

TO: Members of the Vicksburg School Board

FROM: Jennifer Teall, French Teacher

RE: French Class trip to Chicago

DATE: January 29, 2024

On April 24, 2024 I would like to once again offer Vicksburg French students the opportunity to visit Chicago to experience some big-city French culture first-hand. This field trip is an excellent opportunity for the students to be exposed to the art, food, music and language of the French culture in Chicago. Students will visit the Chicago Alliance Française for French cooking lessons, lunch (they will eat the food they prepare!). All activities will be conducted in French by native speakers. We will also visit 360 Chicago (formerly known as the John Hancock Building) to gain an aerial visual of Chicago, visit the French Market of Chicago, and stop briefly at Millenium Park, weather permitting. The cost to each student is \$50, which covers lunch, cooking lessons, and 360 Chicago admission. Transportation costs are being paid by VHS French Club. Participation in this trip is optional.

We will be using Cardinal Buses for charter bus transportation on this trip. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed itinerary and parent letter. I ask the Board of Education to continue to support this opportunity for Vicksburg students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-life situations. Our last field trip to Chicago was pre-Covid, so we are excited to return. Merci beaucoup!

**Parental Permission to Attend  
French III/IV Field Trip 4/24/2024  
Chicago, IL**

Field trip information

French III/IV students have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to Chicago on April 24, 2024. While the exact departure and return times are still being finalized, we will leave Vicksburg at approximately 7:00 a.m. and likely return to Vicksburg between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Firm times will be established once I know how many students are going.

Our first stop will be the Alliance Française de Chicago, where students will prepare their lunch of classic French foods under the guidance of a French chef. We will then go to the indoor French Market, where students can browse among the French vendors. Our final stop will be 360 Chicago, where students can view the magnificent Chicago skyline.

We will be using a charter bus from Cardinal Buses, LLC for our transportation to and from Chicago and the bus will take us to and from each location.

Fees

French Club is paying for transportation costs, but there is a cost for the cooking lessons (which includes lunch) and for 360 Chicago so the fee for this field trip is \$50 per student.

If your student would like to participate, the registration deadline is January 19, 2024. To register, students need to turn in this signed permission slip and the registration fee in cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Vicksburg Community Schools. This fee is non-refundable after March 30, 2024.

**NOTE:** If your student would like to purchase anything at the French Market or the 360 Chicago Gift Shop, they need to bring extra money.

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\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend the above school  
(student's name)

related event on 4/24/2024 and to be transported to and from this event by Cardinal Buses, LLC.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_