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April 2016

Greetings Junior Students and Parents!

Our class trip will be to the Boston area, May 4-6 this year. We will be staying at the Quality Inn in Lexington, and have an action packed three days planned. Our itinerary is as follows:

May 4, Wednesday

Please let one of the chaperones know in advance where you will be meeting the van.

8:00 AM – Departure from The Academy

8:20 AM – Pick up in Greenfield at Big Y (close to the Route 2 entrance to the parking lot)

Walden Pond – reflection exercise (writing and/or drawing, with a prompt) and lunch

Concord: Old Manse, Old North Bridge and Sleepy Hollow Cemetery –Author’s Ridge

Dinner in Concord (Market Street Café, possibly other venues)

Return to hotel

May 5, Thursday

Depart hotel at 8:00 AM, Drive to Alewife T stop, T to Boston

Black Heritage Trail and Freedom Trail Walk – State House area to North End

Lunch in North End followed by free time

Institute of Contemporary Art, Fan Pier

Dinner - Chinatown or other near Theater District

7:30 PM – *Swan Lake*: Boston Ballet production at the Boston Opera House

Return to hotel via the T after the show

May 6, Friday

Depart hotel at 8:00 AM, drive to Salem

Self-guided organized walking tour of Salem

Peabody-Essex Museum and lunch

Depart Salem at 1:30 PM

3:30 PM ETA at Big Y, Greenfield

4:00 PM ETA at The Academy

Students should bring a bag lunch (and a writing/drawing implement and paper) for Wednesday, and approximately \$85.00 to cover T fare, lunches and dinners for the remainder of the trip. Breakfast is included for hotel guests. Students should also bring comfortable shoes for walking and field trip dress, and watch the weather to determine if raincoats/umbrellas will be necessary. Pack lightly and efficiently!

The phone number for the Quality Inn and Suites is 781-861-0850.

Chaperone cell phone numbers are as follows:

Mr. Isler 413-695-7913 Ms. Valdez 443-955-0322 Ms. Tirk 508-479-5936

Before we leave Salem we will call parents to confirm our arrival times in Greenfield and Charlemont.

Be sure your child knows where to reach you at about 1:30 on Friday.

Feel free to contact any of us with questions.

We all look forward to this special time with the junior class!

Mr. Isler

Ms. Valdez

Ms. Tirk