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Brandon East Side Band

Dear Grade 8 Band Parent / Guardian,

Our grade 8 band trip to the International Music Camp at the International Peace Garden is happening very soon. Here are some last-minute tips and bits of information to make your child's band camp experience a memorable one!

Our two-day itinerary is attached. A copy can be found on the East Side Band Website. If you need to get a hold of your child during camp, the camp director can be reached at 701-263-4211 between 11pm and 7am. There may not be anyone near a phone during the day.

If your child has any medications that they will need at camp, please contact Ms. Dodds immediately to receive an additional form and to provide the appropriate information.

Our drop off/pick up location this year is the Earl Oxford Soccer Field. **Do not park in the Bus Loop**.

On Thursday, September 28th, your child will need to be dropped off there **at 7:15am**. At this time, please come find their bus table (bus 1, 2 or 3) that they were assigned in class to hand in their ID. Please remember, originals of passports or birth certificates work best. After everyone has been checked in, we will then begin loading busses at 7:45am and depart for the Peace Gardens at 8am. We will return to Brandon**, meeting at Earl Oxford at 6:15pm on Friday, September 29th.** Please make all necessary arrangements to have your child picked up at 6:15pm on Friday.

Your child needs to bring:

- Sleeping Bag/Blankets
- Pillow
- Towel
- Bathroom items (soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste)
- Bag Lunch for Thursday and Snacks (to be eaten outside only)
- Water Bottle
- Instrument, Music, pencil, and any extra instrument care items (reeds, valve oil, spray bottle, etc.)
- Warm Clothes (Better safe than sorry)
- Raincoat (let's hope it's not needed!)
- Walking shoes
- Money for snacks and souvenirs (optional, you do not need American dollars)

Your child should NOT bring:

- Computers, Video Games—Students can bring small electronic equipment HOWEVER it is their responsibility and if it is lost, stolen or broken the East Side Band Program takes no responsibility for it. There is no WIFI or cell reception at camp, but there are pay phones students can use (prepaid cards work best)
- Energy Drinks
- Perfume / Cologne (BSD policy)
- No Peanuts – there are students who are allergic on this trip.

If you have any questions or concerns about this trip, please contact your band director. We are really looking forward to this trip!

Musically Yours,
Erin Dodds and Graydon Cramer
East Side Band and West Side Band - Directors