is guilty of a serious infraction of the school rules, my student will be sent home by the quickest means possible, and I will be responsible for the cost. I understand that there are no refunds.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_