

Lahainaluna High School Music Department

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This Spring Break, the Lahainaluna High School Concert Band and Concert Choir will be going to Honolulu. While on this trip, the students will have the prospect to work with faculty of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Music Department and perform at Ala Moana and the USS Arizona Memorial. Because this is a performance, all students are expected to go. The trip is tentatively set for March 13, 2010 to March 17, 2010. We are estimating the cost of the trip to be anywhere from \$500 to \$600. If there is a schedule conflict that may prevent your child from attending, please contact me ASAP.

The exact cost has not yet been determined because in order to obtain it, we first need a complete roster of names and bodies to get a quote for airfare and ground transportation. As soon as we have the names of all the students, we can get a definite price. To get a tentative list of names, we will be asking each student for a \$50 deposit. Money that the students have already collected in their personal accounts may be used towards their deposit.

Understandably, not all of us can afford \$500 to \$600 but we have some fundraisers have been established to help lower the overall cost. We have already had one car wash and bake sale and have another in December and in February. We also have envelopes made where students can collect individual donations to help alleviate some of their own personal cost that are (available at the request of student and/or parent).

The way car washes work is for every ticket a student sells, they get to keep 100% of that money in their individual accounts that we have setup for them. The most recent carwash had a handful of students selling well over 15 \$5 tickets. The overall carwash including ticket sales, drive-ups, donations and bake sale (not divided into individual accounts) netted a total a little over \$3500. With the car wash ticket sales alone, it is very plausible that students may be able to sell enough tickets to pay for their trip in its entirety.

Here is some information and activities that we lined up (tentative):

- Pagoda Hotel
- University of Hawaii Clinic (Band- Mr. Grant Okamura; Choir- Dr. Rachel Samet)
- Performance at Ala Moana Center Stage
- USS Arizona/USS Missouri tour
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- Ice Palace
- Dave and Buster's Dinner and Power Card
- Oahu Ghost Tour (optional)
- Theatrical Performance of "A Chorus Line" or "Hair"
- Festival of High School Marching Bands Parade (observe)
- Shopping

Deposits will be collected to ensure our trip manifest is current. Deposits are the minimum amount we are asking for.

Important dates to remember:

- Deposit 1: \$50 - November 20, 2009
- Deposit 2: \$100 - December 11, 2009
- Deposit 3: \$100 - January 15, 2010 (previous deposits are non-refundable after date)
- Final Payment: Remaining Amount - February 12, 2010

In order to hold the reservation, payments need to be made in a timely fashion. Failure to make a deposit will forfeit the Student's reservation. Reimbursements can be made BEFORE the January deposit. After the January deposit, any previous deposits made are non-refundable regardless if the student has not met the criteria to go on the trip (read below). After the remaining amount has been paid in full in February, if a student is removed from the trip manifest (personal reasons or does not meet the criteria), the money CANNOT be reimbursed.

Criteria for Students attending this trip:

- Must have all necessary paperwork for the trip up to date
- Must have at least a C average in his/her music class(es) (Band/Choir)
- Must have ALL practice charts completed and turned in starting November 30, 2009
- Must NOT be failing a core class
- Must have clearance from school administration regarding behavioral concerns

During this trip, we will be representing Lahainaluna, Lahaina and Maui. Every student needs to exercise and exhibit a well understanding of musicianship as well as citizenship.

This is a very unique and tremendous opportunity for our students to share their talents with others, get to work with incredibly knowledgeable clinicians and create long-lasting, wonderful memories.

Please feel free to get back to me with any questions or concerns.

Mahalo!

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