

February 17th, 2023

Dear 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra Students/Parents:

As you already know, orchestra students put in so much extra time and effort to sound as great as they do. They dedicate many extra hours to practice time, after-school rehearsals, and concert performances. With all of that in mind, I want to give these students a reward opportunity for their work. **On Saturday, May 20th , we are going to Carowinds!** This trip is completely optional, but I hope that many students will want to go spend a day with their friends, enjoying games and rides to celebrate what they have been able to accomplish. We will leave Northwood around 8:00AM that day and return around 7:30PM. That will give students several hours to enjoy the park, but also put us home around dinner time.

The final cost of the trip will be partially determined by how many students and parents we get to commit. As of now, **the estimated cost of the trip is between \$75-80.** That money covers a person's ticket and fair share of the charter bus fee. The final cost will be settled after the first payment is due. At that point, we will know exactly how many people are going and how much is needed. If a lot of people want to go, the final cost may drop!

**\*NOTE:** Any student that receives a behavior-related referral between February 27th and May 20th may no longer be allowed to attend this trip. In that situation, I will communicate that clearly with the parent.

**The first payment of \$50 is due by Friday, March 3rd, 2023.**

**This will reserve your spot on the Carowinds trip.**

**The remaining balance will be due a few weeks later, on Friday, March 31st.**

**\*Money is Non-Refundable after April 1st\***

To pay your **student** deposit, visit the MySchoolBucks link that Mr. Murch emailed out to parents. You may also scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. Parents who indicated they were interested in chaperoning should get a separate email with information about paying that deposit as well. Please note, we are limited to the number of seats available on our one bus.

Let me know if you have any questions. I am really excited about this trip!

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