

December 14, 2011

Dear Parents and Music Student:

As you know, the Whitehall-Coplay Middle School Bands and Chorus are planning on traveling to HersheyPark for a fun filled day of music performances and visiting the attractions in Hershey. The date of our trip is SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012. We will be leaving WCMS first thing in the morning. Upon arrival in the Hershey area, the bands and chorus will perform for a distinguished panel of judges. These judges will in turn critique each musical group as to its strengths and weaknesses. There will be many other musical ensembles from other schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York area performing as well, so we will also get a chance to hear some other groups. After our performance, we will visit HersheyPark for the remainder of the day. In the evening, we will all attend a gala awards ceremony and we will all find out what the judges thought of our performances!

Obviously, a trip such as this costs money. At the present, we are anticipating this trip to cost \$75 per student. This fee covers admission to HersheyPark, fees for the competition itself, and a picnic-style meal for all trip participants. We will travel to HersheyPark on school buses. *If the cost of this trip should change in any way, we will inform you immediately.*

We truly hope that each and every student in band and chorus is able to participate on this trip. In order for our musical groups to sound the best they can, we need as close to 100% participation as possible – if not 100%! The first thing we need from each student is a \$25 deposit to reserve and hold their seat for this trip. This \$25 should be in the form of a check made payable to “WCMS” (Whitehall-Coplay Middle School). The balance of the trip (\$50) will be due on Friday, February 3, 2012.

In addition for this trip to become a reality, we need adults who are willing to serve as chaperones. If you are interested, willing, and able to make the trip to Hershey with us, please contact one of the music directors immediately, and we will give you additional details regarding chaperoning.

We are hoping to make this trip a yearly adventure in the activities of the Whitehall-Coplay Middle School Music Department. In addition, perhaps this trip can lead to even bigger, better, and more exciting things in the future. Again, we need as close to 100% participation in order to make this become a reality. Please complete the attached form and return it to one of the music directors NO LATER than FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012 in order to reserve a spot for your child on this trip. Again, please note that the balance of this trip MUST be paid in full NO LATER than FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012.

It is important to note that while we hope for all to participate in this trip to Hershey Park, it is not a condition of membership in any of the WMCS music organizations.

Should you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

L. Rick Hilborn, 6th Grade Band Director
Matt Tanzos, 7th and 8th Grade Band Director
Don Ryan, Chorus Director
Ken Schneider, Chorus Accompanist/Director

WHITEHALL-COPLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

HERSHEY TRIP – COMMITMENT/RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Student Name _____

Grade _____

(check all that apply): I am a member of the: _____ 6th Grade Band

_____ 7th and 8th Grade Band

_____ Chorus

The above-named student: _____ IS able to participate on the 2012 HersheyPark Trip

_____ IS NOT able to participate on the 2012 HersheyPark Trip

*****PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH A CHECK FOR \$25 PAYABLE TO “WCMS” AS A DEPOSIT FOR THIS TRIP!!!**

Check Number: _____

By signing this, I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to travel with the Whitehall-Coplay Music Department to HersheyPark and participate in the “Music in the Parks” music festival on Saturday, May 19, 2012. I understand my child MUST abide by the rules, regulations, and guidelines set-up for this trip by the music directors. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary consequences.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

RETURN THIS FORM TO ONE OF THE MUSIC DIRECTORS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JAN 6, 2012.