



"Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music!"
- Ronald Reagan

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Parents and Students,

We are pleased and excited to announce that the Reagan High School Band of Raiders Marching Band has been selected to participate in the 2018 National Independence Parade in Washington, DC. The band will perform in the largest Independence Day parade on Constitution Avenue on July 4th, 2018, beginning at 11:45am. We would like for you to join us and be a part of this trip!

We will leave Pfafftown on July 3rd and return on July 5th after a three-day/two-night visit to our nation's capital. In addition to the parade our students will get the opportunity to hear the National Symphony followed by a fireworks display as well as visit the Jefferson, Korean, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, and Vietnam Memorials. We are awaiting confirmation about touring Arlington National Cemetery and participating in the U.S. Military Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There are other great events lined up for us as well that are very educational and entertaining.

Students from the 2017 marching band and students that will be in the 2018 marching band at Reagan are eligible to attend the trip, along with parents and guardians. This is current 8th grade students through current seniors. Parents and guardians will need to go through the volunteer screening process on the WSFCS website.

We have a page on our website (www.bandofraiders.org) dedicated to the trip and there are many resources there to find information including a tentative itinerary, payment and cost information, and volunteer screening. If you have any questions outside of the available information on the website, please feel free to contact me. My email address is rvjohnston.reaganbands@gmail.com.

The approximate cost of the trip will be \$600 per person based on quad occupancy in rooms. There is an upcharge for students or adults wishing to stay in a single, double, or triple occupied room. Total cost and payments, refunds, inclusions, etc. is available on the website.

We will host a meeting for interested students and parents on Monday, December 18th at 6:30pm in the band room. We will also host an additional parent meeting on January 8th if you are unable to attend the first. I will also be happy to set a time to meet with parents individually if needed.

Thank you all and I look forward to a great opportunity for our students!

Sincerely,

Robert Johnston
Director of Bands
Reagan High School