



Dear Parents,

March 18, 2022

Let us take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Kingwood Township School music program. As you may have heard from your children, the 5-8 grade band and chorus are planning a trip to Dorney Park to participate in the *Music in the Parks* music festival on Friday, May 27, 2022. This note is meant to clarify the purpose of this trip as well as define some of the logistics involved in this wonderful musical opportunity.

Your children work so hard and put in so much time preparing School events throughout the year that it has become necessary to supplement their performance schedule with an opportunity just for them. This opportunity affords your children with an experience that will allow them to grow musically and reward them for all of their time and effort in a way which will be both beneficial and memorable.

The reasons for this trip are:

1. **EDUCATIONAL** – this is not a trip just to have fun!
 - A. Your children will participate in a professionally run music festival!
 1. Will perform for and be critiqued by other professional music educators
 2. Will perform for and listen to other bands and choruses with students of relatively the same age –tremendous for the musical growth or your child as they can compare and identify with a similar peer group outside their own environment.
 3. Will receive judges critique recordings where specific musical comments will be made to enhance the musicality of each student in the band and chorus.
 - B. Your children will have the opportunity to perform
 1. Higher level of mastery and understanding of musical concepts within the literature they perform.
 2. They will represent Kingwood Township School establishing pride and community spirit.
 - C. Your children will develop stronger interpersonal skills.
 1. The children will have to depend on each other to succeed.
 2. They must interact and work together to achieve a goal outside the walls of Kingwood Township School.
2. **GRATIFICATION**
 - A. Your children work so hard – they deserve a reward
 - B. Another incentive to achieve excellence and maintain a good work ethic.

The trip is scheduled for **Friday, May 27, 2022** (a school day). The children will perform at Kutztown University, a college in the vicinity of Dorney Park. After our performances, we will eat lunch and have a group photograph taken. After the photo, we will load the buses to go to Dorney Park. At 5:00 pm, the awards ceremony will take place inside Dorney Park at the Food Fest Grove.

The festival company, *Music in the Parks*, is considered by many music teachers in the country to be the most reputable organization of its kind utilizing quality adjudicators and a caring, hands-on approach with each and every ensemble. The president of the company is a former professor of Mr. White and Mrs. Niedziejko at West Chester University.

Thanks to our ShopRite gift cards and Gertrude Hawk fundraiser, the cost for this wonderful event is only \$52 per student.

That cost includes:

- ♪ Their commemorative t-shirt which is also their uniform for the day
- ♪ Transportation to and from the festival
- ♪ Chaperone fees
- ♪ The student Festival participation fee which provides:
 - The professional adjudicators, judges critique tapes that we take back to school to improve our singing and playing
 - The use of the performance facility
 - A participation trophy for the school
 - Admission to Dorney Park
 - A commemorative *Music in the Parks* patch or pin

The cost does not include their lunch (which they will bring with them to eat at the performance site), nor their dinner, which they can purchase with their own money at the park.

Chaperones are on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in chaperoning, please indicate so on the form. Chaperones **must ride the bus** to and from the trip. Only 1 parent chaperone per student will be chosen. Other parents are more than welcome to follow us in their own car and join us at the performance site.

More information on what the students should wear, bring and what time to report to school will follow, as we get closer to the trip.

Attached to this page, is the ticket and t-shirt order form as well as parent permission form. If your child is not attending the trip but would still like a t-shirt since everyone's name will be listed, please contact me separately.

Checks are to be made out to **Kingwood Township BOE**. Please **NO CASH!** The complete payment and other forms are due in an envelope with their name and grade on it no later than Friday, April 8 to Mrs. Niedziejko.

Thank you,

Gina Niedziejko & Ian White

1 Form per Family
TICKETS

DUE: On or Before Friday April 8, 2022

Band / Chorus member(s) last name _____

Band / Chorus member(s) first name(s) _____

of Band / Chorus members going _____ X \$52.00 = \$ _____

If you child is not attending the trip but would still like to have a t-shirt since everyone in the music department name is on the back of the t-shirt, please contact me.

T-SHIRTS

Please include the Band / Chorus members' sizes on this form

When in doubt of size, please order larger
Please indicate # of sizes needed

_____ adult small _____ adult X large
_____ youth medium _____ adult medium _____ adult XX large
_____ youth large _____ adult large

I am interested in chaperoning _____
Please print your name

If I am chosen to be a chaperone, my t-shirt size is _____

KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Please complete and return this form to school no later than April 8, 2022.

Please check the appropriate box and complete in print.

I **DO** give my consent for my child,

_____, to participate in the planned field trip to Music in the Parks Festival on Friday, May 27, 2022.

I **DO NOT** give my consent for my child,

_____, to participate in the planned field trip to Music in the Parks Festival on Friday, May 27, 2022.

My child has allergies/reactions to medication:

NO ____

YES ____ If YES, please explain:

My child takes medication which must be administered during this trip: NO ____

YES ____ If YES, please explain:

EMERGENCY TREATMENT: ^{SEP} In the event of an accident or illness, permission is hereby granted for emergency treatment to be administered to my child, _____, by a private physician, hospital, or other emergency treatment facility.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Daytime Phone)

EMERGENCY CONTACT: ^{SEP} If the buses return from the trip either earlier or later than expected due to any unforeseen circumstances or in the event of an emergency, please provide us with an alternate phone number to contact.

(Emergency contact name)

(Phone Number)