



# JAMES HUBERT BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Sugar Bowl – New Orleans Performance Tour

### January 1-6, 2011

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Mr. Eising and Mr. Damron are looking forward to a great trip to New Orleans this coming January. We have some exciting activities planned, to include a national marching band competition, performing in front of crowds of 70,000+ at the All State Sugar Bowl, dinners and activities with bands from across the country, and fantastic sightseeing throughout the historic New Orleans area. Our tentative itinerary is listed below:

Saturday, January 1

- Depart Blake High School
- Travel via motor coach overnight

Sunday, January 2

- Arrive at New Orleans
- Marching Band competition
- Jazz Ensemble performance in Jackson Square Gazebo
- Sightseeing free time
- Check into hotel – Hilton Riverside
- Dinner at Michaul's

Monday, January 3

- Rehearsals with other bands from throughout the US
- Tour Jazz Heritage Museum
- Evening Dinner and Awards Ceremony at Mardi Gras World

Tuesday, January 4

- Mass band rehearsals
- All State Sugar Bowl half-time performance

Wednesday, January 5

- Check out of hotel
- Sightseeing and free time in the French Market
- Depart for home

Thursday, January 6

- Return to Blake

#### **The individual cost of the trip (\$775) includes:**

3 nights Hotel accommodations (quads) at the Hilton Riverside  
3 Full American Breakfast Meals at hotel (each day Mon.-Wed.)  
Dinner at Michaul's (Sunday)  
Dinner and dance at Mardi Gras World (Monday)  
Lunch after mass band rehearsal before game (Tuesday)  
Tickets (floor seats) to the 2011 All State Sugar Bowl  
Tickets to the Jazz Heritage Museum (or other activity to be determined)

Participation in the Bowl Games of America Marching Competition  
Transportation on Chartered Motor Coaches  
Sugar Bowl Patch and Souvenir DVD  
Official Tour Shirt  
All security, taxes, tips, and liability insurance

**Payment Schedule:**

Thursday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> :	\$50 Deposit
Wednesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> :	\$250 Payment
Wednesday, October 13 <sup>th</sup> :	\$250 Payment *
Wednesday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> :	\$225 Final Payment **

\* - *Sally Foster Credit and Joe Corbi Pizza Sales will adjust this amount depending on your participation in the fundraising activity.*

\*\* - *Final payment subject to change depending on the number of participants.*

***PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED RESERVATION FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR \$50 TRIP DEPOSIT BY JULY 15.***

A parent/family spectator package will also be available, that does not include transportation. More details will be sent out in August.

Please contact us if you have any questions:

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### RESERVATION FORM

#### 1. Communications/Accountability:

Each day, students are assigned a central place to meet for performances, rehearsals, or for transportation. This place is also the emergency designated meeting place. Students must name the designated meeting place before they are allowed to exit the bus. Students are required to travel in groups. At least one student in each group will have an active cell phone. Chaperones will have lists of groups and cell phones. Students will also carry cards with the cell phone number of group leaders and chaperones. Chaperones will have lists of all parent numbers. Group leaders will call the school with any emergency plan that is implemented.

#### 2. Medical Emergencies:

In the case of any medical emergency, students will call the directors/chaperones. A copy of medical information will be in the hands of chaperones at all times. Students and parents are asked to supply several extra days of medications in the event students are delayed due to an emergency situation. Medical Release Forms will be provided at a later date.

#### 3. Delays and Cancellations

Given the current uncertainty of world events, cancellations may occur. If some incident should occur to/from our intended destination that would make it unsafe or impossible to maintain the original itinerary, All State Sugar Bowl, Bowl Games of America, Montgomery County Public Schools, James Hubert Blake High School, or Brian Damron will not resume any additional costs. If a decision is made by the school or MCPS, in accordance with the MCPS School Travel Policy, to cancel or delay the trip, neither MCPS, Blake High School, or the directors will be responsible for any additional costs that may be incurred as a result of any delay, interruption, revision, or cancellation to the trip.

#### 4. Refunds

If an individual student cancels after the initial deposit is accepted, refunds may be possible depending upon another student taking your place on the trip. Refunds of up to 100% of all moneys paid minus the \$50 cancellation fee will also be available 90 days prior to departure of the trip. Refunds of up to 50% of all moneys paid minus a \$100 cancellation fee will also be available up to 45 days prior to departure. All fundraising credits are forfeited if a student cancels.

***Complete, sign and return entire form by Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, with the \$50 deposit per person. All checks should include student's name and be made out to Blake High School.***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

(please check)

Silver Band \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Band \_\_\_\_\_ Jazz Ensemble \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student will be participating in the Sugar Bowl – New Orleans Performance Tour, January 1-6, 2011. We have read the rules, regulations, procedures, and payment schedule.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_