



Caledonia High School New York Interim 2011

June 7 – June 11



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New York City – 5 days, 4 Nights

Day #1 Tuesday, June 7, 2011

5:45 am Motor Coach available for loading
6:30 am Leave Caledonia High School
9:00 am Breakfast stop in Dundee, MI
12:15 pm Lunch at Towpath Travel Plaza on the Ohio Turnpike (170 Mile Marker)
8:45 pm Dinner on your own at the food court at the **Willowbrook Mall** in Wayne NJ
9:45 pm Transfer to the **Best Western Fairfield Executive Inn** at 216-234 Rte. 46E, Fairfield, NJ, **973-575-7700**. You have been pre registered to facilitate a smooth check-in. Hotel is equipped with an indoor pool.
10:15 pm Swim time (depending on arrival time at hotel) with chaperone supervision
11:00 pm Hotel security on duty (each night).

Day #2 Wednesday, June 8, 2011

7:00 am Breakfast buffet included at hotel
8:00 am Transfer to Manhattan for full day of sightseeing. Meet guide by Travel Inn
9:00 am Proceed to **Central Park** for walking tour of park followed by motorcoach touring. (Firehouse stop if practical, and /or Grand Central Terminal.)
12:00 pm Transfer to **Rockefeller Center** for lunch on own
1:15 pm Regroup for first guided tour behind the scenes of **NBC Studios** beginning at 1:30pm. Second group departs at 2:00pm. After tour, free time to shop at the NBC Studio Store, watch the skaters and walk along **Fifth Avenue** to visit **St. Patrick's Cathedral** with time at **Trump Tower**, and **FAO Schwarz**
4:00 pm Riding tour of uptown neighborhoods and Harlem
5:45 pm Dinner at **V&T Pizza**. Salad, pizza, zepoles, and pop
6:45 pm Transfer to the **Apollo Theater** for amateur night
7:30 pm Curtain time
9:45 pm Transfer to hotel

Day #3 Thursday, June 9, 2009

6:30 am Breakfast buffet included at the hotel.
7:30 am Board motorcoach and depart for **Battery Park**. Meet your local guide by the Travel Inn, at W. 42nd St. & 10th Ave
9:00 am Security check and then board ferry for **Liberty and Ellis Islands**. Stop at Liberty Island to see the **Statue of Liberty**. Continue on to Ellis Island for a visit to the **Immigration Museum**
1:00 pm Approximate return to **Battery Park**. Lunch stop on own at **South Street Seaport**.
2:30 pm Continue by coach to **Ground Zero**
3:30 pm Visit neighborhoods of **Chinatown, Little Italy, SOHO, and Greenwich Village**. Free time to shop along Canal Street
6:30 pm Dinner at **Ellen's Stardust Diner**
8:30 pm Visit the observatory in **The Empire State Building**
10:00 pm Return to hotel for evening

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Day #4 Friday, June 10, 2009

- 7:00 am Breakfast buffet included at hotel. Check out of hotel
- 8:00 am Meet in the lobby and prepare to depart for day of sightseeing
- 9:30 am Arrive at the **U.N.** for security check and guided tour at 10:00 am
- 11:30 am Transfer to the **Intrepid Sea Air and Space Museum** at Pier 86 at W 46th and 12th Ave. First guided tour of Intrepid begins at 12:00 noon. Groups will be divided into smaller groups.
- 1:30 pm Transfer to Times Square for, lunch on own, shopping, and free time
- 6:00 pm Meet for pre-theatre buffet dinner at **Cafe Nicole** overlooking Times Square
Menu: Caesar Salad & fresh fruit salad, rolls, Roast Chicken Breast, Sliced Steak in red wine sauce, mashed potatoes & vegetables, Chef Special
Dessert, Beverage: Pop, coffee
- 7:15 pm Proceed to the Theatre District for the evening's **Broadway performance of Lion King**. Walk to the theater
- 10:45 p. Depart New York City. Do a clothing change at the Lombardi travel plaza on I-95 North Exit 115, just a few miles outside the city. Rest stops through the night as needed.

Day #5 Saturday, June 11, 2011

- 8:00 am Breakfast on the road on the Ohio Turnpike
- 1:00 pm Arrive in Caledonia

It is advised that all tour persons travel with picture ID at all times due to heightened security requirements. Many areas require security checks. Backpacks are not recommended.

Student Expectations for this Interim

1. All rules that are in effect in the student handbook at Caledonia High School will apply to you while on the trip.
2. The use or possession of drugs, alcohol or tobacco is forbidden.
* Please note that if the police are involved your parents will be called and will be required to come to NYC to get you.
3. You will cooperate with chaperones at all times
4. Lights out time may vary and we ask that you be cooperative with the given time.
5. You must attend every scheduled event and this includes meals.
6. BE ON TIME. There are certain events where the time frame is critical. Plan ahead and be at the coach well in advance of the scheduled departure time. Talk to your roommates and work out the shower schedules. If you start slowly in the morning consider taking your shower at night.
7. Before leaving the hotel room make sure that you have everything you need for the day!!
8. Each year it becomes more and more difficult to get quality hotel accommodations for student groups because of the failure to respect other guests. Keep the noise to a minimum while in the hotel and always conduct yourself in a manner to reflect positively on you, the total group, your school and community.
9. Keep your rooms organized at all times. Plan ahead to share items to prevent everyone from packing duplicate items.
10. Keep in mind that chaperones may enter your room at any time to check on your behavior or welfare. They are free to check any of your luggage or personal items. As this is not a comfortable situation for anyone, please do not place anyone in a position to have to perform this task.
11. In case of emergencies:
*At the hotel – contact the chaperones immediately
*At any attraction – contact any attendant or go immediately to the first aid station.
*Should you become separated from the group seek advice from the police, security officers or the personnel on duty at the attraction or park.
12. Hotel room – girls/boys are not allowed in each others rooms for any reason.

13. Students are not allowed to leave the hotel without a chaperone for any reason.
14. On the bus ride home we will be traveling overnight. Students will NOT be allowed to sit boy/girl on the coach. Please respect this rule. (There are no restrictions on the way to NY -just on the way home. You may be asked to sit with a chaperone if this becomes a problem. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.:~)

You are expected to act like ladies and gentlemen at all times. This includes such things as eating politely, waiting your turn, paying attention when tour guides, chaperones, or motor coach drivers are addressing you.

Any student violations will be handled when we return to school in compliance with our student handbook. Chaperones may need to place restrictions on students who have misbehaved.

Dress code is strict – Ladies NO SHORT SHORTS OR TANK TOPS. Shorts must be appropriate length and shirts must have some type of sleeve. Please do not wear low revealing tops.

Men - No sagging! Shorts appropriate and all shirts must have some type of sleeve.

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Receiving Credit for this Interim

There are three requirements to be completed to receive credit for the NYC Interim 2011.

Participate in UN Tour and complete questions. Hand in to Mrs. Durkee/Mrs. Reigler.

Participate in Ellis Island Tour and complete questions. Hand in to Mrs. Durkee/Mrs. Reigler.

Complete Interim Survey

Participate with group in all the places/meals/events on the itinerary in a positive, well behaved manner. Students will respect all chaperones and tour guides and abide by all rules set by chaperones and the CHS Student handbook.

Chaperone Contact Numbers while in NYC

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All guest rooms include microwaves, mini-refrigerators, 2 phones with data-ports, coffee maker, iron/iron board, radio alarm clock, hairdryer, and electronic safe and new flat-screen HD TVs.

Students are responsible for items they bring to hotel and do so at their own risk: ie – computers, cameras, iphones, ipods etc. *We do not recommend bringing computers as we will not be at the hotel very much and it isn't something they will want to have with them in the city touring. We leave early every morning and get back quite late at night each night.*

FAQ & REMINDERS FOR THE TRIP

VERY IMPORTANT – YOU CANNOT GET ON THE BUS WITHOUT YOUR STUDENT ID AND/OR DRIVERS LICENSE.

(Some of the places we are going will require picture ID to get in such as Statue of Liberty and possibly the UN)

When do we leave?

We are asking students to arrive at 5:45 a.m. Our goal is to be packed up and ready to leave by 6:15 a.m. Seats on the bus are on a first come first serve basis. You cannot save a group of seats, so make sure your friends all get there on time.

If you are having an unexpected problem the morning we leave PLEASE call one of us on our cell phone and let us know. We do not want you to get in an accident trying to get here. Just let us know and we'll wait for you. Having said that we really do want to leave on time if possible. Please do your best to plan ahead and be on time.

What can you wear on the bus?

It is fine to dress comfortably on the bus, however, that does not mean inappropriately.

Pajama pants are fine but be sure to wear appropriate tops.

For example boys or girls NO TANK TOPS!

Shirts must have sleeves T-shirts/sweatshirts.

It is NOT appropriate for girls to wear sleeveless tank tops with a zip up jacket over it. **(unfortunately, this has caused problems in the past and we ask that you respect this guideline.)**

What should I pack?

Hotels amenities offers the following: AM/FM alarm clock; fitness center/spa, hair dryer in room, laundry/valet services, indoor pool, restaurant, cable tv, internet.

- Each person is allowed 1 suitcase and one carry on bag.
- Comfortable clothing for travel days.
- Comfortable shoes for walking.
- Swimming suit if you want to swim.
- Personal items and toiletries.
- Cards, small games

How much money should you bring?

You will be responsible for the following meals:

Tuesday 3 meals while traveling (suggesting approx. \$20)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Lunches in NYC (plan for approx. \$10 each lunch.)

Friday – 2 meals on way home approximately \$10

Food \$60-\$65

Spending Money – whatever you can afford – this is a family decision

**Please note it is best to bring prepaid credit/debit card and minimal cash.*

Can I bring food on the bus?

Yes but ALL DRINKS must have a screw on top. No cans, juice boxes or things that you cannot close. Whatever you bring needs to fit under your seat or in the storage above your head. NO BIG coolers but it's ok to bring a few snacks. We will stop often enough for you to purchase cold drinks.

We stop approximately every 3 hours for bathroom/ food breaks for breakfast/lunch and dinner.

Does the bus have movies?

Yes we can watch movies (DVD and/or VHS) but all movies must be pg13 or approved by chaperones. Must be original movies DVD player does not play copies.

Can you bring your cell phones?

Yes you can, HOWEVER, we ask that you abide by the following rules:

Do not use it on the bus when we are touring NYC and our tour guides are talking to us. The bus becomes our classroom during this time and they are sharing a lot of interesting and valuable information about NYC and what you are seeing.

Also, please do not give your number out to anyone you may meet in NYC who is not part of our group.

Can we sit boy/girl on the bus?

Yes except whenever it is DARK OUT (early morning and during the night). We will request that everyone sit girl/girl; boy/boy on the bus. We appreciate your cooperation. During daytime hours you're free to move around if you would like to.

There is a pool- bring an "appropriate" swim suit if you want to swim.

DRESS CODE!

All shirt must have a over the shoulder upper arm sleeve (NO TANK TOPS!!!)

No short shorts

Boys NO sagging!!!

Be sure to have comfortable shoes. You can wear flip flops if you want but it is a long day. . you may want to consider tennis shoes. You will be doing a lot of walking.

Broadway Show dress – casual dress up – capris, slacks, khakis. NO jeans NO SHORTS! Nice shirts (NO T-shirts, Tank Tops or Sweatshirts).

When will we get back to Caledonia?

We should arrive back in Caledonia on Saturday, June 11th at approximately 1:00 p.m.