

Freshman Band & Freshman Choir Students/Families

We will be performing on Friday, May 16th at Highland Park High School in St. Paul as a part of the Trills & Thrills Festival. The Trills & Thrills organization hosts festivals around the country and we are excited to be participating at the Minneapolis/St. Paul site. Students will perform in the morning for fellow students and clinicians, listen to other performing ensembles, and then we will spend the afternoon at Valleyfair in Shakopee. Each performing ensembles will be judged and given a score as well as recorded comments. This is not a mandatory event but we would like everyone to participate.

We do not have the exact schedule for the festival yet, but we will announce it as soon as it is established. A rough sketch of the day includes going to 1st and 2nd hour, meeting in the music department and then departing for Highland Park. We will have a 20 minute warm-up time followed by our 20 minute performance slot. The Freshman Choir will also be performing and have the same routine. It will be staggered so students in both groups should not have any problems. When students are not performing or warming up, they will be listening to the other ensembles. When our performances have concluded, we will load the buses and head to Valleyfair for the afternoon. Since we are missing class, students will need to be passing all of their classes in order to participate.

Once at Valleyfair, students will have the remainder of the afternoon to enjoy the park. Students should stay in groups of 3-4 or more and will be expected to abide by all District 281 and Armstrong High School rules as well as all rules established by Valleyfair. Infractions of these rules may lead to a student being picked up early at Valleyfair or further discipline by the AHS Administration. We will meet the buses at 5:15pm and return to AHS by 6:00pm. Any family that would like to pick up their student early at the park should contact the directors.

There are no available dressing rooms so students will NOT be asked to wear concert dress. Instead students will wear their choir and/or band shirt with jeans or shorts. Students should come dressed for the day, keeping in mind that the weather can vary quite dramatically this time of year and several layers would be a good idea.

The cost of the festival is \$55 and includes the music festival, transportation, and admission into the park. Students will need to bring money for lunch or anything else they wish to buy. Students would be able to bring a bag lunch and eat it on the bus or at the park if they so choose. Please return the permission waiver, payment coupon, and payment by Friday, April 11th.

The directors are looking forward to a great time!! If you have any questions, please let us know.

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Student Name _____

Total Cost - \$55

**Band Students – Make check payable to Armstrong Band Boosters
and give to Mr. Woelfle (Choir/Band students should bring to Mr. Woelfle)**

Student Account _____

Check _____

**Choir Students – Make check payable to Armstrong Choir Boosters
and give to Mr. Rangel**



Robbinsdale Area Schools Permission Slip and Waiver Form

Armstrong HS Trills & Thrills Festival

As a parent/guardian, I give permission for my child to participate in the **Trills and Thrills Festival on Friday, May 16th**. This tour is not required by Robbinsdale Area Schools.

In addition, I give permission for my child to participate in all off-site classes and field trips associated with **Freshman Band/Freshman Choir** including transportation to and from such off-site classes and field trips.

I am aware of the inherent risks associated with these activities and that all risks cannot be prevented.

If my child should require emergency medical treatment, I consent to such treatment. I acknowledge that the school district does not provide accident or health insurance for students, and I agree to be responsible for any medical bills incurred as a result of emergency medical treatment.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, I hereby hold harmless and release the school district, its officers, employees and volunteers, from any claims for damages or injury to my child or property, which may arise from my child's participation in the above program and all related activities.

This release and holds harmless clause does not apply to intentional or negligent acts of the school district, its officers, employees and volunteers that cause harm to my child. However, by signing below, I agree that the school district will not be responsible to pay any deductible on any insurance our family may have, if a claim is made that arises out of my child's participation in this program.

According to the school district's Student Records Policy, certain student data, including but not limited to the student's name, address, telephone number, photograph or video image, is considered public. Contact your school secretary for a Request to Withhold Information form if you want student information kept private.

If I am concerned about the program identified above or any of the activities or risks associated with the program, I understand that I can contact the Robbinsdale Area Schools. **Tony Rangel (763)504-8856 or Colin Woelfle (763) 504-8853**

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Emergency contact person and phone number _____

*Please return to your teacher by **Friday, April 11th, 2014.***