## EUROPE TRIP PARENT MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2025 @7:00pm

Important information for parents about the upcoming trip

## TRIP OVERVIEW AND PREPARATION



Johns Creek High School Orchestra Trip to Italy 2026



#### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

#### **Meeting Purpose**

This meeting provides an overview of the educational Europe trip for orchestra students and parents.

#### **Trip Details**

The session covers trip logistics, safety, and preparation for the 2026 Europe trip.

#### **Objectives and Expectations**

Parents and students learn about trip objectives, cultural experiences, and expected outcomes.

#### **Collaboration and Readiness**

Emphasizes parental involvement and student readiness to ensure a collaborative and successful trip.



#### ITINERARY DETAILS

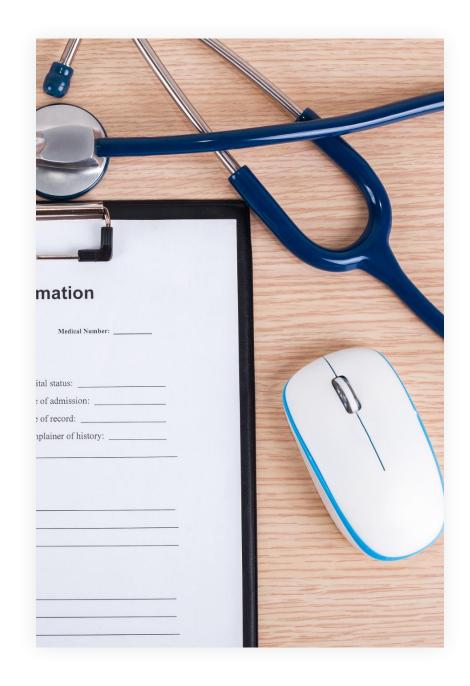
#### **Airline and Hotel Arrangements**

Airline and hotel bookings will be managed with travel partners and will be finalized soon. The tentative itinerary is available on the trip website.

#### **Trip Preparation and Participation**

Participants must review the itinerary and follow the schedule for a smooth and enjoyable experience.

# TRIP REQUIREMENTS AND LOGISTICS



#### REQUIRED FORMS

#### **Availability of Trip Forms**

All necessary trip forms can be downloaded from the orchestra trip website for easy access and submission.

#### **Types of Required Forms**

Required documents include medical forms, emergency contacts, and consent forms essential for student travel eligibility.

#### **Importance of Timely Submission**

Submitting forms by deadlines ensures eligibility and helps organizers manage logistics and emergency response effectively.

#### **Parental Review and Support**

Parents should carefully review forms and contact organizers with questions to ensure proper preparation for travel.



#### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

#### **Student Safety and Discipline**

Rules ensure student safety and maintain group discipline during the Europe trip.

#### **Behavior Expectations**

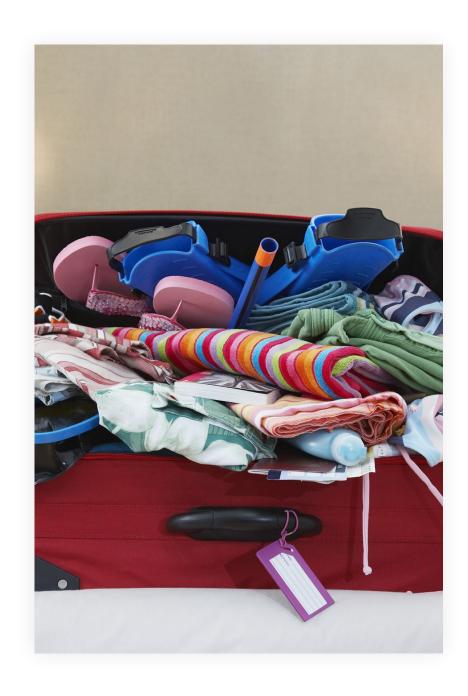
Students must exhibit integrity and respect, representing their school appropriately.

#### **Consequences of Violations**

Violations may lead to disciplinary action, including removal from the trip.

#### **Code of Conduct Document**

Parents and students will receive a detailed document outlining all rules and regulations.



#### PACKING INFORMATION

#### **Packing Guidelines**

Trip website provides detailed packing guidelines to help students prepare effectively.

#### **Essential Items**

Students should pack comfortable clothing, travel-sized toiletries, medications, and weather-appropriate attire.

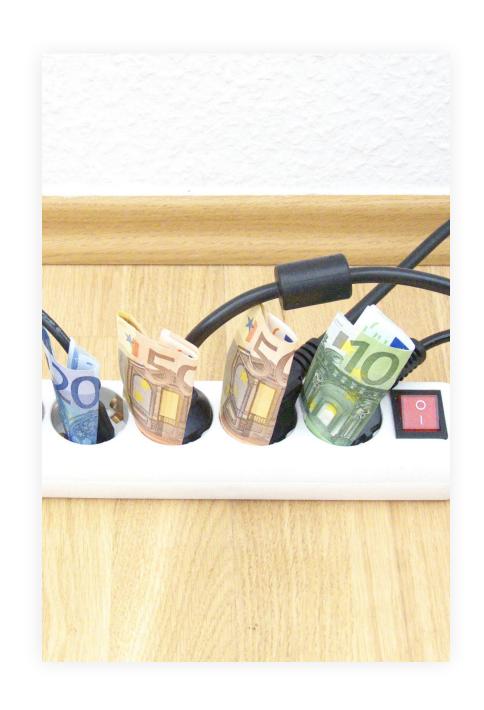
#### **Avoid Overpacking**

Overpacking is discouraged; students should bring only necessary items for mobility and convenience.

#### Luggage

- 1) Suitcase should be between 21" and 24"
- 2) Carry on

## TRAVEL PREPARATION



#### **CURRENCY & ELECTRICAL INFO**

#### **Currency Exchange**

Understanding the Euro to USD exchange rate is vital for budgeting travel expenses effectively.

#### **Payment Methods**

Using international credit cards or travel money cards simplifies currency conversion and enhances travel convenience.

#### **Electrical Compatibility**

Europe's 200V outlets require travelers to use suitable adapters and voltage converters for device safety.

#### **Travel Preparation**

Purchasing adapters and converters before travel prevents inconvenience and ensures device usability abroad.



### PASSPORT INFORMATION

#### **Passport Validity Requirement**

Passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the return date for the Europe trip.

#### **Application and Renewal Advice**

Families are advised to apply or renew passports early to avoid processing delays.

#### **Responsibility and Preparation**

Ensuring a valid passport is mandatory and the school is not liable for expired or missing passports.



https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport.html

### Johns Creek High School Orchestra ITALY TRIP WEBSITE

https://johnscreekorchestra.com/italy-trip-2026/

TRIP FORMS: (please download and complete)

- Student Activity Liability Waiver and Release Form
- Trip rules and regulations
- <u>Permission form</u> (need to be notarized)
- Packing list

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Traveling Abroad Information
- U.S. Passport
- International Travel



### TRIP PAYMENT & INSURANCE

#### **Payment Schedule Adherence**

Families must follow the established payment schedule to secure student participation and avoid complications.

#### **Travel Insurance Coverage (optional)**

Travel insurance covers medical emergencies, trip cancellations, and lost luggage for comprehensive protection. (More info will be available later)

## TRIP LOGISTICS AND COMMUNICATION



#### TRIP LOGISTICS

#### **Coordination of Travel Plans**

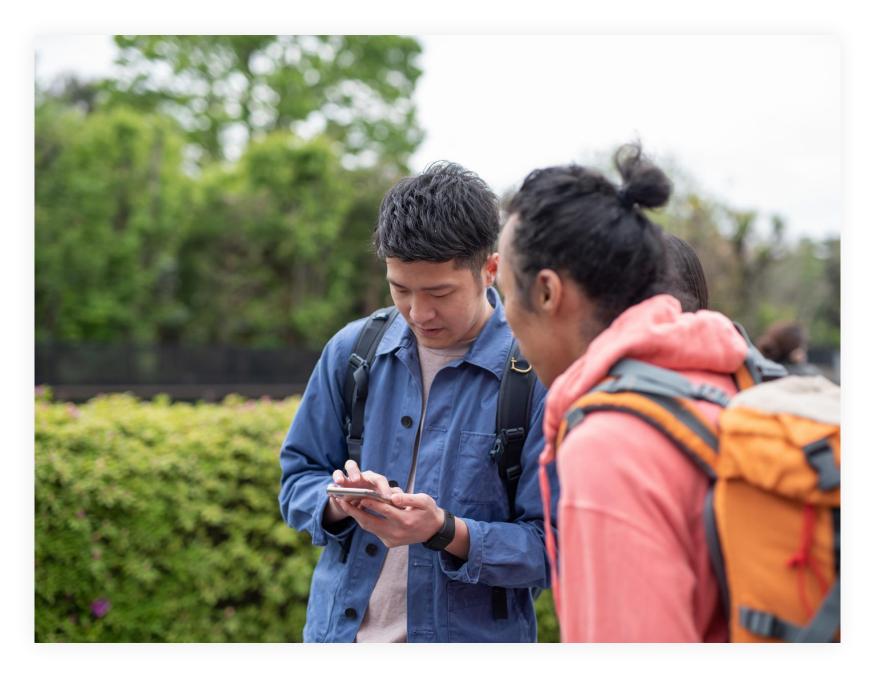
The travel tour company and we manage flight bookings, airport check-in, baggage handling, and group transportation to ensure smooth travel.

#### **Student Instructions/Ensuring Safety and Efficiency**

Students receive clear guidance on meeting points, travel schedules, and expected behavior during transit for safety and order. Detailed logistics help minimize delays, confusion, and risks, allowing students to travel confidently and comfortably.

#### **Parental Communication**

Parents are kept informed about trip details and encouraged to share any concerns to support trip safety and comfort.



### TRIP SAFETY & COMMUNICATION

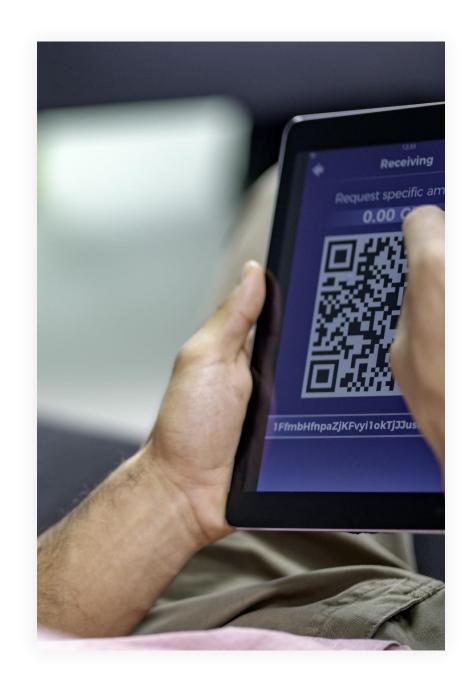
#### **Safety Protocols**

The trip includes strict safety protocols with supervision, emergency response, and health management. Copies of the passports and medical information will be available in case of emergency

#### **Group Communication Tools**

FaceTime and KakaoTalk apps enable constant communication between students, family, and trip leaders. Parents are encouraged to download and learn KakaoTalk to stay connected and informed throughout the trip.





#### TRIP INFORMATION FORM

#### Form Accessibility

Participants can access the Trip Information Form via QR code or an online link for easy submission. Google Form



#### **Essential Information Collected**

The form collects vital medical details, emergency contacts, and travel preferences to ensure safety and personalization.

#### **Submission Deadline**

Forms must be submitted by the deadline to enable timely trip planning and coordination. The Deadline Date will be set sometime in early December.

#### **Parental Review**

Parents should carefully review and update the form to ensure all information is current and accurate.

## QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

## FINAL NOTES AND NEXT STEPS

#### ORCHESTRA TRIP WEBSITE



#### **Central Information Hub**

The website serves as the main source for all trip-related information, keeping families organized and informed.



#### **Essential Trip Resources**

Downloadable forms, packing lists, insurance details, and itinerary updates are available for easy access.



#### **Communication and Updates**

Regular announcements and contact details help parents and students stay connected with trip organizers.



## Q&A AND NEXT MEETING

#### **Next Meeting Details**

The follow-up meeting is scheduled for <u>mid-</u> <u>February 2026</u> and will provide final trip instructions.

#### **Communication and Updates**

Updates will be shared via email and the trip website to keep families informed.