

Notre Dame School

To: 7th Grade Parents
From: Mrs. Harkness
Date: May 11, 2009
Re: Ashland

Reservations have been made for the annual 8th grade fall trip to the **Oregon Shakespeare Festival**. We are scheduled to leave Chico on **Thursday morning, October 8, 2009**, and return on **Friday evening, October 9, 2009**. We will study and see three plays: *Macbeth*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *Servant of Two Masters*. The trip includes a **Backstage Tour** for the students led by company members and discussions with members of the casts and crews.

The cost for each student and/or chaperone is as follows:

Tickets for three plays:	\$ 60.00
Backstage Tour:	\$ 10.00
Hotel Room:	\$ 48.00
Books:	\$ 13.00
Diocesan Insurance:	\$ 4.00
Gas Allotment:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 145.00

We will be staying at **Stratford Inn**, which is within walking distance of the Festival. Each room shall have at least one adult; a lights out/TV off/no phone by 12:00am policy will be strictly adhered to for every room. Each student and adult will have a personal copy of the itinerary for the trip with the meeting places and times clearly listed. The current policy that students must be in the company of at least one adult at all times will be in effect.

Once again we will need parents to volunteer as drivers/chaperones. We usually receive a large number of requests from the parents to accompany the students on this trip. We will try to accommodate everyone who wishes to go. However, the number of tickets and hotel rooms that we have reserved is limited. Therefore, parents may accompany their student on this trip as space and tickets allow. We have tickets for approximately 10-15 parents. Please note that each parent who attends must act as a chaperone. In order to reserve your spot, confirm our reservations, and finalize our plans, we **MUST** have payment in full (\$145.00) by **August 15**. Please make your check payable to **Notre Dame School** and write **Ashland** on the memo. This will serve as your receipt. **There will be no refunds after August 30.**

***Please note:** Every 8th grader goes on this trip. Due to the costs of this trip, I realize this may be a financial hardship for some families. Please let me know if this is the case; we also welcome any individuals or families who could sponsor a child's trip.

Our trip to Ashland to see the plays and meet members of the Festival is a highlight for the students each year. I am looking forward to sharing this outstanding educational opportunity with the eighth graders next fall.