

March 25, 2008

Dear Parents,

Here is some last minute information about our upcoming trip to Dauphin Island. Please take a minute to read over it as you pack and get ready for the trip.

1. We will be leaving from Grace Lutheran at 5:15am. Be there no later than 5:00am. You should enter from the L&N Drive and park behind the Ben Porter Realty building. Students should eat before they come as we will not be stopping for breakfast.
2. The telephone number for Dauphin Island is 1-251-861-2141. **Emergency phone number 251-861 2339 greeters' cell phone 251 554 0636 these numbers are to be used only in the case of a severe emergency.** Otherwise call between 7:30 & 5:00 to leave a message with the receptionist at 251-861-2141. They will see that your child gets the message and your child will then return your call. We will be staying in Beagle. You can also call the school and they will be able to contact me.
3. Dress for the trip is as follows. On Tuesday students are asked not wear jeans and to wear their Grace Lutheran T-Shirt or band shirt. Girls, **NO SHORT SHORTS or TOPS WHICH SHOW A BARE MIDRIFF AT ANY TIME.** I'm asking them to dress this way as the students will be touring government buildings and that we are representing our school and the way we dress and the way we behave will be the only impression many people will have of our school. Once we arrive at the sea lab students may wear t-shirts (that are appropriate, in good taste, and sufficiently long enough), sport style shorts (no cutoffs or torn jeans), and sandals. Clothing worn on the trip must be in good taste and meet all other school dress requirements. Remember to send at least two pairs of shoes. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. One of these should be an old pair that ties (requirement of the sea lab) which can be worn in the water for some of our classes.

4. Go over with your child how to make a long distance phone call. They can either make a collect call or they can use your calling card if you have one. Students will be allowed to bring their cell phones with them. They will be required to give Mr. Cypher their cell number. Phones that are being used improperly or creating a nuisance will be taken away and returned to parents at the end of the trip.
5. You may send a **small** snack with your child for the ride in the bus Tuesday (no potato chips, popcorn or **gum**). Drinks may be purchased when we stop at the rest areas. Remember **no energy drinks may be purchased or brought along on the trip**
6. Students may bring an I-Pod, portable radio, tape player, game boy, or disc player with them on the bus. To use them they must have earphones. The bus is equipped with either a VHS or DVD player (I will not know for sure till the day before we leave.). Students may bring movies with them to watch on the bus. Mrs. Brown, will make the final decision as to whether or not the movie can be watched. Movies should be PG or G. Movies with inappropriate language or violence should not be brought along. Once at Dauphin Island they will only be allowed to use their ipod and such as they are quieting down for the evening before they go to bed. All tapes, cartridges, disks and equipment should your child's name on it. Things get swapped around and borrowed. Having the name written helps us to make sure everybody eventually gets his or her own things back. **Students are not to bring any kind of TV or personal DVD player with them.**
7. When we are approximately 1 hour from school on our return trip, I will call the school office and let them know where we are and when we will be back at Grace Lutheran. We are planning on being back between 3:15 and 3:30.
8. There is a coke machine at Dauphin Island. Students should bring change to purchase drinks.
11. Sleeping bags (or sheets and blankets), pillow, and towels need to be brought along as well as personal toiletries as none of these are provided at Dauphin Island.
11. Send a least two pairs of shoes, one of which should be able to dry easily as they do get wet during our classes.
12. Cameras are encouraged. But make sure you have sufficient film, as we will not be near any stores in which film may be purchased.
13. Pens or pencils for working in their journal
14. Make sure that you send a sweatshirt or jacket, as well as some long pants, as it does get chilly in the evening. Students should also bring some kind of rainwear, as we will be outside for activities unless there is a danger of thunder and lightening.
15. Most importantly make sure they pack their **positive attitude**.
16. A lunch slip for the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> is attached. It should be returned tomorrow. If you wish you may bring it to school later in the week but remember it must be turned in by 9:00am on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
17. If your student is taking any kind of medication I need a medication form filled out and given to me with the medication. Medication is to be placed in a zip lock bag with your child's name on it, the medication form filled out and signed and the medicine. Students are not to carry medication with them on the trip. This includes over the counter medication as well as inhalers. Inhalers will be returned to your student to allow them to carry them with them. But I need to know they have them and what the dosage is.

18. **Don't forget to send a Plain T-shirt and hanger for our painted t-shirt project while we are down at the Sea Lab.**

19. We will have use of the swimming pool at the sea lab. Students should have appropriate bathing suits. **No two piece bathing suits for girls.**

Serving Him who first served us,

Mr. Alan Cypher

