

O'MALEY

Innovation Middle School



Washington DC Information

Emergency Contact Information: EF Explore America 1-800-503-2323 – Tour #1827897ED

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express – 6401 Brandon Ave. / Springfield, VA 22150 - 703.644-5555

Depart on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:15 AM. Students *must* arrive by 6:00. During drop off do NOT park in front of the school... We need to ensure room for 4 coach busses. You can use the teacher's parking area or further down the driveway closer to the rink.

Return on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at about 11:00 PM. Again, please be sure to leave space for the busses. We will have students call or text you when we are about one hour away and then again when we are closer. Please plan to be at the school when we arrive.

Students are allowed to have cell phones. However, there will be certain places where cell phones are not permitted. Students will leave their phones on the bus when we're at those places. Each chaperone will collect cell phone numbers from their groups for use in case of emergency. I suggest students add the tour company as a contact in their phones. We are okay with ipads and laptops, but students must be responsible for them.

Money: Students may bring or must purchase their own lunch on the way down. They must also purchase the evening meal on the way home. All meals in DC are included in the cost of the trip. We will stop at a souvenir shop for those interested in buying DC merchandise. It's up to each family to decide what they want to send. A reasonable suggestion would be \$10 for the two meals and \$40 for souvenirs for a total of \$60 to \$70...

The Hotel: Once we get back to the hotel each evening chaperones will account for each student. A security guard will be stationed on each floor to be certain no one leaves his or her room.

Our Nurse: One of our school nurses will be with us on the trip. If your child takes daily meds, please bring the medicine in its original prescription bottle to school on either Monday 3/27, or Tuesday, 3/28 anytime during the school day. Please only supply enough medicine for the number of doses that will be needed. We will have a supply of over-the-counter pain relievers as noted on the emergency form (Advil, Benadryl, Tylenol, Tums) any other medication must be supplied by families. Students are allowed to carry their own asthma inhalers, epi-pens and OTC motion sickness pills if needed.

Discipline: Please have a conversation with your child about proper and respectful behavior. Our goal is to have an event free experience. We should hear 'please' and 'thank you' often. All school rules are in effect including dress code. There will be a couple locations where it's appropriate to dress nicely.

Packing: Enough clothes for four days – bathroom kit – comfortable shoes/sneakers – sun block / hat. A more detailed list will sent home as well. We will have a supply of water on the bus for everyone.

Twitter: I'll be tweeting during the trip. My twitter account is now connected to the O'Maley webpage or you can follow @MyStrongWisdom