

## New York Tentative Itinerary – March 2024

### March 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Day Check-in. 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Check-in luggage and large instruments. (under the bus) Please DO NOT bring any carry-ons.

6:30 PM Check-in at the first station. Please line up outside the choir room.

7:00 PM Students are dismissed after checking their luggage.

**Luggage check-in and tagging.** Students will need to have their performance attire accessible while checking-in their luggage. Performance attire: Khaki/Beige pants, Black shoes, Black socks, instrument (band) or choir fold (choir). The luggage will be placed in a secure location for the next morning departure. DO NOT place any valuables inside this luggage. Students will be allowed 1 small carry-on (for snacks, medicine, etc.) and a backpack.

### \*\*\* MUSICAL STUDENTS ONLY \*\*\* March 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Day Check-in. 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

3:15 PM Check-in at the first station.

3:30 PM Dismissed.

**\*\*VERY IMPORTANT: BUS BAYS WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE UNTIL HOTEL CHECK IN\*\***

### March 21<sup>st</sup> – Departure day (11:00 am tentative)

**Student MUST be in attendance if they have a 1<sup>st</sup> hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> hour, 3<sup>rd</sup> hour & 4<sup>th</sup> hour. Any students who are NOT in attendance will NOT be able to attend the NYC trip, (school policy).**

10:30 AM Buses arrival at Oak Forest High School. Assigned students will be packing the bay.

10:50 AM OFHS Mini bus, picking up Tinley Park HS student at the security door.

11:15 AM OFHS & TPHS Students report to the Choir room.

11:20 AM Students board the buses by assigned number. (Goes by rank & based on turned in required forms/documents) Such as-School permission paper form, OFHS Music medical paper form.

11:30 AM Depart from OFHS

When selecting your seats on the bus, this is your permanent seat for the duration of this trip. Students are responsible for the condition of the seat and area around their designated seat. Students will be requested to take a photo of their designated seat (front and back). If there are any tears, rips, markings, or any kind – Students MUST report this to Ms. Marcheschi immediately. **The first 5 rows on both sides of bus are reserved.**

- 10:50 AM OFHS Staff will be picking up Tinley Park Students at TPHS (Security door entrance). MUST BE PROMPT!
- 11:30 AM Departing from OFHS

**Students will be responsible for all meals, snacks and water while traveling to New Jersey.**

- **Students are advised to bring their own sack lunch. We will not be stopping for lunch.**
- 7:00 PM estimated time (Eastern time) Dinner at an Oasis. TBD
- 12:00 AM estimated time - March 22<sup>nd</sup> Arrive at the Homewood Suites, 10 Promenade, Edgewater, NJ.
- Students help unload buses.
- Room Card is handed out to students and students are to go directly to their assigned room.
- All 4 students are responsible for their hotel room. All Students and chaperones are required to look over their room for any damage, markings, etc. This MUST be reported immediately to their assigned chaperone who will report this to Ms. Marcheschi.
- Time (TBD) Room check. Security on duty.

### **March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday Eastern Time Zone**

Wake up	Breakfast.
8:45 AM	Meet in the lobby.
9:00 AM	Depart to Liberty Square Park, NJ– Elis Island. 30 Audrey Zapp Dr., Jersey City, NJ 07305
9:45 AM	Check-in
10:00 AM	Board ferry at <b><u>Liberty Park in New Jersey</u></b> . (TIMED TICKETS) 1 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305
12:00 PM	Meet at the deck on Elis Island – <b>Ferry to Battery Park, <u>New York</u></b> . Castle Clinton National Monument in Battery Park New York
12:30 PM	Board Buses at Battery Park, <b>*50 Battery PL, New York, NY 10280</b>
2:00 PM	Bus drop off at American Museum of Natural History, 200 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024 Lunch in the courtyard at the AMNH.
TBD	Meet Chaperone (depending on weather)  Walking tour & stops: Central Park, St. Patrick's, NBC, Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller, Time Square for shopping. Group photo @ Central Park and Rockefeller Center.
4:45 PM	Meet Chaperones. Walk to Ellen Stardust Diner
5:15 PM	Check-in, 5:30 PM Reservations @ Ellen Stardust Diner
7:00 PM	Check-out
7:10 PM	Walking tour to Empire State Building (points of interest)
8:00 PM	Check-in at ESB (8:15pm timed tickets)
10:00 PM	Meet chaperones.
10:15 PM	Board buses. Empire State Building pick up, 350 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave., New York, Ny 10118
11:00 PM	Room check

### **March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday Eastern Time**

Wake up	Breakfast.
8:00 AM	Meet in the lobby. Must be dressed in performance attire.
8:15 AM	Depart to Intrepid for performance. Intrepid Air, Sea & Space Museum. Peir 86 W 46 <sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10036
9:50 AM	Arrive at the USS Intrepid Museum. Buses waiting. Check -in 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Welcome Center
10:30 AM	Performance starts.  Performance complete. Load buses and student change.
12:00 PM	Lunch on Intrepid with group.
12:30 PM	Students are dismissed to explore the museum.
TBD	Meet Chaperone at designated area.
3:45 PM	Dallas BBQ for dinner (reservation at 4PM)– 241 W. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10036

5:30 PM Group: Walk around Time Square  
7:20 PM Walk to Theatre Lena Horne Theatre, 256 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10036  
8:00 PM Curtain Call.  
9:45 PM Meet Chaperones  
10:00 PM Board buses at designated area. TBD  
10:45 PM Arrive at Hotel / Room check.

### **March 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Eastern Time**

Wake up Breakfast.  
7:30 AM Meet in the lobby.  
7:45 AM Depart to 911 Memorial Museum. 180 Greenwich St., New York, NY 10007  
8:45 AM Check-in 911 Museum. (TIMED TICKETS) @ 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM Meet Chaperones.  
11:10 AM Board Buses, depart to Chinatown/Little Italy. TBD  
11:45 AM Chinatown, Little Italy. Shop and eat lunch.  
3:30 PM Meet Chaperones and board buses (Tentative may leave earlier to mall, weather relating). TBD  
3:35 PM Depart to American Dream Mall. 1 American Dream WY, East Rutherford, NJ 07073  
4:50 PM Arrive @ American Dream Mall. Amusement park or mall (shopping, mini golf, big wheel, etc.)  
*\*7:10(8:10) Meet Chaperones*  
*\*7:20(8:20) Board buses and depart to hotel.*  
*\*7:45(8:45) Hotel. Pizza Party, eat, relax and pack.*  
11:00 PM Room check-in and lights out.

*\*Tentative TBD*

**Students are advised to have their luggage packed and room cleaned before room check.**

### **March 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday Eastern Time**

7:00 AM Wake up! Breakfast.  
8:30 AM Room check, after room check, drop off luggage at the designated area.  
9:00 AM Depart to Oak Forest High School, 15201 Central Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

**Students will be responsible for their lunch, snacks and dinner while travelling back to Oak Forest.**

9:00 to 11:00 PM Arrive at Oak Forest. Students **WILL NOT** be dismissed until buses are cleaned and inspected by the chaperones. Students must check their luggage with their chaperone to ensure they are taking their own personal luggage.

## Packing List:

1 Luggage for the bay. (Luggage checked in on March 20th & Tagged).

1 Carry-On bag for the bus. (bring to school on March 21st)

**Important: Any item that would cause a financial or personal hardship to replace in the event it becomes lost or broken, please DO NOT BRING IT.**

**Luggage (This luggage will NOT be accessible until we reach the hotel)**

**For a smooth luggage check please have the following accessible during luggage check on Wednesday.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument/Extra Reeds  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Music / Choir Folder  | <input type="checkbox"/> iPad                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kakhi Pants (NO JEANS)  | <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK Socks or Hosiery  | <input type="checkbox"/> Black dress shoes (1-2 inch heels)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Jacket (will be handed out on the bus).                                 |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gym Shoes (we will be <b>walking most of the tour</b> ). <b>"Comfortable Shoes"</b> |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergarments   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> pair of comfortable shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily clothing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas/night wear  | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant   | <input type="checkbox"/> Retainer/Wax Braces   | <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Products                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste  | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/Body Wash                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo/Conditioner (share with your roommates)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Brush/Comb   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Toiletries  | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Case/Solution   | <input type="checkbox"/> Glasses                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves/hat  | <input type="checkbox"/> Casual/Respectable Clothing – School appropriate. The East Coast weather is unpredictable like the Midwest. Check the forecast and pack accordingly. Dressed in layers would be the best. |  |

## **Carry-On Bag**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sack Lunch for 3/21   | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks & Water               | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket/pillow           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Products   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone & Charger         | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable charger/battery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wallet  | <input type="checkbox"/> Money on the bus going to NY | <input type="checkbox"/> Money coming home        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headphones– For the courtesy of the other bus passengers, bring headphones. |   |   |

## **The Intangibles**

- **Positive Attitude – Traveling** often requires flexibility. A road suddenly closed, or the weather is wetter/colder than anticipated, for example. Come prepared with a positive attitude and ready to adapt as needed.
- **Respect** – After ensuring your personal safety, demonstrating respect is of the utmost importance. Remember that you are a guest at the destination. Please demonstrate respect for yourself, your fellow travelers, your chaperones, and the local culture.

## **Common Questions:**

### **What to wear for the Broadway show?**

There is no official dress code at a Broadway theater. Within reason, you can wear whatever is comfortable for you. You can't go wrong with a generally business casual dress code, adding a little more for an evening show, a show premiere, or a special occasion. Many people like to dress up.

### **How much money should I give my child(ren)?**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own meals while traveling to NYC and coming home on the coach buses. We will be stopping at an Oasis or some type of fast food for meals. If students are interested in purchasing souvenirs, please provide them with funds. Suggestive amount \$50 a day (not including their meals on the bus to and from NY).

### **Is there a refrigerator in the hotel room?**

Each hotel room has a mini kitchen, (sink, full size fridge, and microwave). Yes, they can bring microwave popcorn, and other snacks for their room. For safety reasons, students are NOT allowed to use the 2-burner stove top in the room.

**\*\*Waiting on over the counter (OTC) and prescribed medicine distribution.\*\***

## **Prohibited Activities**

Oak Forest High School tradition of excellence has been established primarily through the high standards of respect, cooperation, personal/organizational pride, and self-discipline. Students are reminded that department travel is considered an extension of the Oak Forest High School campuses. All relevant Bremen High School District 228 school rules will be enforced. Prohibited behavior or activity includes, but is not limited to:

- Dangerous weapons (carrying or possessing any type of article designed to do bodily harm, including all types of knives or any other dangerous item) or look-alike weapons.
- Deceitful activity (lying or attempting to deceive, not following trip rules).
- Possession, use, distribution, or sales of drugs, look alike drugs, drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, alcohol, tobacco, E-cigarettes, Vape pens or any vaping products.
- Stealing (theft of ANY kind).
- Hotel and/or bus vandalism.
- Inappropriate social conduct including obscenity (profane, vulgar language)
- ALL FORMS of individual bullying, humiliation and/or hazing are forbidden.

**IMPORTANT: Rule Violations and Consequences**

**VIOLATIONS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. ALL violations or suspected violations of Bremen High School District #228 or 'OFHS Music' trip rules will be reported to the Director(s) for investigation and enforcement. Such enforcement will be appropriate to the violation and may range from a simple reprimand to being sent home at the parent's or guardian's expense, and/or other penalties, (including fines).**

