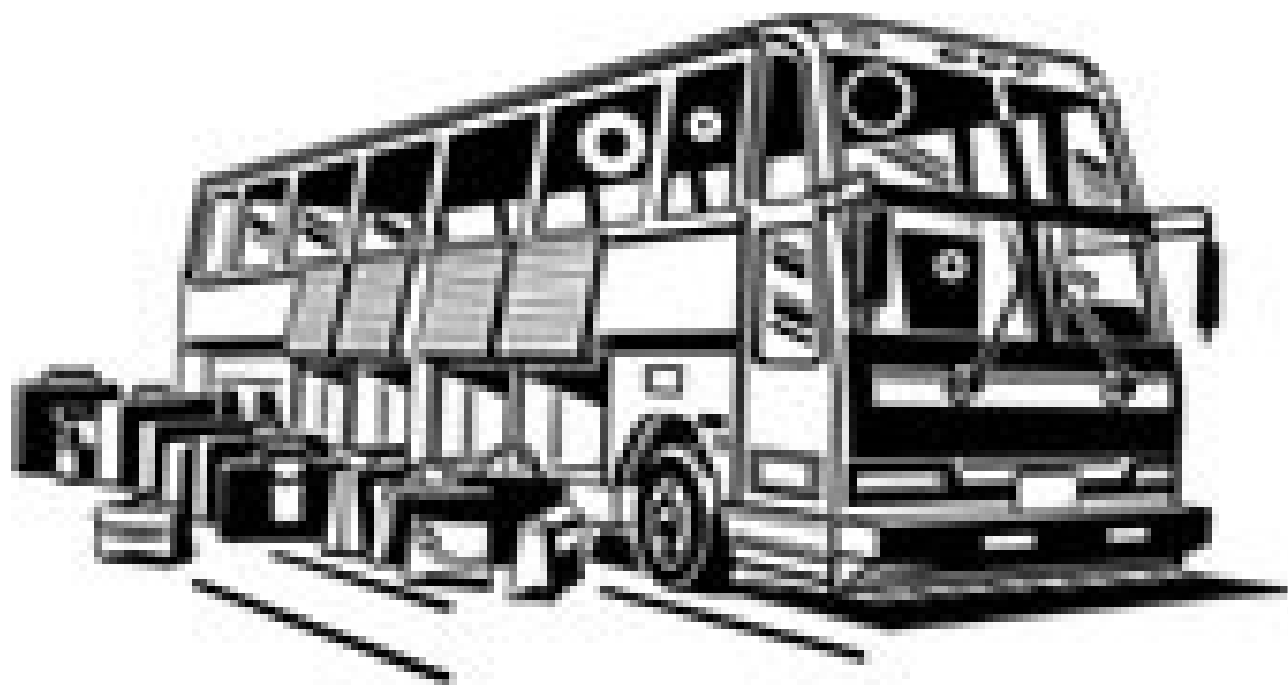


Newman Smith High School Band
Trip Handbook



Port Aransas, TX
May 28 - 31, 2010

Dear Students & Parents,

We offer a trip annually to our students as a reward for all of the hard work they put in throughout the year. Our students are very dedicated and give up much of their free time in the summer, as well as on afternoons, evenings, and weekends in order to achieve our collective band goals. We are proud of all of our students and we want them to have a great time. It is important though, to remember that going on a trip such as this is a privilege and should be considered as such. We expect our students to conduct themselves as representatives of the Trojan Band and Newman Smith High School.

This year we are traveling to Port Aransas through Southern Star Tour and Travel of Fort Worth. Our stay in Port Aransas will be on Mustang Island at the beautiful Port Royal Condominiums. Each condominium unit is privately owned and is beautifully furnished including 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms with a patio. Many of the units also feature ceramic tile, granite counters, flat panel tv's, and washer/dryers. The complex also includes the largest swimming pool in Texas with waterfalls, hot tubs, volleyball, a grilling area, and a boardwalk with direct beach access. Port Royal is separated from nearby resorts by long stretches of beach thus allowing a non-crowded and relaxing atmosphere. Our students will have a great time and return rested and refreshed going into the last week before final exams and Graduation!

Please read the enclosed information carefully. It includes expectations for conduct, the itinerary, and job assignments to make our trip a success. The trip is provided as a reward for all the hard work and effort that our students give to our program each year. While it is not a luxury tour, every effort is made to provide students with an exciting, enjoyable, and fun experience with memories for a life time.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Centera at the NSHS Band Hall
972-968-5327 or e-mail at centerab@cfbisd.edu.

Hotel Information:

Port Royal Ocean Resort & Conference Center
6317 State Hwy 361
Port Aransas, TX 78373
361 749-5011

Expectations for Conduct

We are very proud of the tradition of excellence of the Newman Smith Band Program. It goes without saying that our expectations for conduct and behavior are extremely high. The directors and chaperones are under a great deal of pressure in being responsible for each student traveling with the group, as well as making sure all travel arrangements are complete, and all necessary instruments and equipment are packed and loaded. As you know, the actions of each individual are a direct reflection on the entire group. Students and parents should be aware that since this is a school sponsored activity, all school policies and rules regarding behavior and conduct are in effect. Please read the following guidelines and memorize them. The desire of the band staff is to make the trip as enjoyable and pleasurable as possible for everyone involved while maintaining a high standard of character and professionalism for the NSHS Band.

Rules:

- * Follow all directions of directors and chaperones.
- * Be on time (early) for everything.
- * You are responsible for all personal items (i.e. luggage, money, etc...).
- * All school policies including those regarding smoking, alcohol, and chemical substances are in effect.
- * No one may enter a member of the opposite sex's room at any time for any reason.

Consequences: (at the discretion of the director)

- * Conference with director.
- * Removal from group activities, accompany chaperone.

- * Student sent home on commercial transportation at parent expense, removal from band program, subject to school disciplinary action.

Necessary Items:

- * You are allowed one large suitcase and a carry-on.
- * Casual clothes... (i.e. shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, sandals, etc...).
- * Swim wear and towel for beach, pool, and hot tub.
- * Sun glasses, high UV sunscreen (**Very Important!**)
- * Aspirin, Tylenol, Aleve, etc... (specific needed medications such as inhalers, prescriptions, etc...)
- * A watch that works!
- * Camera and film.
- * Sack lunch and snacks for bus ride.
- * Water, water, water...
- * Money for groceries and sundries.

Things To Remember:

- * This is not a luxury tour...be flexible with delays or changes to the itinerary.
- * Always conduct yourself with the best interests of the group in mind.
- * Watch out for each other.
- * If there is any sort of problem, contact a director or chaperone immediately.
- * Drink lots and lots of water rather than soft drinks. This is extremely important!
- * Stay away from massive amounts of sugary snacks...eat healthy on this trip.
- * Frequently we are in close proximity, respect the space of others, be courteous.
- * Carry identification with you at all times.
- * Listen carefully for instructions and meeting times.
- * Memorize the itinerary and be early to everything.
- * The buses and rooms are to stay clean! They will be checked!
- * If you run out of \$ see a director immediately...we will help you!!!
- * If you're unsure about whether an activity or action is allowed...**Don't Do It!!!**

Job Assignments:

[Luggage Checkers]... Friday morning

Jordan Larson

Erin Prucha
Sam Smith
Sarah Womble

[Luggage Loaders].. Friday morning, Friday evening, Monday morning, Monday afternoon

Lonzell Arrington
Justin Carroll
Matt Fedorko
Reid Gilbreath
Jon Malouf
John Mendoza
Blake Musgrove
Daniel Temnuik
Tony Vance
Carlos Vargas