

Dear Parents and Guardians of 8th Grade Students,

We are excited to announce that planning is officially underway for our upcoming **8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip**! This annual tradition offers students a unique opportunity to see history come to life, and we wanted to share the preliminary timeline so your family can plan accordingly for the fall.

Trip Overview

- **Dates:** Wednesday, October 28 – Friday, October 30, 2026
- **Destination:** Washington, D.C.

Estimated Costs & Payment Schedule

While we are still finalizing the exact numbers with our travel partners, we anticipate the total cost per student will range from **\$550 - \$640** depending on the number of students. To help manage the logistics, please keep the following deadlines in mind:

- A non-refundable deposit of **\$300** will be required to secure your student's spot and will be due by **September 4th**.
- Full payment of the remaining balance will be due on **September 25th**.
- Once we have an exact number of students going on the trip we can communicate the exact cost of the trip.

What's Next?

We will hold a parent meeting for those attending the trip on October 12, 2026 during Parent-Teacher Conferences. At this time we will provide specific information on the itinerary, schedules, rules and procedures for the trip.

Sincerely,

Brian Baughman
Principal, West Holmes Middle School