

Prescott High School Bands and Orchestra

"First Class"

Tuesday, October 5, 2009

Dear Mrs. McCraley

It is my honor and pleasure to ask for your assistance in granting the Pride of Prescott Marching Band permission to travel to London, England on December 27, 2009 to participate in the London New Year's Day Parade.

As you are well aware, one year ago Roger Bramble, Lord High Lieutenant of Greater London and Robert Bone, Executive Director of the London New Year's Day Parade, visited Prescott High School and extended an invitation to our marching band and jazz bands to perform in London this school year. We accepted their invitation and as of this date, the only thing that stands in our way is a little rehearsal, about \$20,000 in donations and the Prescott Unified School District's Governing Boards approval.

Here is some information we can share with the school board:

The cost of the trip is \$2650, each student is responsible for \$2600. Some of the students choose to pay the entire fee out of their families pockets. Most students used tax credits, we have several fundraisers and there were also many individual donations. The other \$50 fee has been picked up by donations and will cover an upgraded dinner at Planet Hollywood and the cost of the Oyster Card (tube pass).

There are 107 students currently participating in this activity, 6 of them graduated last spring. We have 55 others travelling with us, of the 55, 5 are PHS teachers, 6 are middle school students or younger, 25 are serving in the capacity of chaperone and 19 are travelling as our fans!

Flight Schedule – the band and the chaperones have been split into two different flights, one flight will be a direct flight, the second flight will connect through Chicago.

Jazz Band Performance will be on December 30 at the St. John's, Smith Square in Westminster.

The marching band will begin the parade at the Ritz Hotel and proceed through London and Westminster concluding at Parliament Square in front of Big Ben. The parade begins at 12:00 noon, but at this time we do not know when our band will step off. We have been invited as one of 6 American bands to perform in the Grand Finale at the conclusion of the parade. We do not know at this time if any Arizona television channels will be showing the parade, but once we find out we will let the community know.

The band will be visiting the city of Greenwich for a half day tour and our full day tour will include Windsor Palace and Hampton Court. The band will also have two days of unstructured (meaning our hosts do not provide leadership) sightseeing, lead by our chaperones.

Each morning the band will receive a continental breakfast and a dinner. Four dinners will be as a group either at our hotel or a local eating establishment. The students will eat a dinner in a local pub, with local food (no hamburgers!) and we will be eating at the original Planet Hollywood.

The hotel we are staying at is the Hilton Metropole, London's largest conference center/hotel. There will be 6 other bands staying at this hotel, including a band from Japan.

One night the students will be entertained at a West End Theater show, we chose the musical STOMP.

On New Years Eve, the students will be hosted at the hotel by the Parade Committee to a party. The party is only open to the students and it is well chaperoned by the committee.

The band returns to Phoenix in the same style that it left. Two flights, one direct and one connecting in Chicago. We return to Sky Harbor on January 3 sometime between 6:30 pm and 10:00.

We have contracted with PUSD Transportation to carry us to and from Sky Harbor Airport.

I have attached a copy of the itinerary as presented to the band by the hosts in London.

I will be available at the school board meeting if there are any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel F. Bradstreet". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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THE NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE
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	Time	Daytime Activity	Time	Evening Activity
Monday 28th December		Arrive in London. Transfer by luxury coach to your hotel. ORIENTATION MEETING. Your resource person will inform you of the time for the meeting. This afternoon is unstructured.	6.30pm	Dinner will be served in your hotel. This evening is UNSTRUCTURED.
Tuesday 29th December	7.00am 9.00am 1.00pm	Continental buffet breakfast is served. LONDON TOUR. Begin a four hour guided coach tour of visitors London. Tour ends back at your hotel. This afternoon is UNSTRUCTURED.	6.00pm 6.15pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 10.00pm	Depart by coach for a pub restaurant. Dinner is served. Continue to Ambassadors Theatre. STOMP begins. Return by coach to your hotel.
Wednesday 30th December	7.00am 9.00am 12.45pm 1.00pm 2.00pm	Continental buffet breakfast is served. GREENWICH TOUR. Begin a half day tour of Greenwich, including entrance to the Royal Observatory and the National Maritime Museum. Tour ends at St. John's Concert Hall for a full stage rehearsal. Rehearsal begins. Rehearsal ends. Return to your hotel. This afternoon is UNSTRUCTURED.	6.30pm 7.30pm 10.00pm	Dinner at leisure (vouchers). The whole group will depart by coach for St. John's, Smith Square for your performance this evening. The ' MUSIC FOR LONDON ' Gala Concert will begin. Concert ends. Return by coach to your hotel.
Thursday 31st December	6.30am 8.00am 6.00pm	Continental buffet breakfast is served. WINDSOR & HAMPTON COURT TOUR. Begin a full day tour including entrance to the famous Windsor Castle and to the Royal Palace & Gardens. Return to your hotel.	7.00pm 8.30pm	Dinner will be served in your hotel. A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY begins in your hotel. Finish shortly after midnight.
Friday 1st January 2010	t.b.a. t.b.a. 12.00 midday	Continental buffet breakfast is served. Depart your hotel by coach. Arrive in the assembly area. The official group photograph. THE NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE. Return by coach to your hotel.	6.30pm 7.00 & 9.00pm 10.30pm	Depart by coach for Planet Hollywood Dinner is served. Evening at leisure in the Piccadilly, Leicester Square or Covent Garden area. Return by coach to your hotel.
Saturday 2nd January	7.00am	Continental buffet breakfast is served. Today is UNSTRUCTURED.		Dinner at leisure (vouchers). This evening is UNSTRUCTURED.
Sunday 3rd January		Continental buffet breakfast is served. Please check the notice board for your coach departure time this morning.		Lunch and afternoon tea will be served onboard your transatlantic flight.