

TALK GIVEN ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

As most of you are aware, this coming year is what we call a “Disney Year”. I wanted to take this time to explain a little bit about the financial commitment for it, and what all the the money covers:

At this point, without any donations from any source, the cost is approximately \$ 525.00. Here’s what that will cover:

- **Charter Bus to and from Orlando - \$ 5,706.00 per bus.**
- **Three nights deluxe hotel accommodations in the Orlando area**
- **Three Days Base Admission to the Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios and Disney’s Animal Kingdom**
- **One Day Admission to a Universal Theme Park**
- **Two Full American Breakfasts at the Hotel or Golden Corral**
- **One Full American Breakfast at The Rainforest Café**
- **One Dinner at Planet Hollywood**

We are also looking into meal coupons for Disney/Universal. At this point – 4 full meals are included in the package price.

The plans are to leave Salem on Monday, December 28 around 7:30 p.m. and travel throughout the night to Orlando. We will most likely have a short band rehearsal that afternoon just to review the music that we will play at Disney. We will most likely arrive at Universal Studios the 1st day we are there – December 29. I’m hoping that we will perform on Wednesday, December 30 at Disneyworld – hopefully, Magic Kingdom. On Thursday, December 31, we will go to Epcot most likely, and finish our stay on Friday, January 1 at Disney Studios (formerly MGM), leaving after we watch “Fantasmic” that night.

2009 FALL FEES

In terms of finances for this coming year:

Band Camp - will remain the same as last year - \$ 275.00.

You can pay the fee either in payments, or all at once. A deposit of \$ 100.00 is required by May 27, which is the day of the meeting that will be held at Salem High School for next year's Marching Band.

All checks for student fees should be made payable to Salem High School.

Contest Fees - \$ 125.00 maximum – also did not change from last year, and may actually end up being lower depending on the location of contests. This fee is due the middle of September.

Indoor Fees - will not increase from this year's fees – may reduce the amount of travel (fewer contests).

We WILL be holding additional fund-raisers to help offset the costs of going to Florida – these have not been set as of yet. Our first payment for the Florida trip will be in June before the end of the school year. I will need a commitment from all those who plan to go by June 1st. These forms will be sent out in May during the audition week(s).

We will be holding music rehearsals on Tuesday – Thursday, June 2 – 4 from 4:00 – 6:00. This currently is not on the schedule. This will help all students learn their music for the fall.