



*Oak Hill Middle School
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*Dr. John Harutunian
Principal*

May 10, 2019

Dear Grade 8 Students & Parents,

Can you believe that the New York trip is only a few days away? We have been busy with the final preparations, and the students have been getting more and more excited by the minute!

In this packet, please find:

- **departure and arrival information**
- **contact information, including information for buses and our hotel**
- **packing guidelines for the trip**

MEDICAL CHANGES: If the original medication form is outdated because your child is taking new medications or no longer ones listed previously, please complete **PAGE 3** of the Overnight Field Trip Medical Form. It can be found by going to the Oak Hill homepage (www.newton.k12.ma.us/oakhill) > 8th Grade New York City Trip Information (under Announcements) > Required Forms.

If your child's medical history has changed, please complete PAGE 2 of the Overnight Field Trip Medical Form, which can be found at the same link.

Our trip itinerary can be found on the website above. Please review all information with your child.

May 15 Departure Information: On May 15th, students should be at Oak Hill by **6:15 AM** to check in with their chaperones, attach the colored luggage tag they will receive and get settled on the bus. If you have to drop off any medication (prescription or over-the-counter), please plan to arrive to school at **6:00 AM**. There will be one table per team set up in order to collect and label the medication. To save time en route to New York City, students should **bring a bagged lunch** with them to eat on the bus and may bring breakfast as well if they choose not to eat before leaving. There will be five buses taking us to New York City.

May 17 Return Information: As noted on the itinerary, we anticipate arriving back at Oak Hill at **7:00 PM on Friday, May 17**. We will ask students to contact parents or guardians as we near home.

Thank you for your support! With anticipation,

Oak Hill 8th Grade Teachers
Principal John Harutunian

BUSES:

- BUS 1 Bus Leader: Russ Hunt 617-249-4456
- BUS 2 Bus Leader: Amanda Legare 617-297-7317
- BUS 3 Bus Leader: Jamin Bercaw 781-365-9026
- BUS 4 Bus Leader: Paul Lyons 781-269-2026
- BUS 5 Bus Leader: Matt Timmins 617-340-9309

PRINCIPAL: John Harutunian 617-869-6398

SCHOOL: Oak Hill Middle School 617-559-9200

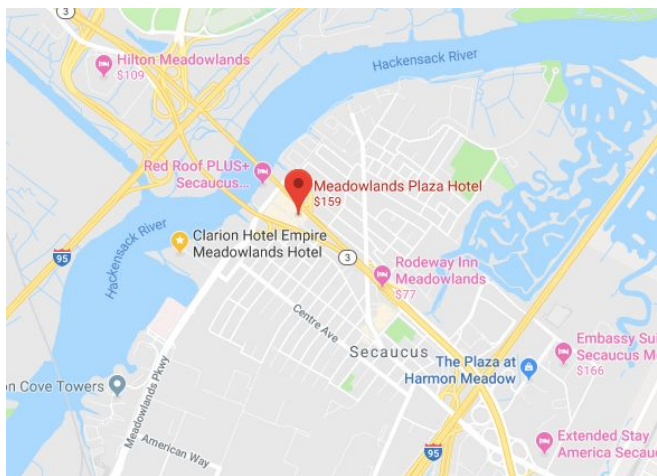
HOTEL: Meadowlands Plaza Secaucus 201-272-1000
40 Wood Avenue Secaucus, NJ 07094

BUS COMPANY: Academy Bus 781- 849-0200

TOUR COMPANY: *on call 24 hours, follow phone instructions to get person on-call *

Hawthorne Tours 978-744-5463 or 800-287-5744

MAP OF HOTEL LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:



Newton
Massachusetts

- > Get on I-95 N from Commonwealth Avenue and Washington St
7 min (2.9 mi)
- > Take I-90 W/Massachusetts Turnpike, I-84, I-91 S, CT-15 S and I-95 S to Meadowlands Pkwy in Secaucus. Take the Meadowlands Parkway exit from NJ-3 E
3 h 19 min (207 mi)
- > Continue on Meadowlands Pkwy. Drive to Wood Ave
2 min (0.3 mi)

Meadowlands Plaza Hotel
40 Wood Ave, Secaucus, NJ 07094

PACKING GUIDELINES

When choosing what to pack, please remember that you are on a school trip.

- Duffel bag or suitcase with your name clearly printed on the outside.
- The key is to be comfortable and prepared for warm weather, cool weather, rain, and wind. Be sure to check the weather forecast.
- Please do not pack ripped, torn, or messy clothing; all clothing should meet school dress guidelines.
- If you bring electronics or a cell phone with you, you are responsible for them at all times.
- Any luggage may be checked by a chaperone prior to departure and at any point during the trip.

- Jeans or shorts
- T-shirts, short sleeve or long sleeve shirts
- Sweatshirt or sweater (for layering)
- Socks
- Underwear
- Pajamas
- Raincoat and umbrella
- Two pairs of walking shoes
- Hat(s) for outside
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Contact lenses and glasses
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses

REQUIRED:

- US currency (spending money should be no more than \$50)
- Medications (over-the-counter and prescription meds must be in their original packaging and listed on medical release form)
- Working watch (or other time-telling device; cell phone is fine)
- **Bagged lunch to eat on the bus en route to NYC**

OPTIONAL:

- Breakfast to eat on bus if you do not eat before leaving home
- Camera and batteries or charger
- Cell phone and charger (both corded and portable)
- Day pack or string backpack
- Pillow for bus (neck or travel size)
- Sleeping bag
- Snacks