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2025 Concert Tour Bahamas - Orlando INFORMATION BULLETIN #1

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We are excited to announce plans for a Music Department Concert Tour in the Spring of 2025 to the Bahamas and Orlando, Florida. We are excited to have our ensembles serve as musical ambassadors to these destinations and provide this opportunity, not only as an educational trip, but as a reward for years of dedication to the music department. Concert Tours such as this are an important part of the educational process in music ensembles. Sharing music with other communities and cultures is both educational and rewarding. The tour also provides many additional educational opportunities for our students. Alumni will attest to their Concert Tours being one of their most memorable high school experiences. Of course, participation is completely voluntary. This tour is provided as an enrichment opportunity.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Students who plan to participate in the Concert Tour should return the attached "Intent To Participate Form" along with check for the \$300 deposit, payable to CENTRAL YORK HIGH SCHOOL. Please note that this tour is still pending school board and administrative approval.

Intent to Participate and Deposit due by March 1.

DATES: February 13-19, 2025

WHO: Any CYHS student enrolled in Band, Choir and/or Orchestra for the 2024-2025 school year.

DESTINATION: Bahamas (Royal Caribbean Cruise) & Orlando (Universal Studios Parks)

COST: \$1725 per student

- this price is tentative, but hopefully close; and change will likely come in under estimated cost
- Package price is based on double occupancy for both the cruise and the hotel

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$300 due March 1 with final commitment \$500 due May 15 \$500 due September 15 \$425 (or final balance) due November 15

All checks payable to: CENTRAL YORK HIGH SCHOOL

MAKING PAYMENTS

Please submit payments in an envelop with the student's name and "Concert Tour" written on the front. Put all payments (in envelop) in the black lock box in Mr. Martini's office in the band room. There are envelops available by the box if you forget one.

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PASSPORTS

We are requiring all students participating to have a current U.S. Passport. The expense of securing a passport is not included in the cost of this tour.

PARENTS/GUESTS

Parents and guardians may also go along on this tour, contingent upon availability of seats. Any guests traveling with us will pay the same package rate. It is also possible for parents to participate in the cruise and Universal, but pay for their own air fare, which would mean the package cost would be reduced (minus the transportation portion). ANYONE interested should let Mr. Martini (<u>imartini@cysd.k12.pa.us</u>) know - he will keep a list first-come-first-serve to fill available space in the tour and will let you know after March 1.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Due to certain reservations and costs that must be paid in advance, the following schedule will be followed for refunding payments for this trip, in the event your participation must be cancelled in the future.

Prior to March 1, 2024 all payments, including the \$300 deposit, are

refundable

After March 1, 2024, all payments minus \$100 is refundable. After May 15, 2024, all payments minus \$300 is refundable Between May 15, 2024 and November 15, 2024, \$300 plus any other

deposits made by the Travel Agency (to be determined by Travel Agency) is non-refundable.

After November 15, 2024, all payments are non-refundable.

If a replacement is found to take the place of a cancelled student, a full

refund will be made, pending any non-refundable deposits made by Travel Agency, etc..

INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation, round-trip from CYHS to destinations, as well as use of motor coaches throughout the tour in Florida
- All taxes and gratuities fro drivers, hotels, cruise ship personnel and restaurants included in the itinerary
- Three-night Royal Caribbean Cruise aboard "Allure of the Seas"
 - Shipboard program includes
 - Concert performances by each ensemble on board ship
 - All port charges and onboard gratuities
 - All meals onboard ship
 - All shipboard activities and entertainment
 - Cruise ship stateroom accommodations (dual occupancy)
- One night hotel accommodations in Orlando (Rosen Inn Pointe or equivalent) double occupancy rooms
- Two-day Park-To-Park Pass for Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure
- Universal STARS Performance Program in Universal City Walk
- Meals while in Orlando
- 1 breakfasts at hotel
- 2 \$20 meal cards for use at Universal Orlando
- Full time Notable Student Travel Tour Director
- All Taxes & Gratuities

This tour is being put together through Notable Student Travel.

NOT INCLUDED:

- personal expenses: telephone, laundry, souvenirs, etc.
- Beverages/meals not included in the above package
- Cost of obtain a passport
- Travel Insurance

Central York High School 2025 Concert Tour Bahamas & Orlando, DATES

Itinerary as of January, 2024

This itinerary is tentative and subject to change

<u>Day 1 – Thursday, February 13, 2025</u>

3:00 PM	Motor coaches arrive at CYHS
3:30 PM	Depart CYHS
7:30 PM	*Dinner stop, Fredericksburg, VA. Many dining options
TBD	Rest stop - Virginia/North Carolina Border
	Overnight on coaches. Driver change in Lumberton, NC

Day 2 - Friday, February 14, 2025

TBD	*Breakfast stop - 45 minutes
11:00 AM	Arrive Cocoa Beach, FL.
	Free time @ Ron Jon Surf Shop
12;30 PM	Arrive Port Canaveral; Board Royal Caribbean Utopia of the Seas
	Lunch onboard, Windjammer Cafe
	Afternoon free to enjoy the ship, use the pool, etc.
4:15 PM	Mandatory Passenger Life Boat Drill. Announcements will be made onboard
	Ship sets sail for Nassau, Bahamas
4:30 PM	Group Welcome Meeting - location TBA
5:15 PM	Sail Away Celebration party on the Pool Deck, Bon Voyage!
6:00-7:30 PM	Dinner, served in Main Dining Room. Group will be seated in the same room.
7:45 PM	Welcome Aboard Show in Theater
10:15 PM	Room Checks. Get some sleep!!

Day 3 - Saturday, February 15, 2025

7:00 AM	Breakfast - served in Main Dining Room or buffet in Windjammer Cafe
8:45 AM	Set-up for performances in Amber Theater
9:15-10:00 AM	Warm-up in Theater
10:00-10:30 AM	Band Performance
10:30-11:00 AM	Orchestra Performance
11:00-11:30 AM	Choir Performance
11:30 AM	Pack up from performance
	Free time to change for Nassau
	Lunch served in Main Dining Room or buffet in Windjammer Cafe
12:00 PM	Ship docks in Nassau, Bahamas
1:00 PM	Group meet in lounge to disembark
	Free Time in Nassau. We will provide guidelines and instructions for check-in, places
	to visit, etc.
3:30 PM	Meet, Check-In, Board Ship
	Free time onboard until dinner
6:00 PM	Formal Dinner in Main Dining Room
	Refer to "Cruise Compass" for entertainment and activities onboard tonight
10:00 PM	Dancing Under the Stars on the Pool Deck (weather permitting)
11:15 PM	Room Checks.
11:30 PM	Ship departs Nassau for CocoCay, Bahamas

Day 4 - Sunday, February 16, 2025

7:30 AM	Breakfast served in Main Dining Room or buffet in Windjammer Cafe
8:00 AM	Ship arrives at CocoCay, Bahamas

9:00 AM	Meet in Lounge to disembark
	Day at CocCay. Swim in the azure waters of the Caribbean, stroll the beaches.
	Water sports, snorkeling, beach volleyball, and other fun games and contests (note
	- some activities may be an additional expense)
12:00 PM	Lunch - Beach island barbecue at Blackbeard's Grille
3:30 PM	Meet group in front of Snorkeler's Shack to head back to ship
	Relax and get ready for evening activities
5:00 PM	Ship departs CocoCay
6:00 PM	Dinner in Main Dining Room
	Refer to "Cruise Compass" for evening activities and entertainment
9:00 PM	Farewell Show in Theater
11:00 PM	Room Checks
	Luggage outside your door by 11:00 PM
	Settle up any onboard accounts at the Guest Relations Desk by 11:00 PM

Day 5 - Monday, February 17, 2025

6:30 AM	Breakfast in the Windjammer Cafe
8:15 AM	Meet in assigned lounge for group disembarkation
9:00 AM	Group Disembarkation
10:00 AM	Motor coach transfer to Universal Orlando
11:00 AM	Arrive Universal Orlando
	Remainder of day in Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure
	\$20 Universal Dining Card provided for dinner
9:00 PM	Meet coaches in bus parking area outside Universal and depart for hotel
9:30 PM	Check in Hotel
10:30 PM	Room Checks

Day 6 - Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast at Hotel
8:30 AM	Transfer to Universal for performances
10:00-10:30	Choir Performance, CityWalk Lagoon Stage
10:40-11:10	Orchestra Performance, Citywalk Lagoon Stage
11:20-11:50	Band Performance, Citywalk Lagoon Stage
12:00	Pack up equipment truck, change into park attire
	Afternoon free in Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure
	\$20 Universal Dining Card provided for dinner
9:00 PM	Meet coaches in bus parking area
	Depart for home
	Overnight on bus. Rest stop.

Day 7 - Wednesday, February 19, 2025

	Change drivers during night
	Morning rest stop at Virginia Welcome Center
	AM Brunch stop (45 minutes)
3:00 PM	Estimated arrival time at CYHS

Meals not included in tour

Day 1 - Dinner Day 5 – Lunch Day 6 – Lunch

Day 7 – Brunch

Recommend between \$8-\$10 for lunch and \$10-\$15 for dinner

Bahamas & Orlando Central York High School Music Department Concert Tour February 13-19, 2025

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Student's Name:_____

Parent/Guardian:_____

Parent/Guardian Email:_____

Please **initial** each bullet point, indicating your agreement and understanding. If you do not intend to participate, skip to the final bullet.

I **INTEND** TO PARTICIPATE:

INITIAL HERE		
Parent	Student	• I intend to participate in the Central York High School Music Department Concert Tour to the Bahamas & Orlando, FL, on February 13-19, 2025. I have read the Information Bulletin #1 and understand that trip policies and further information will sent home in the upcoming months. Please reserve a position for me for this trip. I have read and understand the information provided in the Information Bulletin.
		• I understand participation in this tour is completely voluntary.
		• I must be enrolled in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Chamber Strings, String Orchestra, Concert Choir, and/or Mixed Choir for 2024-2025 or be a member of the 2024 Color Guard.
		• I will read all subsequent Information Bulletins and submit all forms, online and/ or hard-copies as requested, and payments in time.
		• The final price of this trip will be determined at a later date, depending on variables such as fuel surcharges, but is currently priced at \$1725 per student. The final price is not expected to change much, if at all.
		• I have read and understand the cancelation/refund policy in the Information Bulletin. <i>All cancellations and requests for refund must be made in writing</i> , once you submit your Intent to Participate and deposit.

I **DO NOT INTEND** TO PATICIPATE

	1 1	intend to participate in the Central York High School Music Department our in 2025. There is no need to send any further information home of this trip.		
Student signature:		date:		
Parent/Guardian signature:		date:		