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Dear Band Parents,

After an incredibly successful marching season, we're off to a great start on our concert season. Much of our success so far this year is thanks to the band parents who spend countless hours working to make our students look great and provide us with the funding needed to experience this success. On behalf of all the students, thank you!

As most of you know by now, the Stillwater Board of Education recently approved our trip to Atlanta, Georgia from April 18 to 22. At this time, many of the details about the trip are still being worked out, but our tentative itinerary includes trips to Six Flags Over Georgia, Medieval Times, a tour of CNN, the World of Coca-Cola, the Georgia Aquarium, and a concert by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Of course, the centerpiece of this trip will be our own performances by the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble at the National Adjudicators Invitational Band Contest. We will depart after school on Wednesday, April 18 and drive through the night and return during the day on Sunday, April 22. We are in the process of finalizing the itinerary and hope to have a complete run-down to you sometime in January or February.

The anticipated cost of the trip is \$350.00. This figure may change as the itinerary becomes finalized. Attached you will find a payment schedule, along with additional information for chaperones. Many students already have substantial funds available in their trip accounts. To check your child's account balance, simply log in to CHARMS. You can access the CHARMS database through the band's homepage using your child's student ID number as your login. We are making our best efforts to keep that as up to date as possible, but please understand that not all fund raisers have been entered into the system until they have been finalized and audited by the school board. Remember that fund raisers are still available through the final OSU football game and the OSU basketball concessions. This is a great opportunity for your child to help raise funds for their trip. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at the office or e-mail me.

Sincerely,

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Student Payment Schedule

Below are the required trip payment deadlines. Families may pay more for any payment if they so choose, but the following payments must be made or the students must have money in their trip accounts through fund raisers by the deadlines indicated in order to secure your spot on this trip.

Tues., Jan. 10	Tues., Feb. 7	Tues., March 6
\$100.00	\$150.00	Balance remaining

As students will miss classes for this event, eligibility is a critical factor. Any student that is ineligible will not be allowed to attend the trip. Therefore, I encourage you to carefully monitor your child's grades as we approach this event. If your child is failing any class, they may not attend, and money will not be refunded.

No trip is possible without chaperones. The parents that come with us on our trips play a vital role in the success of each trip, and in guaranteeing that future trips will be possible. We want to encourage you to attend this trip as a chaperone. Chaperones are required to follow the same itinerary as the students, and are also required to supervise students throughout the course of the trip. The cost for chaperones varies based on the number of people sharing a hotel room. Below is the anticipated cost of the trip for chaperones.

Number of people per room	1	2	3	4
Cost per person	\$710.00	\$470.00	\$390.00	\$350.00

Chaperones will follow the same payment schedule as the students. Chaperones staying 3/room please add \$13.33 per payment, 2/room please add \$40.00/payment, and 1/room please add \$120.00/payment.

Any amount that is in your child's trip account may be deducted from all family payments (including chaperones), starting with the first payment due on January 10. Please make all checks payable to SHS Band.

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Due to the performing nature of this trip, it is critical that all students participate. Due to the fact that we need to reserve tickets for several events as soon as possible, please complete this information slip and return it to Mr. Zamborsky as soon as possible, no later than November 29.

Student's name: _____

I will attend the spring trip and participate in all activities established by the directors.

Signature: _____

Parent's name(s): _____

I/We would like to attend the Atlanta trip as chaperones. Number of people: _____

Signature: _____

Preferred e-mail address: _____