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Dear Parents,

Just a few last minute reminders for our upcoming trip to the Regional Lutheran Basketball Tournament in Hickory North Carolina.

1. Permission slip and money are now due. The cost of the trip is \$253.00.
2. When you arrive on Wednesday morning, bring your luggage into the assembly room. We will have a designated space for it to be stored till we load the bus. Make sure that you keep anything that you want with you on the bus separate from the rest of your luggage. I do not want to have to go searching through the luggage compartment.
3. Remember to check your child's bag on Wednesday morning and make sure that their complete uniform is there. For the basketball players that includes both their white and blue uniforms. And if they wear a t-shirt under the uniform that they have a plain white and plain blue t-shirt (closely matches blue of uniform). For the cheerleaders they should have their uniforms, bloomers, socks, shoes and pom poms.
4. We will be eating lunch on the road somewhere around Knoxville.
5. Students may bring snacks on the bus, but may not bring: **gum** of any kind, potato chips, pop corn, any drinks that are in cans and absolutely any kind of energy drink.
6. There will not be a cooler on the bus. Students will be able to purchase drinks when we stop at rest areas. It would be a good idea to send some change along for this purpose.
7. Make sure your child has sufficient money for food. I am suggesting \$50.00 - \$60.00. They will need to buy three dinners and four lunches. In addition, you may want to send some extra spending money along.
8. I would ask that you consider sending a small gift (\$10.00 - \$15.00) with your child for their host family. This need not be anything elaborate but simply a little something to thank the people for opening their homes to our students.
9. If your child will be bringing any kind of medication with them, you will need to fill out the schools medication release form. Bring this form along with the medication in a ziplock bag with your child's name on it and give it to Mr. Cypher on Wednesday. Mr. Cypher or Miss Behnken will make sure that your child receives their medication.

10. Dress for the trip is to be neat and casual. Sweat suits are acceptable. Students may not wear clothing that has rips, tears or holes in them. They may also not wear shirts that have inappropriate writing on them.
11. Since we will be attending church on Sunday before we return home it is important that your child have something nice to wear for church.
12. Tournament T-shirts that have been ordered will be given out in Hickory. If you've ordered extra T-shirts, these will be given to your child.
13. I-Pods and game systems may be brought on the trip for use on the bus only (no external speakers, earphones only). These are not to be carried around during the day. There are no provisions on the bus to plug in and recharge any portable devices. All personal items should be labeled with your child's name.
14. Students may not bring any kind of personal DVD Player, nor may they watch any movies on items such as I-Phones or I-Pods. All movies watched will be done on the bus's video system. The bus has a DVD player. All movies will be approved by Miss Behnken before watching. Make sure any DVD's have your child's name on them.
15. Dinner on Wednesday will be in Hickory at a Golden Coral Restaurant. The athletic department will be paying for this meal.
16. Remember that upon returning to Huntsville, each student is required to send a thank you card to his or her host family. This card is to be brought to school ready to mail and given to Mr. Cypher. **Do not mail this from home or give it to the host in Hickory.**
17. If you are planning on being in Hickory and participating in any of the tours, you need to let me know so that arrangements can be made.
18. A list of the families that will be hosting your child and who your child will be staying with will be sent home as soon as I have something from St. Stephens.
19. Please remember the school policy concerning students and cell phones.
20. Parents, if you are going on the trip with us, please remember that I cannot release another child to you to be taken away from the group without written permission from that student's parents. Even if you are the best of friends and normally take this child places, I will not be able to let this child accompany you without the written statement.

I'm looking forward to this trip, as I'm sure your children are. This will be a rewarding experience for all involved.

In His Service,

Mr. Alan Cypher
Athletic Director