Washington, D.C.
8th Grade Trip - Fall Meeting



Tuesday, June 8, 2027- Friday, June 11, 2027

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8th Grade Trip

This is a school sponsored opportunity for students to expand their traditional school based learning
- incorporating curriculum with real life history!

We are excited your student has decided to join us on this educational and memorable trip.

The Westport Middle School Administration and the
Westport Middle-High School PTO

Student Expectations for Trip Participation

<u>In order for students be eligible to attend the trip:</u>

- **Students must meet Citizenship requirements as outlined in the Student Handbook**
  - Handbook starting on pg. 14

- **Administration reserves the right to revoke student privileges to attend the trip based on the severity of office referrals, and/or in or out of school suspensions for any reason.**

If a student becomes ineligible to attend the trip because of these expectations, all payments are non-refundable after December 11, 2026.

Trip Cost for Students

Estimated trip pricing - people per bus:

30 PEOPLE $879/Quad; $929/Triple; $1,029/Dbl

35 PEOPLE $829/Quad; $879/Triple; $979/Dbl

40 PEOPLE $794/Quad; $844/Triple; $944/Dbl

45 PEOPLE $764/Quad; $814/Triple; $914/Dbl

Final cost determined by number of students attending trip.

Trip Price Includes:

- Bus Transportation
- 3 Hot Breakfasts
- Boat Cruise - Dinner/Dance
- District Tour Guides
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- 3 Dinners
  - Including Boat Dinner/Dance
- Hotel Security
- Escort

Also Admission to:

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Hotels

First Night:

Wyndham Philadelphia
400 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106



Second Two Nights:

Fairfield Inn and Suites
6254 Duke Street
Alexandria West-Mark Center, VA



SAMPLE Itinerary Overview



Tuesday

- **5:30 AM Arrive at WMHS**
- **6:00 AM DEPART FOR PHILADELPHIA, PA**
- **Lunch -** *On your own*
- **Franklin Institute**
- **Self-Guided Tour of the US Mint**
- **Picture of the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall**
- **Dinner -** *Included*
- **Hotel Check-In**
- **Revolutionary Gameshow –"Tales of the Macabre and Gruesome"**

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Itinerary subject to change.



Wednesday



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- **Breakfast - 7:30 AM -** *Included*
- **Memorials:**
  - **Thomas Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, & Martin Luther King Jr.**
- **Lunch @ L'enfant Plaza -** *On your own*
- **Memorials: Vietnam, Korea, Lincoln, 9/11, Air Force**
- **Dinner Pentagon City Mall -** *Included*
- **Twilight Tattoo**
  - **Fife and Drum Corp/National Color Guard and 3rd Infantry Regiment**
- **Iwo Jima/Marine Memorial**
- **Late Check-In at Hotel**









Itinerary subject to change.

Thursday



- **Breakfast - 7:00 AM -** *Included*
- **US Capitol Tour**
- **Lunch -** *On your own*
- **Arlington National Cemetery: Changing of the Guard**
- **Picture at White House**
- **Dinner/Boat Dance -** *Included*



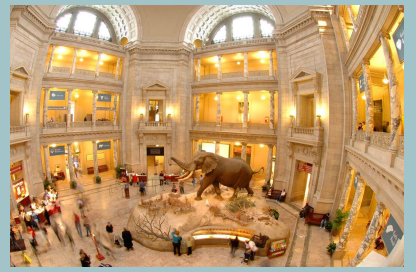




Friday

- **Breakfast -** *Included*
- **Checkout & Depart for Washington, D.C.**
- **Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial**
- **National Mall**
- **Smithsonians: Air & Space, Natural, and American History**
- **Lunch -** *On your own*
- **2PM Depart for Westport, MA**
- **Dinner on I-95 -** *On your own*
- **11PM Arrival @ Westport Middle School**







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Bus Transportation

- **Students will sit with their bus partner and in the vicinity of their group.**
- **Chaperones will be on the same bus.**
- **One seat the entire trip!**
  - There is no seat changing
  - Chaperones need to be able to quickly see who is there and who isn't



Important Payment Due Dates



- October 16, 2026 — **Permission Slip & Non-Refundable Deposit - $150.00**
- December 11, 2026 — Second Payment Due - $150.00
- January 29, 2027 — Third Payment Due - $200.00
- March 12, 2027 — Fourth Payment Due - $200.00
- April 14, 2027 — Final Balance Due

**Final Balance figures will be sent out prior to April Payment.*

**An estimated trip price will be determined after the October 16th deadline. Price is subject to change if student numbers change before the trip.*

****** ALL Trip Payments are Non-Refundable after December 11, 2026. ******

All Trips MUST be paid in FULL by April 16, 2027 for student to be eligible to go.
Late trip payments will not be accepted.

Planning for Meals & Spending Money



- **Your student will have to pay for:**
  - Four Lunches - Average cost $15.00 - $20.00/lunch
  - One Dinner - Average cost $20.00 - $25.00/dinner
- **Plan for $200 - $250 per student**
- **Discuss a budget for Food and Souvenirs with your student.**
- **Discuss spending limits to make money last the entire trip.**

Chaperones

Opportunity/Availability to chaperone will depend on total number of students.

Chaperones are chosen in this order by administration & a committee:

1. Teacher and Administration Approval
2. Staff Participation
3. PTO Involvement
4. Male/Female Ratio (students/chaperones)
5. Medical Needs

- **Chaperones are responsible for being CORI'd and fingerprinted by 12/31/2026**
- Chaperones must stay with their group, maintain contact with students/parents via cell phone
- Chaperones are responsible for a group of students from the time the bus departs Westport until its return to Westport, including safety, communication, behavior, and other related activities.
- Chaperones **MUST** be able to walk 8-10 miles a day in hot weather.

The Role of the PTO…

Each year the PTO sponsors and administers the D.C. Trip for our 8th Grade Students

The trip fee paid by families **does not cover** the entire cost of facilitating this trip. There are additional costs above and beyond what each family pays that are covered annually by the PTO.

PTO Fundraisers help us defray the additional costs associated directly with this trip, some of which include:

- Trip Coordinator
- Wildcat Hats for all students and chaperones
- Financial Aid
- Bus Boxes with essential & extra supplies needed for each bus on the trip
- Trip overages *(ie. gas/fuel surcharges, tips, parking, and other unforeseen expenses)*

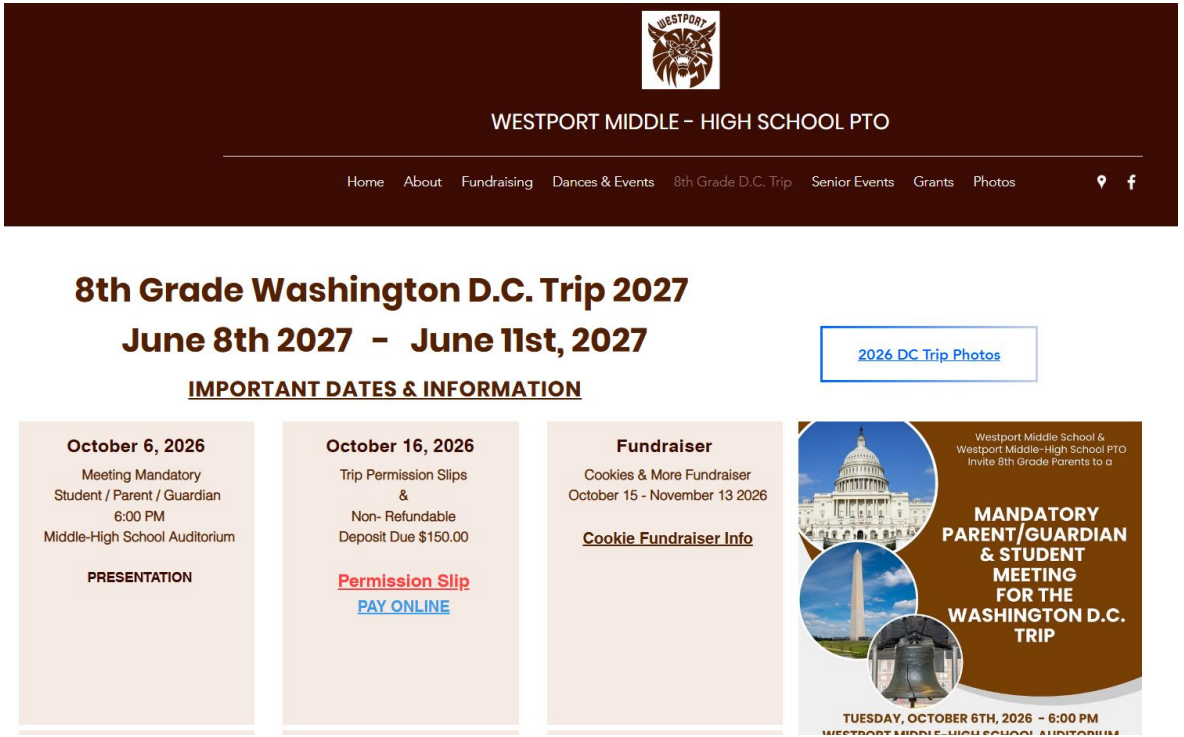
In an effort to keep the trip cost as affordable as possible, and not raise the per student cost, we ask that families support our fundraisers throughout the year. Without your support the cost of this trip and other field trips for middle & high school students will increase.

PTO Website - Washington D.C. Trip Page

Visit our website for trip related information:

- Up to date trip information
- Online Payment Links
- Fundraiser Information
- Forms
- Presentations

www.whspa02790.org/dc



Fundraising

This year the PTO will provide one fundraising opportunity for students to help defray the cost of the D.C. trip and
make is attainable for any student who wishes to attend.

Our goal is to ensure that all interested students have access to this amazing educational opportunity!

In previous years, some students managed to cover almost the entire cost of their trip through fundraising.

Cookies & More Fall Fundraiser

Cookies & More Fall Fundraiser - October 15 - November 13,2026

We have provided you with instructions and catalogs tonight, you will also receive an e-mail with instructions to set-up your students online platform.

Earn money for YOUR trip with this fundraiser.

35-40% of each item that YOU SELL will go to defray the cost of your trip.

- **BUY OR SELL Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough and More**
  - Share the online catalog with friends/ family.
  - Place & pay for all orders online quickly and easily!
  - The PTO will announce the product pick-up date - Mid-December.
  - You deliver product to your supporters and they enjoy delicious treats!



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IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING NOTES

- All funds raised by students via Fundraisers CANNOT and WILL NOT be refunded to students.
- Fundraising monies raised by by students who "do not or cannot" attend the trip are non-refundable - these funds remain with the PTO!

Remember

The PTO offers this fundraising opportunity for students participating in this trip. The fundraiser clearly outlines the % of profits allocated to the individual student's account to offset out-of-pocket expenses. The more you fundraise, the less you pay for the trip.

** The more fundraising you participate in, the less you pay out of pocket for the trip.**

Financial Aid

The PTO is committed to assisting students and families that have a financial hardship attend this educational opportunity.

Any student who applies for and receives financial aid must participate in fundraising opportunities offered by the PTO.

All requests for financial assistance must be made on the initial permission slip, due October 16th 2026.

Please reach out to us at whspa02790@gmail.com with any questions.

What's Next…

Fill Out & Submit Permission Slip / Deposit Form

Deadline: October 16, 2026

Two Payments Methods:

Check or Money Order

"Payable to: Westport Middle-High PTO"

Online Via our Zeffy Payment Portal

Payment Link

Please note that each payment will have a unique payment link

Please Note- We DO NOT ACCEPT CASH

QUESTIONS



After this meeting you will receive an email with the information presented tonight. Please email us if you have any questions or concerns.

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We hope your student will attend!
Thank you for attending tonight!