

May 9, 2011

Dear Parents/Chaperones,

What a great trip! I had a wonderful time escorting this group of young people to our nation's capital. I hope you also find the stresses getting ready and the long bus rides were worth it. Thank you for joining us. I am so very proud of this group of young people! Aside from a bit of rain and missing the Twilight Tattoo, the trip went very well. Thank you also for understanding my need to leave the group early. While I greatly enjoyed being with my family for my daughter's graduation, I thought about how you all were doing often.

I have a favor to ask of you. Please rate the events and places we visited on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "rather a waste of time" and 5 being a definite "I'd do that again anytime." I will need to start planning next year's trip in the next few weeks and appreciate any thoughts you might have. Also rate the meal locations and the hotel for me. Please include any other thoughts or ideas you have to make the trip even better in the future.

Attractions		Accommodations	
Tuesday, May 3	Rating		Rating
Battlefield Tour		Breakfast @ Gettysburg	
National Cathedral		Lunch @ Montgomery Mall	
Drive down Embassy Row		Old Country Buffet	
White House Pictures		Breakfast @ hotel	
		Lunch @ Union Station	
Wednesday, May 4		Dinner @ Pentagon City	
Supreme Court lecture		Lunch @ Pentagon City	
Washington Monument		Dinner @ Hard Rock Cafe	
Capitol tour		Lunch @ Roosevelt Island	
Congressman Pence		Dinner @ Pentagon City	
Changing of the Guard		Comfort Inn hotel	
Korean War Memorial		Tour Guide-(Gettysburg)	
National Archives		Tour Guide-Lou Ann (DC)	
Navy Memorial		Tour Guide-Ginny (DC)	
Law Enforcement Memorial		Tour Guide-(Night Tour)	
Thursday, May 5		Friday, May 6	
Arlington National Cemetery		Mount Vernon	
Subway to Pentagon City		Group Picture	
World War II Memorial		Roosevelt Island	
Vietnam War Memorial		Afternoon on the Mall	
Worship with Holy Communion		IMAX "Legends of Flight 3D"	
Einstein Statue		Night tour of the Memorials	
Newseum		o Air Force Memorial	
T-Shirt Shopping		o Pentagon Memorial	
Musical @ Ford's Theater		o Jefferson Memorial	
		o FDR Memorial	
		o Lincoln Memorial	
		o Iwo Jima Memorial	
		Info from Mr. Drier	
		o Pop-up Map book	
		o Information booklet	

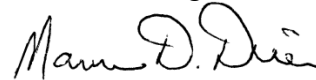
I have a couple favors to ask of all of you. Tim has offered to use his online photo account to post all our pictures for easy access. Either, send in a disk of all the pictures you or your child took on the trip. I will take care of posting them to the account. Or, I will send home info on how you can post and retrieve the pictures from the site yourself. Please share your pictures with us so that we all can benefit from each other's photography.

Second, we traditionally have had a get-together for all the students and parents to view the students DC PowerPoints and reminisce about the trip. If you would be willing to host the group, please let me know ASAP. Also let me know of any dates that you know will not work for you. A weekend evening would probably work best, but that is not absolute. If you think having at school would work, let me know that. If we do have it at school, we will need some people to volunteer to supervise the kids in the gym or outside.

I will have the class write a note to Congressman Pence, thanking him the time he gave to the class. They will also write a note to Jim Brune thanking him for his generous donation of the T-shirts.

Finally, thank you again to the Wyneken Class of 2011! Everything from here on in seems rather anticlimactic!

God's blessings,



Mr. Drier

PS-On another note, I am still taking pictures of the students in the Class of 2011 throughout their years at Wyneken. They can be pictures of anything showing the students. Groups of students are better, but not essential. Send them with your child and I will scan them and return them as soon as possible. If you sent some in, I have to still get many scanned. I will get that done as quickly as possible and get them back to you. Also, several of you have not turned in remarks for the yearbook for your child. I need them by the end of this week or I will leave that space blank for your child. Thank you for your help with this.

Remember the following dates:

- The girls first soccer tournament game will be on **Monday, May 23**, site, time and opponent to be determined.
- The athletic banquet is scheduled for **Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 PM.**
- The Wyneken Class of 2011 will be remembered and officially passed on at their graduation on **Tuesday, June 7** at 7:00 at Zion-Friedheim
- Fun Day is scheduled for **Thursday, June 9** in the morning and will involve all grades.
- The last day of school for the 2010-2011 school year is **Thursday, June 9** with awards (gymnasium) and closing worship (St. John-Bingen) in the afternoon.