

The Villages® Charter Elementary School

January 11, 2024

Dear Parents,

Our 4th grade classes will be taking a wonderful trip to the historical city of St. Augustine. Throughout the year your child has been studying Florida and this trip will be an excellent way to see Florida's history in person. The trip will take place on three separate dates.

Classes will be going to St. Augustine on the following days:

Friday, March 1st - BR – Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Caputo, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. France, & Mrs. Zentko

Friday, March 8th - BR – Mrs. Burroughs, Ms. Character, Ms. McNary, Mr. Mutz, & Mr. Rowan

Friday, March 15th - MD – Mrs. Akridge, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Daley, Mrs. Gagne, Mrs. Miller, & Mrs. Skinner

Departure on each day will be at 6:00 A.M from the 4th & 5th Grade Center (BR) and K-5 Building (MD). Please arrive at BR and park in the West parking lot in front of the gym no later than 5:45 a.m. Please arrive in MD and park in the West Parking lot by the 3rd-5th grade car line no later than 5:45 a.m. Students along with their adult chaperones will board a deluxe motor coach chartered by Ancient City Tours. While in St. Augustine students and adults will tour many historic sites such as: Castillo de San Marcos (the Old Fort), the Pirate Museum, the St. Augustine Aquarium, as well as a narrated trolley tour. Each class will be staying together as a whole for this event. After a fun, educational packed day students will arrive back at the school approximately **6:30 p.m.**

The total cost for the trip will be \$110.00 per person for students and \$125.00 per person for adult chaperones. The price includes transportation, admission, and lunch provided by Zaxby's and/or Chick-fil-A. At this time a non-refundable deposit of \$60.00 for each participant is needed. The deposit amount is due by **Friday, January 19th**. Because reservations will be made dependent on the number of deposits received, no late payments will be accepted. The balance for the trip will be due **Friday, February 9th**. The attached permission slip must be completed and **notarized** for your child to participate. Please return it to your child's teacher along with your final payment. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check, made out to VCS with the field trip and your student's formal name in memo, or on Skyward (includes a small fee). All payments are non-refundable.

Each classroom is in need of six (6) parent chaperones to serve as helpers for this trip; one parent per family, please. If you are interested in being a chaperone please fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to your child's teacher by **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**. To be eligible for the drawing as a chaperone, a completed volunteer application along with a copy of your driver's license must be submitted online using the Campus Wide Volunteer Application found on the TVCS.org website under Elementary Forms on or before **January 16, 2024**. Names will be drawn on Wednesday, **January 17th** and parents will then be notified. Parents chosen as chaperones will need to submit payment along with their child's according to the due dates listed above. Parent chaperones will be required to travel on the bus and stay with the class group for the entire day. Parents will earn 13 hours of PI service time. Additional adults and siblings are not allowed on the trip.

Your child should wear a blue or green school uniform shirt with uniform pants or shorts on the day of the trip. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher. We are looking forward to a great time!

Educationally yours,

The Fourth Grade Team



☐ I would like to chaperone. _____

(Name – Please Print)

Child's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____