



Dear Band Students and Parents,

As you might be aware, the Pine View Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band are planning a big trip this spring. We will be attending the Worldstrides Heritage Festival in Chicago and your student will have an opportunity of a lifetime, including playing in a respected Chicago performance venue, professional adjudication, competition with other top ensembles and, of course, lots of sightseeing and fun. The dates for this event are Thursday, April 5th through Sunday, April 8th.



The projected cost for this trip will be approximately \$1,300 per student. We are hoping that all students who wish to participate will be able to do so but we understand that this is an expensive trip so we are providing a variety of opportunities to help students defray the costs.

There will be a number of fundraising opportunities this fall and winter. All eligible students (those is Wind Ensemble or Jazz Band) will be able to apply 50% of the profits of their fundraising dollars toward the cost of the trip. Additionally, there will be a limited number of financial assistance opportunities for students to help work at events and get a credit of \$10/hr. applied toward their balance.

A very small number of scholarships are also available through the booster organization. In order to receive one of these scholarships, the student must apply for the scholarship and exhibit serious efforts in participating in other fundraisers and work opportunities. Each application will be evaluated on an individual basis. If you need to apply for a scholarship, please contact Mr. Mongillo at victor.mongillo@sarasotacountyschools.net.

Among the immediate fundraising opportunities will be a Carrabba's lunch and our fall Cherrydale fundraiser (more info to come!). The Carrabba's lunch will be held on

September 16th from 11:30 – 1:00. All students will receive 2 tickets to sell but there is no limit on the number of tickets that can be sold. The Cherrydale fundraiser will begin September 29th and run through October 13th.

If you are interested in participating in the trip but feel that you might be in need of scholarship help, please let Mr. Mongillo know as soon as possible. Because there will be purchase of individual plane tickets for this trip, commitment and a deposit will need to be in before September 1st and students will not be able to change plans after that point.

We are looking forward to an exciting adventure.

Sincerely,
PV Band Boosters

Chicago Band Trip - April 5 - 8, 2018

Payment Dates

Sept. 1 - \$200 Initial deposit, commitment due

Oct. 2 - \$200

Nov. 1 - \$200

Dec. 1 - \$200

Jan. 9 - \$200

Feb. 1 - Remainder due