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Dear Sophomores and 10th grade Parents:

Preparations for our 10th Class Trip to New York City, May 4-6, 2016 are underway! Please take note of the following information and contact Sabine Mauri at <u>smauri@charlemont.org</u> with any questions.

1. Where are we going?

We are going to New York City for three days and two nights, May 4-6, 2016. While in New York, we will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, MoMA, the United Nations, the 9/11 Memorial, Chinatown, and other educational sites. We will be staying at the Vanderbilt YMCA, 224 East 47th Street (P: 212.756.9600), which is a reasonably priced dormitory-like facility that welcomes school groups such as ours. Students will be sharing rooms within our group; communal bathrooms, which are segregated by gender, are located at the end of each hall. Fees for the trip are included in the comprehensive fee you have already paid.

2. How will we get there?

The entire group will meet at that the parking lot of Yankee Candle in South Deerfield at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday morning. We will travel in three cars to New Haven Union Station. From there we will travel by train to Grand Central Station. While in the city we will use public transportation. We will return to New Haven Friday evening and will have more specific times to you before we embark.

3. What should we bring?

As little luggage as possible because you will have to carry it. Please make sure each piece of luggage is labeled with your name and address. Field trip attire means no jeans for this trip. Sensible shoes. No electronics other than cell phones (e.g. NO game consoles or any other electronic devices outside of cell phones.) We suggest:

- \$150 for food, Metrocards, and miscellaneous expenses.
- Sneakers or other "we're doing a lot of walking" shoes with good arch support, and perhaps a second pair in case it is rainy.
- A watch
- Bag lunch for Wednesday
- Toiletries, washcloth
- Sweater or sweatshirt

- Khakis & shirts
- Socks and such
- Umbrella or nylon shell

Did we mention that we will be doing a lot of walking?

4. How can we reach the group in an emergency?

The phone number at the YMCA is listed above. In addition, you can reach the chaperones by cell phone:

Sabine Mauri (413.834.8394), Andrae Green (413.687.8707), Brian Bloomfield (413.588.6184)