



Latin Club Fieldtrip to the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
“Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture Around the Bay of Naples”
Monday, December 29, 2008

Please check out the NGA website for interesting information about the exhibit:
<http://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/pompeiiinfo.shtm>

Anticipated Schedule

7:20 AM	Meeting on the platform at the train station in Fredericksburg
7:50	Departure for Washington, DC, on board VRE #310
9:18	Anticipated arrival at Union Station in Washington, DC
10:00	Opening of the National Gallery of Art/Viewing of the exhibit, film, completing worksheet
12:00 PM	Lunch at the National Gallery of Art
1:00	Scavenger hunt for classically-inspired art/Browsing at the NGA
2:30	Transfer to Union Station
3:35	Departure from Union Station for Fredericksburg on board VRE #303
5:08	Anticipated arrival at the train station in Fredericksburg

Important Information

- 1) This is a trip open to members of the Riverbend HS Latin Club.
- 2) Even though this trip takes place during Winter Break, school rules apply and appropriate behavior is expected.
- 3) We will be traveling to Washington, DC, using the Virginia Railway Express (VRE). We will be traveling between the Fredericksburg Station and Union Station.
- 4) A round-trip ticket for student in a group costs \$9.10 (a 50% discount from the normal fare). Money for the train ticket must accompany the permission slip and is due by Friday, December 19. It is important that we have a firm count by that date so that we can purchase the necessary number of tickets.
- 5) Trains to and from Washington cater mostly to people commuting to work. Proper etiquette, including remaining seated, taking up only one seat, not making excessive noise, behaving appropriately in public, is expected and required.
- 6) The purpose of this fieldtrip to the National Gallery of Art is to view the unique exhibit about Pompeii and learn about the life and civilization of the ancient Romans. We will be completing a companion worksheet for this exhibit. We will also be participating in a scavenger hunt of mythological and classical themes in art -- **IF YOUR INTENTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS ARE OTHERWISE, PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE.**
- 7) Students will remain with the group at all times. There will be no “free time” to wander around Union Station or the Mall. There may be the opportunity for smaller groups during the scavenger hunt or browsing the museum. At no point will a student be allowed to leave the museum, station, train or the group on his/her own.
- 8) Students should bring very little with them. Any bags, backpacks, large purses, will have to be checked at the door of the museum. Students should bring money for a snack on the train or Union Station and for lunch (expensive). All students should also bring a cell phone so that we can remain in contact. Please provide Mr. Keith with your cell phone number when you sign up.
- 9) Students should be dropped off by their parents at the Fredericksburg Station downtown by 7:15 AM and wait with the group. Students are not encouraged to park on their own downtown unless they are prepared to pay the necessary parking fees, etc.
- 10) Students must be picked up by their parents promptly upon our return to Fredericksburg. **IF A PROMPT, RELIABLE RIDE IS NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE.**
- 11) If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Keith at 785-6855 (home) or 540-760-9220 (cell), or pallanteum@comcast.net.
- 12) If you sign up for the fieldtrip and find that you have to withdraw, please let Mr. Keith know as soon as possible. We will not be able to wait on the platform for the train in the morning, when it pulls out, we have to be on it.
- 13) In the event of inclement weather, a decision to go or cancel will be made by Mr. Keith as soon as possible. He will call the numbers provided on the permission slip and post the information on the Riverbend Latin website (www.riverbendlatin.com).
- 14) **ALL PERMISSION SLIPS, INFORMATION, AND TICKET MONEY ARE DUE TO MR. KEITH BY FRIDAY, DEC. 19.**



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PERMISSION SLIP

My son/daughter, _____, has my permission to participate in the Latin Club trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, on Monday, December 29, 2008.

_____ I understand that transportation will be provided by Virginia Railway Express and that my son/daughter will need to be dropped off at the appropriate time in the morning (7:15 AM) and that he/she will need to be picked up promptly (5:00 PM) upon his/her return.

_____ I have ready the information provided above and understand it.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

I grant permission to Mark Keith or another teacher, sponsor, or chaperone, to arrange for emergency medical treatment in the event that such treatment becomes necessary. I understand that every reasonable effort will be made to contact me before treatment is administered.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION on Monday, December 29:

Primary Contact (include name and number):

Secondary Contact (include name and number):

Emergency Contact (include name and number):
