

March for Life 2018

Details for CJ Students and their Parents

January 9, 7:00 PM -- Parent/Marcher Pre-Trip Meeting

Tentative Trip Schedule (Subject to Change)

Thursday, January 18

8:00 AM - Depart from CJ

Early Evening - Arrive at hotel

Evening Activities - TBD -- Watch for an updated Itinerary closer to the March.

Friday, January 19 - MARCH DAY

We are requesting tickets for the Youth Rally and Mass sponsored by the Diocese of Washington DC. If we cannot acquire these tickets, we will attend Mass in the morning at another site and then participate in the March for Life.

This is a physically strenuous day. Expect to deal with large crowds and lots of waiting.

Evening activity to be determined.

Saturday, January 20

Students for Life Conference. Lunch and Dinner are provided at the Conference. Students will be expected to attend all sessions of the conference.

Evening activity to be determined -- will include time for group to discuss what to do next when we get home.

Sunday, January 21

Attend 7:30 AM Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Depart by 9:30 AM

Arrive at CJ around 7:30 PM

ELIGIBILITY

All Students are invited to go on this trip as long as you meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Students CANNOT fail more than ONE course for the 1st Semester.
- Students CANNOT have more than 4 Saturday Detentions accumulated
- Students CANNOT have excessive unexcused absences in 2 or more classes (Based on Teacher recommendations)
- If you have been suspended from school during the current year or if you are on a discipline contract, you MAY not be allowed to go on the trip.
- All Tuition Payments, Fees, & Obligations MUST be met and accounts kept up-to-date.

More Details

Please Read Carefully

Cost: \$350

Includes the expense of the bus, hotel, conference fees, other fees. \$175 is due **with** the registration form by **October 20**. The final payment is due by **December 15**.

Failure to remit the balance by December 15 could result in the loss of your space on the trip.

The sweatshirt is an additional cost of \$18, but a student may use their sweatshirt from last year again. The sweatshirts are uniform approved. Please include the cost of the sweatshirt with your deposit and registration.

Cancellation Policy

No cancellations are permitted after December 15 without forfeiture of your entire deposit and trip cost, UNLESS another person on the waiting list takes your place. We must pay for all transportation and hotel costs and conference fees that week, and we will not receive any refunds for those who cancel.

Any cancellations prior to December 15 will result in the loss of your deposit only.

Supervision

We will provide one adult for every 10 students. (More likely 1 adult for every 8 students.)

Hotel Information

We are staying at Cambria Suites, 899 O Street NW, Washington DC, 20001

Students will likely room 5 to a room - 2 queen beds and a sleeper sofa.

You can find this hotel online at www.cambriadc.com.

Students for Life Conference

All students are expected to attend all sessions of the Conference. This conference is designed to be informative and will connect students with thousands of other young pro-lifers from across the country. Past Marchers say that the Conference is a significant learning experience. Lunch and dinner are usually provided at the Conference.

You can find more information about the conference online at

<http://college.studentsforlife.org/students-for-life-national-conference/>

Mass & Youth Rally

On Friday we will attend one of several Masses and Youth Rallies -- hopefully at the Verizon Center with 20,000 other youth. We will leave for the Youth rally early Friday morning. Students can bring granola bars or other breakfast foods along, or purchase expensive items from the concession stands. You can find more information about the Mass and Youth rally online at

<http://youthrallyandmassforlife.org/>

Spending Money

To make sure you have enough, we recommend that you bring about \$25/day for meals. You may wish to bring some money for souvenirs. There are always t-shirts available at the conference. We may be traveling by Metro at some point. This will cost \$3-\$5.

Food

- Bring some bottled water or juice boxes to carry with you on the March. It is important to stay hydrated.
- Bring some breakfast items for your hotel room. You can work with your roommates to plan for snacks and breakfast.
- Lunch & Dinner are provided on Saturday only.
- Bring snacks for the bus trip and for the March.
- We will plan to eat lunch after Mass and before we join the March on Friday.
- All other meals will be of the fast-food variety, or in the hotel or nearby restaurants.

School Work

You will miss 2 days of classes. Please talk with your teachers AHEAD OF TIME to get work, if possible. The bus will have wi-fi access as well as the hotel. Juniors will be expected to continue progress on the ISJRP. We will have some down time when you can work on homework.

You must complete an Enrichment Experience Form and submit it to OSS by January 11.

Luggage

Bring a carry-on bag or backpack for your snacks and the other things you will need on the bus. All other luggage will be stored in the luggage compartment under the bus.

What to Wear on the March

Be prepared for ANY KIND OF WEATHER (snow, rain, cold, etc.) Layers of clothing are best. There could be times when we are standing in line for a while. Warm gloves, scarves, hats, double pairs of socks, and appropriate footwear are all advisable. Umbrellas and rain ponchos are good ideas as well. Plan ahead so you are not miserable on the March.

How to Act

- Please be friendly to those you do not know.
- Please join in, or at least be respectful, when we have opportunities to participate in prayer.
- Do not engage with counter-protesters during the March.
- Please help keep the noise level on the bus tolerable for all. Keep all conversations "G rated".
- All school rules apply with regard to drugs, alcohol, smoking, etc.
- All student handbook rules apply.
- Tardiness to the bus or other meeting points will result in demerits.
- Serious infractions of any school rules could result in phone calls to parents or even being sent home early from the trip at the expense of the participant or their parents.

Be Aware of Where You Are

- Do not wander away from the group.
- *Do not go anywhere without a partner - even in the hotel.*
- Make sure the adult responsible for your group knows where you are.
- Make sure you program into your cell phone the adult leaders' numbers that you will be given on the bus.

Expectations at the Hotel

Please set a good example of what it means to be a CJ Eagle while at the hotel and on the March.

- Most of you will be assigned to a 5 person room. We will determine roommates in November.
- No guys in girls rooms or vice versa AT ANY TIME. Any social gatherings need to take place in the hotel common areas. This hotel has great spaces for gathering in public. There is no reason to gather in rooms, even for groups of the same gender, to socialize.
- The rooms will have already been paid for. There are not to be any additional charges on any of the rooms (no pay-per-view movies, phone chargers, room service charged to the room.)
- After 11:00 PM students will NOT be outside their own rooms. Teachers will have keys to rooms in case of suspicious behavior.
- Please be on time. Tardiness may result in demerits.
- Even in the hotel, travel with a buddy.

Mrs. Emmerich has no patience for loud or rude behavior in the hotel. The hotel has many other guests who have paid for a place to rest. Even if other groups are behaving in disruptive ways, such behavior will NOT be tolerated from CJ students. Demerits, after school detentions or Saturday school detentions could apply. *Seriously disruptive or irresponsible behavior could result in the student being sent home.*

Medications

All medications must be carried and administered by a trained CJ staff member. All documentation for medications must be current at the time of the trip. All over-the-counter medications must be administered by a CJ staff person. Please communicate with the school nurse at 461-3740 x227 in preparation for the trip.

Expectations at the March for Life

- Ignore hecklers.
- Do not engage with those who may be there to counter protest.
- Be peaceful, prayerful, reverent - remember those whose lives you are fighting for.
- Do your best to stay with your group. **Always** stay with a partner.
- Inform/obtain permission from your group leader in the event you need to stop for any reason.

If you get separated from the group, call Mrs. Emmerich or your adult leader. It is important to have these numbers in your phone.

Suggested To Bring List

Backpack for the March

Snacks/drinks

Cash for meals, metro, souvenirs, bus driver tip

Clothing appropriate for the weather

Raingear, poncho, umbrella, Hat, gloves, scarf, shoes suitable for snow

CELL PHONE, (borrow one if necessary)

Homework

Cards or travel games

Any Prescription Medications -- coordinate with the School Nurse

Your March for Life Sweatshirt

Once registration is complete, you will receive a packet of permission forms to complete and return. Most of them will go to Mrs. Emmerich. The Enrichment Experience Form will go to OSS. **You will also receive an invitation to join a March for Life Group in Google Classroom. Please accept this invitation,** because Mrs. Emmerich will use it to get paperwork to you and to share information.