



Northern York Music Department

February 2022

Dear Northern Music Families,

We are contacting you with some urgent and updated information about the music department trip to Disney and Universal April 27-May 1, 2022.

Urgent: Brightspark has informed us that airline tickets are being purchased on Friday, February 11, 2022. Please go to your portal and confirm that names and birthdates match the Government issued ID that will be used at the airport at check-in. If you have any problems updating your account with accurate information, **please contact Kimberly Summers directly** at ksummers@brightsparktravel.com and do not try to contact customer service as changes could be delayed. Any changes/corrections to names/birthdates will need to be made by **Thursday, February 10th.**

Update: Due to the decreased number of participants attending the trip (from the original 230+), some minor adjustments have been made to the itinerary in order to NOT increase the cost of the trip. We are making some adjustments to the meal planning and will have other options for snacks and meals that will not be costly to the students.

Additionally, you have received communication from Brightspark/WorldStrides in your portal about the trip regarding the new protocols in place to keep the students safe and healthy while on tour. Please go to your portal on www.brightspark.com and review these policies. Any questions should be directed to Kimberly Summers at ksummers@brightsparktravel.com.

In a world with COVID-19 and all its variants, any planned trip is a concern, and we all wonder how COVID could affect our travel plans. Brightspark has us covered!! Please take some time to review their website and FAQ to ease your worries about the trip. <https://travel.brightsparktravel.com/flexible-travel-options>

Update: In an effort to keep everyone informed, responsible and safe, please review and complete an acknowledgement form [HERE](#), sign, and return to a director (or put in "the box") by February 25, 2022.

If you have not completed the medical form and/or field trip form, please find them on the www.northernmusic.org website, print, complete and return by 2/25/22.

While you are in your portal, please also check your balance due (if any) and update your account by the deadline. Families may call the payment center to set up payment arrangements if they're not able to get caught up. That number is 877-452-5370. **You must have a minimum of \$1000 paid in order for Brightspark to purchase your airfare, otherwise you will be cancelled.**

The directors are looking forward to FINALLY taking this trip and having the opportunity of a lifetime with your students.

Sincerely,
Chad McCartney, Northern Music Department Head