

## Savannah Trip-PARENT Information Sheet

### Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Departure Information/Instructions

RTMS doors will open at 5:30AM. Students should arrive by **5:35 AM** for check in and to prepare for boarding buses.

Due to the scheduling of the venues that we will be visiting, it is imperative buses leave on time. **Buses will leave RTMS at 6:15 am.** (If your child is not at the school by 5:45 AM, so that he/she can complete the check-in process and board the bus, we will not be able to wait for him or her and your child will not be able to take part in the trip.)

### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Return Information/Instructions

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN BUS LOADING AREA. Please PARK in parking lots. PLEASE DO NOT create a "carpool" line as it backs up traffic. If the roads are backed up with traffic, busses are not able to get into the BUS LOADING AREA on our return.

Parents should plan to be at RTMS by **9:45PM on Friday evening** for pick-up. Students are scheduled to **return at 10 PM**; however, students will be instructed to call parents when the buses are approximately thirty minutes away from arriving at the school. We encourage carpooling at pick-up to ease traffic.

**Necessary Gear and Personal Belongings:** **RTMS dress code must be followed at all times (including the dance).** We ask that student clothing be neat and that t-shirts not display inappropriate comments, slogans, and/or pictures. (Please label all student items as the school cannot assume responsibility for lost items.)

#### **Students should bring the following items:**

- **WEAR Savannah t-shirt Thursday AM**
- compact umbrella or rain jacket
- comfortable, closed-toe shoes
- sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt
- jeans, slacks, or shorts; dress must adhere to RTMS dress code
- pillow or small blanket for the bus ride
- small book bag in which students can store personal items
- cell phone /earbuds– please make sure items have identification info
- insect repellent, sunscreen and/or sunglasses/hat
- phone charger/battery pack
- toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, contact lens case/fluid)

#### **Spending Money**

Students may bring spending money; we suggest no more than \$30-\$50 as students are responsible for keeping up with their own personal funds. All fees and meal costs are included in the cost of the trip.

#### **Snacks**

Students may bring snacks for the bus trip and for hotel at night and keep these items in their book-bag. Snacks **MUST** be in an enclosable/sealable container (such as a Ziploc bag). **Nuts, chewing gum and chocolate are prohibited at all times. All drinks must have a screw-on top as cans are not allowed on the bus.**

#### **Personal Electronic Devices**

Small electronic devices (phone, Nook or Kindle, etc.) are permitted on the bus. However, **large tablets, laptop computers, or game box devices/video games are not permitted on the trip.** All buses are VCR/DVD equipped; movies will be G, PG or PG13 and will be actively monitored by the chaperones on each bus.

#### **School Rules Apply**

The FCSS Student Code of Conduct Expectations and Technology Acceptable Use Standards and RTMS Student Policies and Procedures apply. Chaperones for the trip are teachers and staff from River Trail Middle School. Additional security guards will be on duty at the hotels from 10:30PM-6:00AM Thursday night-Friday morning.

#### **Accommodations**

Students are assigned four to a room; they were provided the opportunity to select their own roommates and complete the sig- up process. The room list is not subject to change except at the discretion of a school administrator.

#### **Activities Not Allowed**

Students are not allowed to place charges/fees on the television or phone at the hotel. Additionally, students are not permitted near the hotel snack bar or the pool at any time.

#### **Contact Information**

We ask that you not call your child while we are on the trip and that students not call home. If there is an emergency, please call the school to inform front office staff of the emergency and contact both Mrs. Anderson at (470-488-8107). Each student will be provided an arm bracelet with an emergency number on it to contact in case of an emergency. Students will receive Anderson's cell number above to add to their phones.

**Medications:** Please see the handout on prescription/non-prescription medications. Contact Ms. Cherian 470-254-8615 with questions about procedures.

\*Please take time to review/discuss the Student-Expectations/Information handout with your child as part of your family discussions. This sheet will be covered again in specific bus meetings with students prior to the trip. Students will work with designated bus chaperones to prepare for the trip.