

To: PSSO Students (Current and Potential)

From: Sonja Zeithamel and Sharon Sonnleitner (Trip Coordinator)

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RE: Resuming planning for the 2022 International PSSO Tour

Parent/Student Information Zoom Meeting – Thursday, April 15, 2021 – 7 pm

Email Sharon Sonnleitner@preucil.org for the Zoom link

You are receiving this email because you are or may be eligible for the 2022 PSSO Tour. If you are uncertain about your status for being in orchestra, please talk with your teacher and they will guide you through it.

After cancelling the 2021 tour, we have resumed our planning for a tour in June of 2022. Music Celebrations International, our tour company, has offices around the world, and they are reporting that confidence is growing with the distribution of vaccinations. They believe international travel will be coming back by January 1st. Currently MCI is working with groups for domestic travel this year. As with everything we do, our plan is to move safely forward, knowing there is a chance we may need to cancel. In that event MCI is committed to recovering as much money as possible and not making any non-refundable payment without the School's authorization.

On Thursday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. There will be an informational Zoom meeting for Parents and Students. Joining us will be two MCI Representatives, Luke Wiscombe and Kim Johnson. They are attending to answer questions and provide important tour information from their perspective, including travel insurance and MCI's cancellation policy.

Let me remind you of some of the trip details. This is new information for some and review for those who were planning to go on the postponed 2021 tour.

DESTINATION: Eastern Germany and Czech Republic

DATES: June 18 – 27, 2022

GRANT SUPPORT: \$3,000 per student

TOUR COST: \$4,400

ELIGIBILITY:

- Students who would have been in PSSO in 2020-2021 school year, including students graduating in 2021.
- Current 7th and 8th Graders who will have met the PSSO playing requirements as an exception by Musical Achievement Spring 2021 or Fall 2021. **Note:** Students must have completed a year of Orchestra.
- Current 7th/8th Graders in Concert Orchestra who are close but will not have met the PSSO playing requirements by Spring/Fall 2021 and are hoping to go on the tour after 8th/9th grade. These students will join the Tour orchestra in Spring 2022 and PSSO in Fall 2022. **Note:** This assumes the students will have met the PSSO requirement by fall of 2022.
- Students 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents and Siblings of Tour Orchestra Members are eligible to go on the tour as well.

Please click on the link <https://preucil.org/music-school/2022-pss0-tour-to-eastern-germany-and-the-czech-republic/> to learn more about Tour 2022 and view the proposed itinerary. We hope to see everyone in our Zoom meeting on April 15th at 7:00 p.m. where you will learn more.