



TO: Students and Parents
Bixby High School Band
Bixby Middle School Band

FROM: Jeremy Parker
Director of Bands
Bixby High School

RE: LONDON PARADE FESTIVAL

As I'm certain you've heard by now, the Bixby High School Band has been honored with an official offer and invitation to participate in the 2018-2019 LONDON PARADE FESTIVAL in Great Britain. This is obviously a very prestigious event and an exciting opportunity for our students.

As a member of the Bixby High School Band next year, YOU are part of that honor and opportunity. Attached are the general details of the trip that are available at this time. Many of the items are being confirmed at the present. In the introduction brochure you will find the major items which will be included in the final cost as well as the performance venues and events in which the band and orchestra will be involved.

You will also find the payment schedule necessary to get us "across the pond". This schedule has been designed to most effectively meet the students' need of a regular payment and to coincide with the five group payments that we must make over the same period.

All profits earned by you and/or your parents are placed into an individual account, which will run through the final payment date next October (2018). For example, the cookie or cheesecake sale that has or will be held are the initial offerings for starting that account. Forty percent (40%) of your gross sales will go immediately into your account directed for the London trip. Other fund-raisers will follow throughout the year. We are trying to give you ample opportunities to earn the largest percent, if not all, of your cost.

The first deposit of \$100 and the return of the Statement of Understanding document establishes your registration for the LONDON PARADE FESTIVAL.

Chaperones, parent, supporters, etc. all are welcome. The cost is the same for all travelling. Student / chaperone ratio will average approximately 6 to 1. Student supervision is very secure. As before, this is the thumbnail sketch of the opportunity of a lifetime for most of these students.

**INFORMATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
BIXBY HIGH SCHOOL BAND HALL
7:00 P.M.**

Should you have any questions, PLEASE feel free to contact me any time.

Jeremy Parker

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LONDON PARADE FESTIVAL

I am delighted to be able to introduce you to the “London Parade Festival” program, a series of very special musical events that take place each New Year in and around London.

The festival comprises two major performances. The first, an evening concert, takes place on either December 29th or 30th, in the magnificent Westminster Central Hall. On New Year’s Day, there is the “London Parade” beginning at Berkley Square and winding its way through Piccadilly Circus, down Pall Mall, by Trafalgar Square, and down the historic Whitehall ending at Parliament Square and the Westminster – the ultimate and perfect way for Bixby High School Band students to celebrate the start of a New Year.

The Mayors of all the Boroughs of London and Westminster will welcome Bixby, Oklahoma with great support and commitment.

PERFORMANCE TRAVEL PROGRAMME INCLUSIONS

- Round trip economy class air travel on a scheduled airline from Dallas/Fort Worth to a London airport. One main meal and one snack served on each transatlantic flight. Complimentary drinks service on all flights. Free movies and audio entertainment.
- 6 nights accommodation in a specially selected first class London hotel. Students and adults will generally be accommodated in twin (or queen) bedded rooms. All rooms with private facilities including bath and/or shower.
- Continental breakfast served each day in London – 6 meals.
- Dinner each day in London (6 meals)
- Round trip transfers from London airport to hotel by coach
- Transportation to and from all performance venues
- Panoramic tour of London with professional guide and with photo stops, etc on private chartered coach
- A tour with professional guide to WINDSOR CASTLE and OXFORD UNIVERSITY.
- Tickets for evening musical in the West End.
- A full day tour to GREENWICH via river cruise down the Thames
- Guided tour of the TOWER OF LONDON
- Tickets to “Music for London” at the Westminster Central Hall.
- Student New Year’s Eve party with full entertainment (discotheque) with pizza and soft drinks
- London Parade Festival Souvenir T-Shirt.

- Souvenir mounted photograph of group
- A specially struck commemorative medal of the “London Parade Festival 2018/19”
- All taxes and charges imposed by the US and British governments for Airline and Airport facility usage.
- A “Youth Music of the World” specially created comprehensive insurance package

- Coach transportation to and from DFW

Other Details

Intercontinental Air Travel

Travel from DFW to London will be on British Airways, American Airlines, United Airlines, etc

Accommodations

As mentioned previously, accommodations are in First Class London hotels just minutes from central London. Students and adults will generally be accommodated in in twin (or queen) bedded rooms. Probable hotels are Hilton Metropole, Cumberland, Kensington, etc.

Tours

A full-day tour of the major sights of London.

A professional English speaking guide will provide a first class informative commentary of London, its culture, and its history. The 4 hour tour will be ideally paced so that you become acquainted with much of what London has to offer. There will be plenty of stops so you can explore the monuments, have time for refreshments and lunch and brief photo stops.

A full-day tour to Windsor Castle and Oxford University.

Among the many places of interest outside of but still in the vicinity of London, Windsor is certainly one of the most famous and most important. On this, your full-day tour, a professional English-speaking guide will be providing you with information on the town of Windsor, and then direct you through parts of this magnificent castle. The Windsor visit will take, in total, a half day. The remainder of the day is free for independent sightseeing and shopping in London. On the same day tour to Windsor, we will also visit the city of Oxfordshire. You will have a guided tour of OXFORD UNIVERSITY and the city with admission to Christ Church College (film location for Harry Potter).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

THE TOWER OF LONDON

PARLIAMENT

BIG BEN

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

THE LONDON EYE

TRAFALGAR SQUARE

PICCADILLY CIRCUS

WINDSOR CASTLE

THE STATE APARTMENTS

QUEEN MARY'S DOLLS' HOUSE

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL
TOWER BRIDGE
HERROD'S
BRITISH MUSEUM
TATE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART
SHERLOCK HOLMES
221 BAKER STREET
MADAME TOUSSAUD'S MUSEUM
COVENT GARDENS
My Fair Lady
GLOBE THEATRE
MILLENIUM BRIDGE
10 DOWNING STREET
JACK THE RIPPER

This is indeed one of the few chances of a lifetime for students and parents alike to experience London and its "treasures" with the best people in the world, the Bixby High School Band Family.

Please complete the statement of understanding page along with your initial deposit if you have an interest being in London with the Bixby High School Family on New Years 2019.

Should you have questions needing answers prior to then, please feel free to contact:

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PROJECTED PAYMENTS

10 October	2017	Account balance must be \$100.00
30 October	2017	Account balance must be \$200.00
01 February	2018	Account balance must be \$800.00
01 April	2018	Account balance must be \$1,200.00
30 May	2018	Account balance must be \$1,500.00
01 September	2018	Account balance must be \$3,500.00

BIXBY HIGH SCHOOL BAND
LONDON'S NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE FESTIVAL 2019
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH THE INITIAL PAYMENT.

I understand that the balance in my personal account must equal the account balance schedule and due dates as shown below. Payments are due on or prior to the following dates:

10 October 2017 Account balance must be \$100.00
30 October 2017 Account balance must be \$200.00
01 February 2018 Account balance must be \$800.00
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01 September 2018 Account balance must be \$3,500.00

Further, I understand that the first \$100.00 of money paid toward the London trip (due 10 October 2017) is nonrefundable, and after May 01, 2018, the balance in my personal London account for the trip is also non-refundable (due to the purchase of airfare). Limited exceptions to this apply in extreme cases of emergency.

Checks or Money Orders for London trip payments should be made payable to Bixby Bands and delivered to your director or mailed to:

Bixby Bands
601 S Riverview
Bixby, OK 74008

Online Payments can be made to your student's account through the website *bixbybands.com* (directions attached)
Please address questions or comments to jeremyparker@bixbyps.org

PLEASE LIST PERSON ATTENDING NEW YEARS IN LONDON 2018-19: (ONE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT PLEASE)

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME (First) _____ (Last) _____

STUDENT PARENT SIBLING OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, ST ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

PARENTS' NAME _____

PARENTS' PHONE _____ OR _____

PARENTS' E-MAIL _____

Student or Chaperone Participant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____