

SHS LYNDP 2016

SHS to DFW Travel Plans

Due to the weather we will have a small change in departure plans. All travelers in flight group 3 are assigned to bus 1 traveling to DFW. We are asking these bus 1/flight group 3 travelers to arrive to SHS at 6:30 AM for a no later than 7 AM departure from SHS. All other travelers will arrive at SHS at 7 AM as previously scheduled and we will depart soon afterwards.

Please make note of you are assigned bus to travel to DFW (the assignments can be found on the members page – or check your e-mail or the “Southmoore Band LYNDP” Facebook group). You will not go to the band room as we normally do, but instead we ask that you will proceed DIRECTLY from your vehicle to your bus. Busses will be lined up in order 1-5 and will be marked accordingly with the cool bus number signs as made by Mrs. Bridge. Remember, bus 1 is leaving early, so if there are only 4 busses when you arrive, the first bus is bus 2.

Your luggage will be boarded under the bus. Please place both your large bag and carry-on on the curb outside your bus for loading. Backpacks and purses can be stored on the bus overhead compartment. Loading will be taken care of by adult volunteers, loading crew students, and bus drivers. Please avoid the temptation to load the bag yourself as this usually results in improper loading when it is left to each individual passenger. We will need an adult "loading captain" in addition to loading crew students to load each bus - so adults, please feel free to volunteer if loading is your forte. All travelers are more than welcome to watch your luggage being loaded if you are like me and want to SEE it loaded.

In order to get on the bus you will be asked to SHOW your passport to the band director or whomever they ask to fulfill this role. You also will be asked the following questions: Do you have your instrument, or was it already shipped? If you are a concert band and/or jazz student, is your music packed? Do you have your uniform, black socks, and band shoes packed (and dress black if you are on jazz/concert band)? You must be able to answer yes to all of these to get a seat! Adults are not required to have an instrument. We will discuss airport procedures during our bus ride.

Please plan ahead for your personal needs. The bus will not be stopping on the way to DFW and trip may take 3 hours or even much longer (there are bathrooms on the bus - but they certainly do not make the back of the bus smell great). Upon arrival we will be proceeding directly to check our bags and getting through security. It is probable that you will not have access to food until mid-day. Plan ahead, bring snacks, and consider how the weather will affect your shoes, clothing, and mood. Above all - be patient - we WILL get everyone to the airport and we WILL be going to London, however, all kinds of roadblocks such as flight delays, sitting in traffic, and other situations may very well happen that can cause stress. That being said, the Southmoore family is going to London - we may go slow, maybe even late, possibly frozen head to toe - but we are going. The more people that look at this like a fun travel adventure rather than a "woe is me" "why did this have to happen today" - the better.

Now get packed - you have to get up early!

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