

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce an upcoming East Coast IVY Leagues trip for **five (5)** TMSA HS 11th graders! Here at TMSA, one of our goals is to provide diverse and experiential opportunities for our students to grow and learn and to become college and career ready. We have organized a trip for our students that will be both an educational, historical, college bound experience that they are sure to enjoy!

"The Ivy Leagues are well known for their rich history, academic rigor, long-standing traditions, and deep rooted alumni and student network. These schools attract students from far and wide. A tour of the Ivy Leagues allows students to visit some of the most demanded travel destinations, such as Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Boston, MA. This tour is sure to excite college bound students for its highest academically challenging institutions and exciting educational stops along the way."

The trip will be a 3-day excursion, beginning Wednesday, April 8th through Saturday, April 11th. The trip chaperones will be Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Saunders, and Ms. Bell. The trip will include travel by school van. We will be staying in a hotel Wednesday night thru Saturday morning, traveling back to TMSA Saturday morning. Hotel accommodation details will be provided as we get closer to the trip date.

We will be visiting four IVY Leagues (MIT, HARVARD, BROWN And YALE) along the east cost. While in Boston, our students will be given a private tour of two world-renowned universities; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University. During our stay, we will also be touring the Freedom Trail and other historical sites in the Boston and Cambridge area. A tentative itinerary is attached to the back of this letter. A more detailed itinerary will be provided to parents and students before the trip.

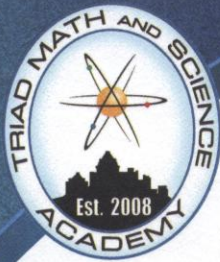
Sleeping arrangements will be made so that boy's rooms are on one floor and girls on a separate floor. Each room will have two double beds. We are implementing a "buddy system" for this trip, which would mean that each student would pick a friend to share a room, and look out for each other on our tours.

The total cost of transportation, hotel accommodations, and private university and historical tours will be **FREE** for each student. However students will need to provide their own money to eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the trip. We will ask that parents pack snacks and a light bag-lunch for the ride on Wednesday. Students will still be responsible for missing assignments. We will be providing at least an hour during evenings for students to study and make them up.

In order to be eligible to participate in the trip, students must not have any disciplinary infraction for the 2nd quarter and must have taken at least one of the 2019 SAT tests in addition to the SAT on March 14th, 2020. Students who have taken one of the SAT exams in 2019 and the March 14, 2020 SAT exam will be entered into the contest. **Five (5) students** will be selected to attend the trip. Should your child be selected and wish to participate in this amazing opportunity, please fill out the attached permission form. Please return the permission form to the college counselors by **March 30, 2020**. Please feel free to contact your college counselors at lsaunders@tmsacharter.org or ybell@tmsacharter.org.

Sincerely,

TMSA College Counselors

**TENTATIVE IVY LEAGUES TRIP ITINERARY**

Please note: This itinerary is tentative and is subject to change. A more detailed and definitive itinerary will be provided to parents and students before the trip on including all necessary contact information.

Day 1:

- Travel to Boston, MA
- Arrive at Red Roof Inn Boston for Check in- Woburn

Day 2:

- Breakfast At The Hotel
- Depart From Hotel
- MIT Information Session And Tour
- Lunch On Campus
- Travel To Harvard
- Harvard Information Session & Tour
- Dinner At Inbound Restaurant
- Back To Boston
- Curfew- Lights Out!

Day 3:

- Breakfast
- Free time and Lunch at the Faneuil Hall (Shopping Souvenir)
- Freedom Trail Tour (Visiting historical sites in Boston)
- Lunch
- Skywalk Observatory* (Prudential Center Skywalk)
- Back to Hotel
- Curfew- Lights out!

Day 4:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart from hotel- CHECK OUT
- Return to TMSA