

**WILLIAMSBURG FIELD TRIP INFORMATION FOR FALL 2020**

February 26, 2020

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents,

One of the highlights for many of Jefferson’s 8<sup>th</sup> graders each year is our annual field trip to Williamsburg, VA. This coming year’s trip will take place September 25-28 at the beginning of our Fall Break. We realize that the Fall Break timing of the trip may pose a challenge for families who have already made plans.

A draft of the itinerary is copied on the back of this page. We will spend three nights at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Williamsburg and tour Jamestown (1<sup>st</sup> permanent English settlement), Williamsburg (colonial Virginia’s capital during much of the American Revolution period), and Yorktown (where the British surrendered and independence was won). On the way back, we will stop in Charlottesville to tour Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

**The projected cost of this year’s trip is \$525.** This amount includes hotel, transportation, tickets for all events, and all meals during the trip. A final price will be set in August once we know our final student count.

Since this learning opportunity is not part of the school day and is not a required school activity, fee waivers are not applicable to cover trip costs. Limited scholarship funds may become available in the fall, but we cannot guarantee them at this time. Students must also meet certain academic, attendance, and behavioral criteria to be eligible for the trip. In order to reserve buses and hotel rooms for the trip, we will be collecting deposits next week. Below, you have three options to choose from:

1. Yes, my child will participate. His/her \$100 deposit is attached.
2. No, my child will not participate.
3. We are undecided at this time. I understand that my child can still sign up next school year.

If you choose ‘yes’ but later change your mind, your deposit *is* refundable if you cancel by a certain date in August. Our refund policy will be included with information that we send home the first week of school. ***Your child will still have the opportunity to sign up in August even if he/she does not pay a deposit now.***

**Please indicate your child’s interest in the trip by filling out and signing below and returning it to school next week, the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brewer and Mr. Linn will be in the lobby from 7:10-7:30 AM to collect forms, and for those intending to go, the \$100 deposit. Make checks payable to Jefferson Middle School.**

Please contact 8<sup>th</sup> grade American History teachers, Scott Linn ([slinn@ortn.edu](mailto:slinn@ortn.edu)) or Ben Brewer ([btb Brewer@ortn.edu](mailto:btb Brewer@ortn.edu)) if you have questions.

**2020 WILLIAMSBURG FIELD TRIP**

**Student name** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select one of the following options:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child will participate. His/her \$100 deposit is attached.

**(Please make check payable to ‘Jefferson Middle School.’)**

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my child will not participate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Undecided at this time. I understand that my child can still sign up next school year.

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent email:** \_\_\_\_\_

