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Dear Parents,

In just about 3 weeks we will be leaving for our trip to Hickory for the Lutheran Basketball Tournament. The cost of the trip will be \$253.00 per student. The fee along with the permission and emergency form are due to me by Feb. 15th.

While we are in Hickory we currently have trips planned to visit Murry's Mill on Thursday morning. On Friday we are scheduled to visit the Race World USA, home of the Darrel Waltrip racing team, in Charlotte NC. The cost of these are included in the trip price.

We will be leaving for the tournament at 10:30 Wednesday morning. We will be stopping around Knoxville TN for lunch. When we arrive in Hickory the kids will be treated to dinner at a Golden Corral restaurant. This meal is covered by the athletic department. After dinner we will head over to St. Stephens where they will meet with their host families and head home with them for the evening.

On Thursday morning, when all of the students have arrived we will head over to Murry's Mill. After the tour of the mill we will return to St. Stephens for the cheerleading competition. After the cheerleader's competition the basketball games will begin. On Friday morning after the players arrive from their host's homes we will leave for our trip to Charlotte. We will eat lunch on our return from Charlotte. The teams will each have one game that day.

Saturday will be a very busy day for the teams as each team will have 2 games that day. On Saturday evening there will be a dance for the students and a gathering for all of the adults that are attending the tournament. To help St. Stephens plan for this gathering I do need to know who is planning on attending. If you are planning on attending you can indicate this on the online form found on the tournament web site.

Sunday we will be attending early church service at St. Stephens, after church we will board the bus and head home. We will stop for lunch on the way home. We should be back to school between 4:00 - 5:00pm. We will have your child call you when we are about an hour from school.

The following forms can be found on the tournament website and need to be filled out:

1. Permission form
2. Medication form. If our child takes medicine at school they need to continue it on the trip. Any medication that your child will be bringing on the trip must be listed on this form.

In regards to housing, I am waiting to hear back from Hickory to see if I need to change anything that I originally sent them. Once I have definite housing groups I will pass this on to you.

So that you can start thinking, it is a tradition that we send a gift to your child's host family. This can be in the form of gift cards or a gift basket. Once you know who your child is staying with you can arrange this gift as a group or individually. This is totally up to you. The suggested amount of the gift is around \$15.00 per child.

If you are sending gift cards, please make sure that the families can use them in Hickory. If you are sending a gift basket it would be nice if you include something that relates to either Huntsville or Alabama.

When the students return from the trip they will be required to turn into me a thank you card to their host families. I need the card to be brought to me in a stamped addressed envelope ready to be mailed. By bringing it to me that way I know it has been done. I would ask that your child first write out on separate paper what they want to say, then have you look at it. Once you have approved it, they can then write it, in ink on the card.

Parents, if you are going to be attending the tournament, even if you are driving on your own, please go to the tournament web page (go to the main sports web page and click on the tournament t-shirt) and fill out the parents form. You can also indicate if you want to attend either of the two activities that we will be taking. We usually have enough room on the bus that you could ride to the activities with us. There is no charge to do this.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.
In His Service,

Mr. Alan Cypher
Athletic Director