

¡Vamos a Chicago!

TO: Members of the Vicksburg School Board

FROM: Jennifer Rodas, Spanish Teacher

RE: Spanish Class trip to Chicago

DATE: March 4, 2019

On Saturday, May 25, 2019 I would like to offer Vicksburg Spanish students an opportunity to experience Hispanic culture outside of the classroom. This field trip will allow the students to interact with native Spanish speaking people. Our first stop will be at the National Museum of Mexican Art. The museum is placed in the heart of the Hispanic culture of Mexico and I have allotted some time for the students to walk with their chaperone through the market and buy lunch by interacting in the market. After the zoo, we will head to Cantina Laredo to eat a Mexican cuisine for dinner. After dinner, we will head to Toyota Park to watch a Chicago Fire Soccer game. From the soccer stadium, we will depart home.

The cost per student is \$120 and this covers transportation, museum tour, the bus tour, and dinner (tip and tax included) at the restaurant. The cost will be paid by students.

We will be using B & W for charter bus transportation on this trip. Enclosed is a copy of the parent letter with itinerary, as well as a sample menu that we will get to try. I ask the Board of Education to continue to support this opportunity for Vicksburg students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a real-life situation and experience the culture first-hand on top of what they have experienced in the classroom.

¡Muchas Gracias!

Jennifer Rodas

¡Vamos a Chicago!

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Itinerary: bolded times indicate Chicago time change

7:45 am arrive at Vicksburg High School

8:00 am leave for Chicago

9:30 Breakfast at McDonalds

10:30 (Chicago time) Arrive at National Museum of Mexican Art

10:30-2:30pm Walking down 19th street and through museum

3:00- 5:30 dinner at Café Iberico (all included)

6:00-9:30ish 😊 Soccer game at Toyota Park - Starts at 7:30

We will head back to Michigan after the game

12:30 a.m. Michigan Time- Arrive Back to Vicksburg High School



The cost is \$120 per person pending on filling the bus or not. There are only 48 spots available. If we get enough interest, we can add a second bus, but it does need to fill to keep the price down. I could refund the second bus prices if it doesn't fill. Chaperones are not free and are charged the same price as the cost is per person. If money is an issue, please see me and we can see what we can do.

You MUST give the full payment to reserve your spot by April 26, 2019 (payments can be discussed). I recommend students bring about \$30-40 dollars for souvenirs and snacks that they wish to buy. We will be stopping at McDonald's for breakfast quickly on our way down. We will be selling candy through April to cover the bus driver tip and any other parking needs so that cost is not forwarded to students.

Gracias,

Jennifer Rodas (Van Beck)

Mary Zemlick

321-1216

jrodas@vicksburgschools.org

321-1212

mzemlick@vicksburgschools.org

Sample Menu For dinner *subject to change- TAPAS from Spain (small plates typical of Spain)

You get to try all of these 😊

Spanish "omelet"

Grilled meat

Spanish Ham

Patatas Bravas- flavored potatoes

Grilled Octopus

Sausage and blood sausage

Goat cheese with bread

Chicken Croquettes

Salmon

Chicken dish

Cake similar to Tiramisu called Bizcocho Borracho for dessert 😊

iVamos a Chicago!

**** I strongly request prompt pick-up for the students. We will have cell-phones available to indicate drop-off time. I know that it will be a long day and late night, and I appreciate your cooperation and support for this wonderful opportunity that our students have. ****

I recommend that students bring \$30-\$40 dollars for the trip. The money is for breakfast, and on 18th street there are candy shops, bakeries, meet shops, and restaurants the students will want to buy culture items at. The Museum has a gift shop, and the stadium will be selling items. Saving a couple dollars for a beverage at the game may be a good idea.

Please bring snacks, no higher rated than PG-13 movies, and any electronic devices you wish. The school is NOT responsible for any damaged/stolen items.

Lastly, all rules in the handbook still apply being that this is a school trip. Please do not put me or yourself in a situation where you will not be able to attend another field trip/ outing. You MUST stay with your group while on 18th street. Otherwise feel free to roam from group to group while at the restaurant, or soccer game.

With any questions or concerns please contact: Mrs. Rodas
Remember not to abuse this privilege. 269-665-8111

While on 18th street, I recommend visiting the following places:

Dulceria Lupitas

1730 West 18th Street
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 226-9260

Candy shop full of Mexican style candies ** watch out for chili powder!**

Panaderia Del Refugio Inc

1339 West 18th Street, Chicago, IL
(312) 738-0128

Panderia- Bakery Grab a silver tray and bring what you would like bagged to the cashier.

La Casa Del Pueblo

1810 South Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, IL
(312) 421-4664 ·

Supermercado- you will find many different foods/ fruits here