

Douglas S. Freeman H.S. Bands

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Dear Parents,

The arrangements have been made for the Freeman Music Department spring trip to New York, New York, April 19-21, 2012. The spring trip is a great performing experience for the students and a lot of fun!

The cost of the trip per student will be approximately \$500, which includes everything for your child – transportation, food, lodging, tips, and entertainment. We expect to leave very early Thursday morning, so you might want to pack some snacks for the bus ride, but the only other money they need is for personal souvenirs.

Please remember that participation in our fall fundraisers directly reduces the amount of your child's trip. For example, each Rebel Card sold by your child nets \$5 off the cost of your trip. A percentage of all your child's fruit sales next month will reduce the cost of your trip. Participation in the Brunswick Stew event on November 5th helps, as do various other opportunities. The final cost of your trip will be sent to you before the final payment is due in February.

Initial deposit payment for the trip, \$150, is due no later than October 20, 2011. Checks should be made payable to DSF Band Boosters. Checks can be sent in to the band room at school with your child, or mailed to: Cathie Ricketts, 9607 Sloman Place, 23238.

To avoid one big bill this winter, any family is welcomed, or even encouraged, to begin making additional payments on the trip now. We will keep it in your child's "account." All monies owed (overdue fees, etc.) must be paid before going on the spring trip.

More details about the activities on the trip and details for your planning and packing will be coming out next year.

In addition, we always need chaperones (male and female)! Please consider sharing some time and space with a great group of kids in April. We expect the trip cost to be slightly less than that for students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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