

SAINT DAVID'S SCHOOL

Italian Study Tour March 3-13, 2008

Departure/Return

We will leave Saint David's on Monday, March 3rd. Boys may wear street clothes for the trip. That morning, luggage should be brought to the Gymnastics Center at 9:45 a.m. where it will be stored until departure time. Boys should then report to their homerooms for a 10:10 a.m. class with Ms. Iannicelli and Mr. Imbelli. After lunch we will travel to JFK by private bus, leaving the school at 12:30 p.m. The boys will form cohorts of six or seven; each cohort will be led by a teacher.

Flights (Air France)

Departure:

Monday, March 3, 2008

Air France Flight # AF 023

Leaves JFK at 4:55 p.m.

Arrives Paris 5:55 a.m. (next day)

Air France Flight # AF 1404

Leaves Paris 9:45 a.m.

Arrives Rome at 11:50 a.m.

Return:

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Air France Flight # AF 1629

Leaves Bologna at 12:20 p.m.

Arrives Paris 2:05 p.m.

Air France Flight # AF 008

Leaves Paris at 6:50 p.m.

Arrives JFK at 10:00 p.m.

Accommodations

Rome:

(nights of 3/4-6)

Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio

Via Cavour, 18

00184 Rome, Italy

Telephone: 011 39 06 487 0270

Fax: 011 39 06 482 7386

www.bettojahotels.it

Florence:

(nights of 3/7-12)

The Albion Hotel

Via Il Prato, 22-r

50123 Florence, Italy

Telephone: 011 39 055 214 171

Fax: 011 39 055 283 391

www.hotelalbion.it

Baggage

Each boy may bring one piece of luggage to be checked in at the ticket counter and one backpack to be taken onto the plane. We have prepared luggage tags for each traveler which we will attach when luggage is left at the Gymnastics Center on Monday morning, March 3.

Clothing

Boys may wear jeans during the day. Shirts may be casual; all must have collars. Sneakers may be worn during the day. A casual outer jacket will be useful, but we strongly suggest a warm sweater or fleece as well in case the weather is cooler than expected. Packing a set of long johns is also a good idea in the event that the weather is unseasonably cold and damp.

We will dress for Mass on the weekend and for dinner each evening. At these times **blazers, ties, and shoes** will be required. A Merrell or Merrell-type shoe is acceptable as a dress shoe. Sneakers are required for sports periods.

Medical Attention

If necessary, we will use the following medical resources:

Rome:

Bambino Gesù

Contact: Baronessa Giovanna Serena di Lapigio
320-1628

Doctor: Paolo Spainì
06-841-6528

Florence:

Meyer Pediatric Hospital

Contact: Contessa Allegra Poccianti
250-015

Money

Money should be in travelers checks (**American Express in U.S. denominations are preferred**). Travelers checks in the amount of fifty dollars have proven to work well. Please include **50 Euros** with the travelers checks and some money in **US dollars** for spending money at JFK. Cohort leaders will keep boys' money. Each morning after Chapel, leaders will give each boy the money he requests for the day. Boys are responsible for buying their own lunches. An allowance of **\$500 - \$600** should cover this cost and any souvenirs they might want to purchase.

Supplies

The boys should each bring a **journal** for notes. It should measure no smaller than 6 inches by 8 inches in size. They should also bring drawing pencils, colored pencils, erasers, small scissors, and inexpensive pencil sharpeners. Scissors must be packed in the suitcase that will be checked in at the ticket desk. We will give each boy glue sticks for his journal. Cohort leaders will carry a small supply of extras, but the boys should be responsible for these supplies. It is a good idea for each boy to bring an extra glue stick or two.

Schedule

Each day will begin with breakfast. A short Chapel period will follow. Museum visits and architectural studies will take up mornings and afternoons. Breaks for lunch occur each day. Most days we will allow time for sports. Mr. C. Murphy, Mr. Romanosky, and Mr. Dearie will supervise these activities.

Each evening after dinner we will have a class which outlines the studies of the next day and which provides problems. If time permits we will take a walk after the evening class to buy an ice cream or to visit a site in the neighborhood of the hotel (Trevi Fountain, Piazza della Signoria, etc.) A schedule of our daily activities and the times for each is attached to this memo. **Please note that we may make last-minute changes as we go along. It is not possible to guarantee that we will be at a specific place at a specific time.**

Adults on the Trip

The boys will be supervised by ten Saint David's faculty members: Dr. David O'Halloran, Ms. Boccella, Mr. Dearie, Mrs. Formosa, Ms. Iannicelli, Mr. Imbelli, Mr. C. Murphy, Mr. J. Murphy, Mrs. Osborne, and Mr. Romanosky.

Entertainment

Boys may bring an iPod or MP3 player. They may bring playing cards for the airplane and the bus rides. Of course, they may bring books.

Passports, Parent Consent Forms, and Conduct Contracts

The items below are those which you should send to school immediately.

- Valid Passport _____
- Travelers Checks _____
- Code of Conduct _____
- Parent Consent for Medical Treatment _____
- Pick-up arrangements _____

We will depart from school on Monday, March 3, at 12:30 p.m. Feel free to drop by to see him off. And say a prayer for the health and sanity of the ten faculty members who will accompany them -- they will be at the heart of the success of this trip.

On our return, we are scheduled to arrive at Kennedy airport at 10:00 p.m. As soon as we can get to a telephone, we will call the Class Representatives so that they can initiate the telephone chain. At that time we should have an estimated arrival time at Saint David's. The boys should be picked up from 89th Street and Madison Avenue.