
**MCFARLAND HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
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DESTINATION: WASHINGTON DC
DATES: MARCH 26 – APRIL 1, 2020**

ITINERARY AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2019

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- 1:00 PM Three 56-pax motor coaches arrive at **McFarland HS**; begin loading
5103 Farwell St., McFarland, WI
- 2:00 PM Depart for **Hammond, IN** (163 miles; 3 1/2 hours drive time)
- 5:30 PM Arrive at in **Hammond, IN**
- PM Dinner in area (student cost)
Cracker Barrel - 7750 Corinne Dr, Hammond, IN 46323
Wendys - 7790 Corinne Dr, Hammond, IN 46323
Subway - 8227 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322
Dominos - 7444 Kennedy Ave, Hammond, IN 46323
McDonalds - 7420 Kennedy Ave, Hammond, IN 46323
- 6:45 PM Depart for **Washington, DC**
(680 miles; 15 hours drive time +2 hours for meal stops + lose 1 hour)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- AM Breakfast en route (student cost)
- 10:00 AM Arrive at **Arlington National Cemetery**
Meet your **BRT Tour Director** upon arrival
- AM Enjoy a guided tour on the history of the Cemetery
Visit the graves of John F. Kennedy, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, boxer Joe Louis, the space shuttle Challenger Memorial, & the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
* View the changing of the Guard every hour on the hour*
- 12:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **Marine Corps War-Iwo Jima Memorial**
- 12:15 PM View the **Marine Corps War-Iwo Jima Memorial**
- 12:30 PM Depart for **Fashion Centre at Pentagon City**
1100 S Hayes St, Arlington, VA 22202
- 1:00 PM Lunch on your own (student cost)
- 2:15 PM Depart for the **National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial**
1 N Rotary Rd, Arlington, VA 22202
- 2:30 PM Visit the **National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial**
The Pentagon Memorial captures that moment in time at 9:37 a.m. when 184 lives became intertwined for eternity. Each victim's age and location at the time of the attack have been permanently inscribed into the Memorial by the unique placement and direction of each of the 184 Memorial Units.
- 3:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart for the **National Zoo**
3001 Connecticut Ave NW, WDC 20008
- 3:30 PM Enjoy a visit to the **National Zoo**
The Smithsonian's National Zoo is part of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum and research complex. Founded in 1889, the Zoo sits on 163 acres in the heart of Washington, D.C.'s Rock Creek Park and is home to more than 1,500 animals across 300 different species.
- 5:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **Pinstripes**
1064 Wisconsin Ave NW, WDC, 20007
- 5:30 PM Enjoy **dinner and bowling**
Enjoy a buffet of Caesar salad, wood fired pizzas – cheese and pepperoni, campanelle & meatballs in marinara sauce and chocolate chip cookies and Ghirardelli triple chocolate brownies
- 7:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart your **local Washington DC hotel**
- 7:30 PM Check in; get settled for the evening
****store percussion equipment in ballroom overnight****

Two private nighttime security guards at the hotel (10:30pm-5:30am)



SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 7:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (**ballroom must be cleared by 8:00 for clinic set up**)
- 8:30 AM Meet in the **Ballroom** and prepare for your clinics

AM **McFarland HS Band clinic** *(based on availability)*

AM **McFarland HS Orchestra clinic** *(based on availability)*

AM **McFarland HS Choir clinic** *(based on availability)*

- 12:45 PM Load motor coaches; depart for the **International Spy Museum**
700 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024
- 1:15 PM Arrive and enjoy lunch at L'Enfant Plaza *(student cost)*
- 2:15 PM Explore the International Spy Museum
The only public museum in the United States solely dedicated to espionage and the only one in the world to provide a global perspective on an all-but-invisible profession that has shaped history and continues to have a significant impact on world events. Featuring the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display.
- 3:45 PM Load motor coaches; depart for the **National Portrait Gallery**
8th St NW & F St NW, Washington, DC
- 4:15 PM Explore the **National Portrait Gallery**
Generations of remarkable Americans are kept in the company of their fellow citizens at the National Portrait Gallery. The Gallery presents the wonderful diversity of individuals who have left—and are leaving—their mark on our country and our culture. Through the visual and performing arts, we celebrate leaders such as George Washington and Martin Luther King Jr., artists such as Mary Cassatt and George Gershwin, activists such as Sequoyah and Rosa Parks, and icons of pop culture such as Babe Ruth and Marilyn Monroe. They all link us to our past, our present, and our future. For anyone fascinated by famous Americans and their stories, the National Portrait Gallery is a must-visit destination
- 5:30 PM Walk to the **Hard Rock Café**
999 E St NW, Washington, DC
- 5:45 PM Enjoy a group dinner
Menu to include: Choice of Hard Rock Hamburger with cheese and/or bacon; Honey Mustard Grilled Chicken Sandwich; Veggie Burger; BBQ Pork Sandwich; or Classic Chicken Caesar Salad; Fire Roasted Tomato Pasta; with chocolate chip cookies for dessert!
- 7:00 PM Depart for the **Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts**
2700 F St NW, Washington, DC 20566
- 8:00 PM Enjoy a concert by the **National Symphony Orchestra**
(based on 2020 scheduling)
- 10:00 PM Load motor coaches; return to the hotel
Two Private Nighttime Security Guards at the hotel (10:30pm-5:30am)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
 7:30 AM Load motor coaches; depart for the **Reagan Trade Center**
 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, WDC 20004

9:00 AM McFarland HS Band, Choir and Orchestra performance in the Atrium at Reagan Trade Center
(Need to bring music stands) (based on availability)

10:30 AM Depart on foot for **The Ellipse**
 11:00 AM Get a chance to view the **White House** and photo op
 11:15 AM Lunch at the Reagan Trade Center (*student cost*)
 12:30 PM Load motor coaches; depart for the **Lincoln Memorial**
 1:00 PM Arrive and prepare for your performances

PM **McFarland High School Band** performs at the **Lincoln Memorial**
(based on availability) (outdoor performance)

PM **McFarland High School Orchestra** performs at the **Lincoln Memorial**
(based on availability) (outdoor performance)

PM **McFarland High School Choir** performs at the **Lincoln Memorial**
(based on availability) (outdoor performance)

4:30 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **Buca di Beppo**
 1825 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC

5:30 PM Group dinner at **Buca di Beppo**
Family Style Italian: Mixed Green Salad & Caesar Salad with House Bread, Spaghetti with Marinara, Fettuccine Alfredo, Chicken Parmagiana, and Buca Cookie's for dessert!

7:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart on an **Illuminated Tour of the Monuments**
***Guided motor coach tour** (meet guides at Buca Di Beppo)
Visit the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans War Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, The White House, The Capitol Building, etc

10:00 PM Depart for the hotel

Two Private Nighttime Security Guards at the hotel (10:30pm-5:30am)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
 8:30 AM Load motor coaches; depart for the **Armed Forces Retirement Home**
 9:00 AM Arrive and prepare for your performance

9:30 AM **McFarland HS Orchestra** performance at the **Armed Forces Retirement Home**
(based on availability)

10:00 AM **McFarland HS Band** performance at the **Armed Forces Retirement Home**
(based on availability)

11:00 AM Load motor coaches; depart for the **National Mall**

PM Lunch at one of the Smithsonian Museum food courts (student cost)
 PM Free time to explore the Smithsonian museums of your choice

- **National Museum of American History:** Houses the flag that inspired the Star Spangled Banner. Popular exhibits include the Information Age, Field to Factory, American Encounters, and the transportation advances in America
- **National Air and Space Museum**
 NASM maintains the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. The Museum has hundreds of artifacts on display including the original Wright 1903 Flyer, the "Spirit of St. Louis," Apollo 11 command module, and a Lunar rock sample that visitors can touch.
- **National Museum of Natural History:** The nation's largest research museum, responsible for maintaining and conserving a treasure house of more than 118 million specimens of plants, animals rocks and minerals, fossils and human cultural artifacts.

5:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **Tortilla Coast**
 400 First St SE, Washington, DC 20003

5:30 PM Enjoy a **group dinner** at **Tortilla Coast**
Includes chips and house made salsa, cheese quesadillas, choice of steak, chicken, vegetable fajitas or seasonal fish, served with rice and beans, cinnamon churros and chocolate brownies for dessert, all served with soft drinks.

6:30 PM Load motor coaches; depart for the hotel
 PM Enjoy the hotel amenities

Two Private Nighttime Security Guards at the hotel (10:30pm-5:30am)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 6:30 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 7:30 AM Check out of hotel; load motor coaches
- 7:45 AM Depart for the **Capitol Visitor Center**
- 8:30 AM Meet **State Representative**
Enjoy a tour of the US Capitol
- Afterwards Enjoy gallery passes to view the floors of the Senate and the House of Representatives
- 11:00 AM Load motor coaches; depart for the **Newseum**
555 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC
- 11:30 AM Tour the museum
See for yourself why the Newseum is called the “must-see” attraction in Washington, D.C. Located between the White House and the U.S. Capitol, a visit to the Newseum is a conversation-inspiring experience you won’t find anywhere else. Explore historic artifacts, Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs, interactive exhibits, a 4-D theater and much more, to relive historic moments through the eyes of the media. Discover how the news and the First Amendment shape and connect our world.
- PM Lunch at the museum (student cost)
- 2:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart for the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC

- 3:00 PM **McFarland HS Choir Performance at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** (indoor)(acapella)(side chapel) *(based on availability)*

- 5:20 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **Spirit Cruise-Pier 4** **(202) 488-6070**
580 Water St SW, Washington, DC 20024
- En route Drive down **Embassy Row**
There are more than 170 foreign embassies in Washington D.C. As a rule, embassies are located in capitals, while other diplomatic facilities - consulates, trade missions, etc. - are found outside of Washington.
- 6:00 PM Boarding begins
- 7:00 PM Enjoy an evening cruise with dinner and DJ on the **Spirit of Washington**
Buffet menu to include mixed field green salad, rotisserie chicken, build your own taco bar, three cheese baked mac n cheese, steamed white rice, green beans and desserts of fruit, cookies and brownies.
- 10:00 PM Load motor coaches; depart for **Mishawaka, IN**
(609 miles, 10 ½ hours drive time + stops)



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- AM Breakfast en route (*student cost*)

- 10:00 AM Arrive in **Mishawak, IN**
215 W. Day Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545

- PM Lunch in the area (*student cost*)

- 11:45 AM Depart for **home**
(244 miles; 4 ½ hours drive time + stops + time change)

- 2:00 PM Approximate arrival at **McFarland High School**