



# EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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January 8, 2018

Dear Eisenhower HS Wind Ensemble Students & Parents:

Our big performance is quickly approaching! Here are some last-minute details and pertinent information, including an attached itinerary, **2<sup>nd</sup> payment reminder (\$125 by January 18<sup>th</sup>)**, and medical form/permission slip (in case you haven't turned one in yet).

- Medical Form:** Please make sure you have filled out and sign the Medical Information/Permission Slip sheet (from the first mailing) and have turned it in to Mr. Traskal ASAP. Students must turn all medications in to the chaperons for proper dispersion.
- Luggage:** Do not over pack! You will only be gone one evening. Students may bring one carry-on bag, one uniform bag, and one suitcase to be stored inside the bus luggage area. You will not have access to the stored bag until hotel check-in. You are solely responsible for your luggage, including your instrument.
- Concert Attire:** We will be hanging the concert attire in the trailer. Bring your uniform in a garment bag and label that bag. If you do not have a garment bag, see Mr. Traskal.
- What to Bring:** Because we will be a part of a "professional" setting, please dress nicely for Thursday evening and Friday morning's events (do not wear jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, etc). We will have time to change when we arrive in Grand Rapids Thursday. After our performance on Friday, we will try to get a spot to change into more comfortable clothes for the ride home. For both days, all clothing must be neat, clean, and modest.
- Other Needs:** Your instrument, a wire stand (maybe??), music, extra reeds & mouthpieces, sleepwear, toiletries, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc., camera, spending money (for snacks/souvenirs), and a timepiece. Optional: Travel game, MP3 player, etc.
- Rules:** **ALL SCHOOL RULES ARE IN EFFECT!!!!** Anyone caught breaking these rules, or other rules set forth by the hotel, Mr. Traskal, or the chaperones will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the trip and performance. See attached "General Rules" sheet for more details.
- Contact Info:** If you need to reach me or one of the chaperones while we are in Grand Rapids, please contact **Mrs. Sue Swartz** at (586) 206-8843. The number for the **Amway Grand Plaza Hotel** is (616) 774-2000.
- Departure:** Drop off luggage to Eisenhower **before school** on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Our call time for loading/departure is **1:00pm**. After the student exams and rehearsal, a lunch will be provided by the Band Boosters.
- Return:** The students should arrive back to Eisenhower at approximately **9:00pm** on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Equipment and instruments will need to be unloaded at that time.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to attend the Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Band Booster Meeting at 7:00 PM in the HS Band Room. You can also contact me at (586) 797-1438, or by email at christopher.traskal@uticak12.org. All information and a copy of the itinerary can also be found at **WWW.IKEBANDS.COM**

Musically yours,

Christopher M. Traskal,  
Director of Bands



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## MICHIGAN MUSIC CONFERENCE ITINERARY (2019) – EISENHOWER HS WIND ENSEMBLE

### TIME EVENT

#### **WEDNESDAY (1/23/19)**

- 7:20am - 10:24am 1st & 2nd Hour Exams
- 10:45am – 12:00pm Wind Ensemble Rehearsal (Band Room)
- 12:00pm – 12:45pm Lunch @ Ike (provided by Boosters)
- 1:00pm – approx. 2:14pm 5<sup>th</sup> Hour Exams (Taking place in ECC proctored by Mr. Traskal/Mrs. Parker)

#### **THURSDAY (1/24/19)**

- 6:50am – 7:15am Drop off luggage in designated area
- 7:20am - 10:24am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Exams (take 6<sup>th</sup> hour exams during 4<sup>th</sup> hour time block)
- 10:45am – Noon Rehearsal in Band Room
- Noon – 1:00pm Lunch @ Ike (provided) / Load trailer (parents can drop off luggage at this time as well)
- 1:00pm Check-in and bus loading.
- 1:45pm Depart for Grand Rapids
- 4:30pm Arrive at the Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids - Check into the hotel and take a tour of performance area, etc.
- 6:15pm Dinner at "The B.O.B", Downtown Grand Rapids (walkable)  
20 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- 8:30pm Grand Rapids Concert Band performance @ Devos Center-Performance Hall
- 10:30pm "Talk Through" meeting/rehearsal at the hotel
- 11:00pm In rooms for the night and get a good night of rest ☺

#### **FRIDAY (1/25/19)**

- 7:00am – 9:00am Breakfast at the hotel. Each student will be given a breakfast voucher to use at the Amway. Have rooms ready for check-out inspection and report for Breakfast in the Ottawa Room at the hotel
- 9:00am Meet at location TBD. Move luggage/instruments/equipment/stands to the Storage Room.
- 10:00am Manistee High School Symphonic Band in the DeVos Performance Hall
- 11:00am Take part in the 2019 Michigan Music Conference! Check out the exhibits, a concert, or even a clinic!
- 12:30pm Pre-Ordered Box Lunch at TBD
- 1:15pm Report to TBD Room (storage room) to drop luggage, coats, change into concert attire, etc.
- 2:00pm Warm-up in DeVos - TBD
- 3:00pm EISENHOWER HS WIND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE!!! in the DeVos Performance Hall  
DeVos Place Conference Center: 303 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**
- 4:15pm Load buses & trailer
- 4:45pm Depart for Ike! Stop on-the-way for dinner (fast food) – you will receive \$10 cash back!
- 8:30pm (approx.) Return to Ike & unload trailer.



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## GENERAL RULES

- Students will NOT be allowed to pack any drinkable liquids in their carry on or suitcase. Bottled water will be provided for each student at the start of the trip. There will be opportunities for students to purchase beverages throughout their trip.
- Laptop computers, games systems (PlayStation, Wii, etc.), TVs, and portable DVD players are not permitted.
- Students are to use appropriate language and demonstrate good behavior.
- We represent our school and community as we travel. Students are to be considerate of everyone with whom we come in contact.
- Each student is to stay with his/her designated group and never travel anyplace alone. Students must not leave any facility except in an approved, chaperoned group.
- Students may wear comfortable clothing. However, all clothing must be neat, clean, and modest. Because we will be a part of a "professional" setting, please dress nicely for Friday's events (do not wear jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, etc).
- Each student is to participate fully in all activities of the trip.
- The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, vaping materials, or illegal drugs is absolutely prohibited.
- Students assume full responsibility for all valuables taken on the trip.
- All school rules are in effect!

## BUS RULES

- Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Providing the student follows bus rules, each student may select his/her seat.
- Students may take food on the bus. However, NO LIQUIDS (see above). Please keep the bus clean and dispose of all trash properly.
- Students are expected to bring only what luggage they can carry (one suitcase and a carry-on piece). Luggage should be tagged with your name. Luggage will be inspected.
- Portable music players may be played with headphones on the bus.
- Bring DVDs for the bus. Only G, PG, and PG13 movies will be allowed and must be approved by the director and/or head chaperone for that bus.

## HOTEL RULES

- Students will stay in their own rooms from curfew until breakfast time. Lights out and quiet time will begin thirty minutes after curfew. Room checks will occur nightly via security guards.
- One radio or TV per room may be played at a moderate level. They are not to distract others.
- Everyone is to help keep his/her room neat. Rooms will be checked.
- No student is to enter the room of hotel guests not from our group. No one from outside our group is to enter our group's rooms.
- No student is to leave the hotel premises.
- Students should use pay phones or cell phones to call home.
- At no time may boys visit girls' rooms and vice versa.
- Students are responsible and required to pay for any damage and/or theft.
- No swimming is allowed on this trip.