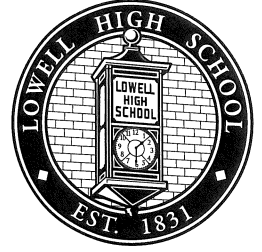


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Jeannine Durkin, Superintendent
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Re: Travel to Paris and the Riviera February Vacation 2020

Dear Superintendent Durkin;

I would like to request permission for up to 40 students and four chaperones, Susan Brassard, Seth Bernier, Cassandra Johnson and Brianna Heughins to travel to Paris, France and the Riviera during the February school vacation, 2020. Travel will be from Thursday evening February 13, 2020 and return on Sunday February 23, 2020. Students will miss 1 day of school, Friday February 14. In order to keep cost at a minimum for students traveling, we have elected to travel during the "off season" which forces the overlap with one day of school.

This trip will be coordinated with the assistance of EF Educational Tours, an accredited travel group located in Boston, MA. This organization comes highly recommended as they have been working with student travel for over 50 years.

Each student traveling will incur the total cost of the trip. The itemized costs are:

- Early enrollment discount -\$200
- Program Fee \$3060 - \$3239 (this includes round-trip airfare and on tour transportation; hotel with private bathrooms; Breakfast and dinner; Full-time Tour Director; Daily activities, tours and entrances to attractions)
- The only cost will be for 2 substitutes for one day for a total of \$210, from the Lowell High School Individual account.

Students will be exposed to the cuisine and culture of the city and the countryside to gain a complete perspective of the country and regional differences. A custom excursion in Paris has been added:

- "The Cooking Class has been added to this trip. The cooking class will take place during lunch on day 4. Students will be traveling to a professional kitchen and taking a cooking lesson with a Parisian chef. The students will learn about local dishes and ingredients, before putting this knowledge in to practice by cooking their own lunch. Afterwards, the group will sit down together to enjoy the meal they created."

This trip is in accordance with the Massachusetts State Curriculum Frameworks under the following standards:

- Culture. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the culture studied through history, literature, and the arts.
- Communities. Students will use languages other than English beyond the school setting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,


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Head of Lowell High School