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October 18, 2018

Dear Eighth Grade Parent:

The eighth grade trip to Washington, DC will be five days and four nights. We will depart on Monday morning, June 10, 2019 and return on the evening of Friday June 14, 2019.

Enclosed is your informational flier for this year's eighth grade trip to Washington, DC.

The total cost of the trip is \$815.00. Please note that a minimum **FIRST PAYMENT** of \$95 is due to EF Explore America by November 30<sup>th</sup>. A **SECOND PAYMENT** of \$155.00 is due to EF Explore America thirty days after enrollment. Final payment to EF Explore America will be due on March 27, 2019. There is also an Automatic Payment Plan option available, giving you choices for either monthly or bi-monthly installments. If you sign up with \$95.00 in October, you can select your charge dates and your average payment will be approximately \$103.00 per month or \$52.00 bi-monthly taking you through April 2019. If you wait until November for your initial \$95 deposit, your installments will average \$120.00 per month or \$60.00 bi-monthly still taking you through April 2019. The price includes all transportation costs, most meals (except lunch en route to DC), all admission costs and four nights in a hotel. We do have some scholarship money available as needed. (Please write a letter to Mr. O'Rourke.) Please note the cancellation policy at [www.efexploreamerica.com/bc](http://www.efexploreamerica.com/bc)

#### ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

To keep our prices as reasonable as possible, certain aspects of the trip must be "one size fits all." This includes our room accommodations, which require four students in a room with two double beds. We have no flexibility to make changes if your child is not comfortable with these arrangements of four students to a room. We will not be discussing actual room assignments until early March.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Certain additional points are worth stressing now:

- According to the academic and behavior guidelines for field trips, every child must earn the privilege of the trip. Please see the attached handbook reference for the details of this policy. We recommend the Anytime Protection Plan if you are concerned that your child may not be eligible at the time of the trip, this is an additional \$219 cost.
- If your child misbehaves in a manner that would require him/her to be sent home from the trip **and** you are unable to come to Washington, DC immediately, then your child will be escorted home with a chaperone. **You will be responsible for all costs incurred for your child and the chaperone.**

One last point: one nurse or doctor is needed as a chaperone that can dispense medications. If you are interested, please get in touch with me indicating your training and interest. You will have a great time on the trip!

We look forward to a productive year and a terrific culminating experience in Washington DC.

Sincerely,

Kevin O'Rourke  
Principal

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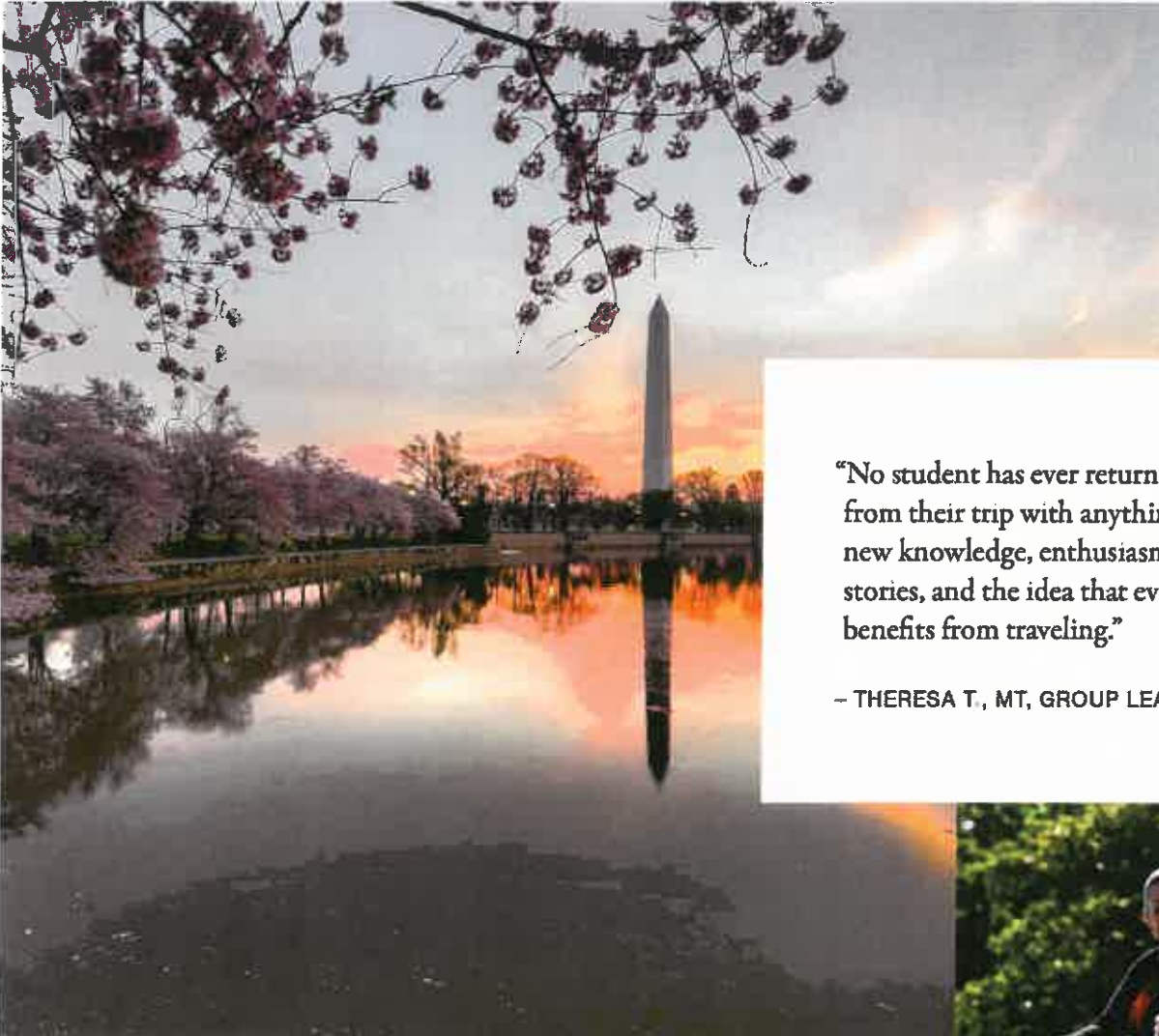
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# WASHINGTON, D.C.: THE CAPITAL TOUR

LED BY KEVIN O'ROURKE  
SHARON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Travel to Washington, D.C., the heart of American politics and the ideal destination to connect with our nation's history and culture. You'll trace the steps of our country's founders as you witness the modern-day marvels of our nation's capital.

CITIES VISITED: WASHINGTON, D.C.

TOUR NUMBER:  
2120035UN

LENGTH:  
5 DAY TOUR

REQUESTED DATES:  
JUNE. 10, 2019 - JUNE. 14, 2019

ENROLL ONLINE:  
[EFEXPLOREAMERICA.COM/2120035UN](http://EFEXPLOREAMERICA.COM/2120035UN)

# 5-DAY ITINERARY

## Day 1: Washington, D.C.

- Arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Smithsonian's National Zoological Park
- \$10 Cash for Dinner Included

## Day 2: Washington, D.C.

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Arlington National Cemetery: Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy gravesites
- Photo stop at the Marine Corps War Memorial
- Lunch Included
- Explore Washington, D.C., highlights: Photo stops at the White House, Washington Monument, and WWII Memorial
- Smithsonian museums, may include: National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of American History
- Dinner Included
- Night tour of Washington, D.C.: Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial

## Day 3: Washington, D.C. • Mount Vernon

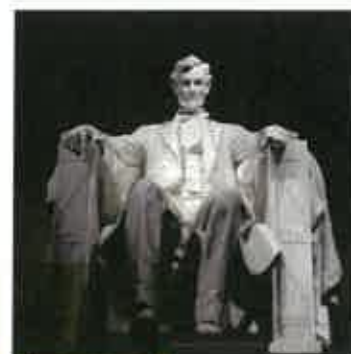
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Mount Vernon
- Lunch Included
- U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center Tour
- Photo stop at U.S. Supreme Court and the Library of Congress
- Dinner Included
- Explore the Tidal Basin: FDR Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, Jefferson Memorial

## Day 4: Washington, D.C.

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Newseum
- Lunch Included
- National Archives
- US Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Dinner Dance at the hotel

## Day 5: Washington, D.C. • Return home

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for home
- \$10 Cash for Lunch Included



**ENROLL NOW**  
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**DEADLINE TO ENROLL:**  
**NOV. 30**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🕒 Round-trip transportation</li> <li>🏨 Hotel accommodations</li> <li>🔒 Overnight security</li> <li>🍽️ Breakfast, lunch and dinner</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>💰 All gratuities</li> <li>🎒 Guided tours and activities</li> <li>👤 Full-time Tour Director</li> <li>🛡️ Illness and accident coverage</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>👥 Traveler Support Team</li> <li>📞 24-hour emergency assistance</li> <li>📱 weShare—accredited learning</li> </ul> |
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JUNE. 10, 2019 — JUNE. 14, 2019

DEPARTURE CITY:  
SHARON, MA

ENROLL BY PHONE:  
888-333-9756

TOUR NUMBER:  
2120035UN

STUDENT TOUR FEE:  
\$815

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE:  
NOV. 30, 2018

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\* Prices valid until enrollment deadline: Nov. 30, 2018. Pricing based on traveling with a minimum of 270 paying travelers and a ratio of one chaperone for every 8 paying travelers. Itinerary subject to change. Breakfast excluded on day of arrival; dinner excluded on day of departure (unless otherwise noted). Additional booking conditions apply. For details visit [EFExploreAmerica.com/BC](http://EFExploreAmerica.com/BC).

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