



**KELLER**  
**MARCHING BAND**  
— **NEW YORK 2018** —

# Macy's Trip Meeting

## Week of November 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>

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- **Monday – Rehearsal**
- **Tuesday – Rehearsal**
- **Wednesday – Rehearsal**
- **Thursday – Rehearsal and bring luggage to Keller High School. After rehearsal, all suitcases, instruments, equipment will be loaded on semi truck that will leave that night to drive to NYC.**
- **You will have your carryon and essential medications with you on your Sunday plane ride.**
- **Friday/Saturday – Possible Playoff game "Cheering" Band! – More to come...**

# Closer Look at Thursday, November 15th

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- **Students bring all luggage that is going to New York City to school that day. All items will be stored in a secured area.**
- **Rehearsal happens after school**
- **After rehearsal, students will bring items to specified areas. This includes your marching instrument, banners or guard equipment, one medium-sized suitcase, hatbox and uniform in blue hanging bag.**
- **We will not be checking any luggage on Sunday. You must plan ahead for all items that you will need in NYC, and then those items must be packed and shipped Thursday night.**
- **(you will be allowed to keep a carryon with you for the plane ride Sunday – keep all important IDs, medication etc. with you that day)**
- **You will be "reunited" with your luggage on Sunday when you arrive at the hotel.**

# Sunday Morning – November 18<sup>th</sup>

## The Day we leave....

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- Arrive at Keller High School at one of 3 times – 2:15 am, 3:45 am and 6:00 am – You will need to know your Flight Group # - This is very important on how we will depart/travel/ride in buses for the entire trip.
- We will take school buses from Keller High School to DFW International Airport. You will leave with your carryon, you will be wearing your Navy Blue Macy's Trip Jacket, your Macy's scarf will be in your carryon.
- If you are younger than 18 – A student picture ID will be fine.
- If you are 18 or older – You will need to have a Government Issued ID or Birth Certificate.
- Note to parents: We appreciate the support, but it is very important we begin traveling as a group. If you can say your “goodbyes” that morning, that will help –

# Sunday – November 18<sup>th</sup>

## The Day we leave....

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- We arrive at DFW with our travel groups and leave on our specific flights. It is important you sit in your assigned seat on the flight. Bring headphones!
- If you are interested in adding your Airlines Rewards number to your flight, the student will need to do this at the gate.
- When we arrive in the NYC area (Newark International, LaGuardia, JFK Airports), you will walk directly to the charter bus that is waiting at Baggage Claim.
- Students will receive a box lunch on the charter bus ride from the airport.
- The large group that arrives first will be arriving at our hotel in Jersey City, NJ and specific students will bring all luggage and equipment from the waiting Semi Truck into the Westin Hotel Meeting Room.
- All other travel groups will move directly into the Westin Hotel to pick up all personal items from the conference rooms to your hotel room.

# Macy's Trip Overview - Sunday

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- **Load Buses to Times Square for dinner**
- **\*\*\*\*\*A great part of itinerary that has been designed by Cormack Travel and Students on Broadway NYC is that all students will get to experience the exact same things, just in a different order on the trip depending on their specific travel schedules.**
- **Sunday evening – Meal in Times Square at either Bubba Gumps or Hard Rock Café. All students are wearing Blue Macy's Trip Jacket and Macy's Scarf – Gold side out.**
- **Head back to hotel after dinner**

# Macy's Trip Overview – Monday

## Rehearsal/Rockette's Christmas Spectacular

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- Breakfast at hotel – Westin Conference Room – Students will be wearing practice clothes and Macy's Blue Jacket.
- Board buses – travel to Chelsea Piers Athletic Complex in Stamford, CT. All equipment will be loaded under buses (no semi).
- This is an incredible indoor facility – this will be our only rehearsal on the trip! Let's make it count.
- After rehearsal – students will receive a box lunch to take on bus for ride back to Jersey City Westin.

# Macy's Trip Overview – Monday

## Rehearsal/Rockette's Christmas Spectacular

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- Arrive back at Westin NJ – Change out of practice clothes into nicer school clothes (dress warmly!) – Wear Macy's jacket and scarf
- Load Buses for Dinner/Christmas Spectacular Performance – Radio City Music Hall
- Eat dinner – Students will eat at the alternate restaurant from last night – Bubba Gumps or Hard Rock Café.
- Head to Radio City Music Hall – attend the Christmas Spectacular Production featuring the world famous Rockettes!
- After performance we will head back to hotel.



# Macy's Trip Overview – Tuesday

## Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island/Phantom of the Opera

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- **Breakfast at Hotel**
- **All groups head to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island – this will be an incredible experience.**
- **This includes a ride on a Ferry, time to enjoy time at Liberty Park and Ellis Island. Lunch on Ellis/Liberty Island**
- **Arrive back at Westin Hotel**

# Macy's Trip Overview – Tuesday

## Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island/Phantom of the Opera

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- Change at Hotel into nice dress clothes – We are headed to see *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway!!! Wear Macy's Jacket and Scarf
- Load buses back to Times Square for early dinner Dallas BBQ
- PM- Everyone attends *Phantom of the Opera* – one of the true all-time classic musicals!
- After show, we will all head back to our hotel

# Macy's Trip Overview – Wednesday

## Central Park Performance- 9/11 Museum

### Early Evening before the Big Day.....

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- Breakfast at hotel again
- Load buses for Central Park – Morning Performance – Wear Macy's Jacket and Jeans, Tennis Shoes, Scarf
- Performance at the Naumberg Bandshell in Central Park – This will be a celebration of our arriving in NYC and we want all friends and family to join us for this special event! Let's pack Central Park with as many Keller people as possible. Performance Time- 10 am to 12 pm
- Group performs all songs and we will have chance to pose for a picture.
- Parents – you will have a chance to visit with your child before we head back to our hotel

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## Central Park Performance- 9/11 Museum

### Early Evening before the Big Day.....

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- **After Central Park Performances, box lunch for bus ride to Lower Manhattan.**
- **All groups will go to the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum in Lower Manhattan. A moving experience.**
- **Another NYC experience – Riding on the subway!!!**
- **Groups will travel from Lower Manhattan back to the Mall attached to our hotel in Jersey City.**
- **When students arrive the Newport Centre Indoor Mall they will be given a \$20.00 Amex Gift Card to eat on their own in the Mall Food Court.**
- **We will be heading to rooms at 8:00-8:30 pm this evening to get ready for our big day!!**

# Macy's Trip Overview – Thursday Thanksgiving Day – It's Finally Here!!!

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*Highlights for the day* – Early Morning Rehearsal at Herald Square, Marching in the Best Parade in the United States, Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise

- We will be getting up EARLY (maybe 2:00-3:00 am)
- Eat small snack– We will leave in MANY LAYERS underneath your full uniform. No cases
- We will need to be very efficient all day – this includes you stepping off bus in full uniform (including plume), instrument in lap and ready to perform with lots of energy.
- NBC Herald Square Rehearsal before the parade –Depending on our performance order, we will unload buses, quick warmup then perform Gloria! Next to Macy's for the NBC Cameras.
- After this dress rehearsal we will load buses for breakfast at Dallas BBQ (don't worry, breakfast not just BBQ)

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- While we are at breakfast, you are required to use the restroom while in this restaurant! This will be your best option for the remainder of the morning. After this, it will be a porta potty only used for emergencies.
- Leave Dallas BBQ and ready to unload next to Central Park to march in the parade
- After we unload we will be staged in spot in Columbus/86th– will wait here and warmup.
- **IT'S FINALLY HERE – WE STEP OFF FOR THE 92<sup>nd</sup> MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE!**
- You will be floored how many people will be along the parade route and how fun this memory will be!
- We will perform Deep in the Heart of Texas, Can't Stop the Feeling and Sousa Parade Medley during the 2.65 mile parade route

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- Shortly after we begin, we will go by Columbus Circle – there will be a photographer in a crane that will take our picture as we march straight towards him.
- Near the end of the parade route we will enter the zone where the NBC TV Performance happens.
- We will enter a quiet zone, guard members will take off warmup suits they have had on over their uniform, and we will move the Rutter's Gloria! Parade Block
- We wait at the Red Line and when the official says "Go!" we will (hopefully) have 1'15" of time to show America how great the Keller High School Band is!!!
- After we perform Gloria! We will exit the TV Zone to Deep in the Heart of Texas
- A few blocks away we will setup for a group picture to celebrate our incredible trip on the steps of the Moynihan Building.

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- After the group picture, we will load buses and head back to our NJ Hotel. Boxed Lunch included
- You will have a FEW hours to relax in your room (warmup, sleep, be a zombie, etc.) before we leave for the final event of the trip
- One more opportunity to dress up – The Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise on New York Bay
- We load buses and head to Hoboken, NJ and board one of two cruise ships – These are big boats!
- You will have assigned seats on this cruise – after boarding you will have many options including:
  - Full Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Lots of Dancing
  - Step and Repeat Backdrop for lots of photos!



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- An open air top level on the cruise ship that you can enjoy the cool evening air and have an incredible view of the NYC Skyline
- Our boats will go from NJ/around Lower Manhattan/ go under the Brooklyn Bridge
- Another highlight on the boat – We will hold just outside the Statue of Liberty at night – breathtaking.
- After loading buses we will head back to pack for the flight home on Black Friday

# Macy's Trip Overview – Friday

## A Successful Trip comes to and end...

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- **"Black Friday" – While many more visitors converge on Manhattan, we will be leaving to come home.**
- **Bring all luggage downstairs to be loaded back on semi truck. Breakfast provided at hotel**
- **Each charter bus will go to the One World Observatory atop the One World Trade Center**
- **Your flight group will leave at varied times. For those who arrived early on Sunday, you will be some of the first to leave. If your flight group arrived later on Sunday, you will get a chance to shop for souvenirs etc. before you depart**
  
- **Arrivals at DFW Airport – we will be posting arrival information on several social media sites.**

# Post Macy's NYC Trip Details

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- **\*\*\*\*\*WE WILL NOT BE TAKING BUSES BACK TO KELLER HS AFTER ARRIVING FROM DFW AIRPORT.** Parents will be expected to pickup your student at baggage claim upon arrival. There will an official checkout procedure, and students will not be allowed to ride home with other students. Students will ride home with their own parent or designee (due to the parent's flight arriving after the student flight).
- **Be looking for a Google Doc that parents fill out stating who will be picking up your son/daughter.**
- **We will stay at DFW until the last student is picked up, but directors/travel agents are not allowed to transport students in their personal vehicles.**
- **The semi with all your luggage, equipment and instruments will arrive late Sunday night/early Monday Morning. We will send a Remind Text out when it arrives. It is important you come up to claim all of your items.**

Get Ready for an Incredible Trip!!!



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