

Washington D.C. Trip

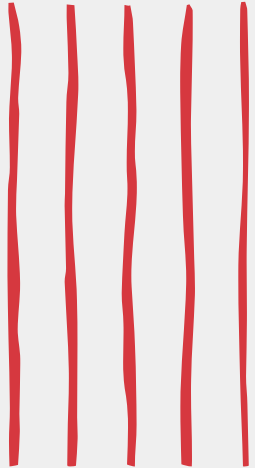
JGMS 2023: Grade 8





Trip Details

- ★ This is the 46th year this trip has been run at JGMS
- ★ This year, we had 191 students and 14 chaperones
- ★ Chaperones included: Joe Casey, Vanessa Mangini, Andrea Marchesini (Trip Nurse), Mike Grassi, Sara Berinato, Kasie Castopulos, Vin McGrath, Denise Breakall, Francynne Pomperada, John Glynn, Marcy Beinert, Betsy Wilson, Paul Grady, Jon Brome
- ★ We traveled on 4 Coach Buses for the duration of the week





Day 1



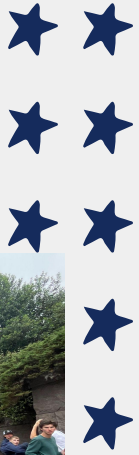


Day 1 Itinerary

- 6:30 am → Left Bedford
- 4:00 pm → Arrival in Washington, D.C.
- 4:00-6pm → Tour :
 - FDR Memorial
 - It was outdoors and spacious with lots of great backgrounds for pictures!
 - Lots of empowering things to see such as the sculpture of Franklin Roosevelt and his dog, Fala.
 - Jefferson Memorial:
 - Writings on the walls were informative
 - In honor of Thomas Jefferson, primary author of the Declaration of Independence
 - Martin Luther King Memorial:
 - Gorgeous architecture that represents King breaking from stereotypes and fighting for civil rights.



Pictures!



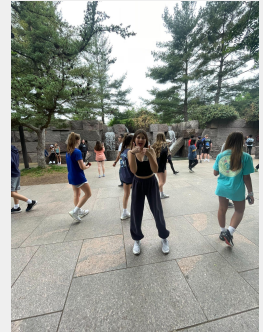
Bus 3



Jefferson
Memorial



FDR Memorial





Hotel Accomodations

- ★ We stayed in the Sheraton Hotel located near the Pentagon just outside of Washington D.C.
- ★ Most students stayed in rooms of 4, but there were a few rooms of 3.
- ★ We had a buffet breakfast every morning at the hotel before we left for the day.





Day 2





Day 2 Itinerary

- ★ 8:30 am → breakfast at hotel
- ★ 10:00 am → Went to National Museum of US army
 - Art Gallery
 - Statues and Sculptures
 - Significant items from the past such as The Five Hearts, which is a french-made tank belonging to Tank Battalion in the Tank Brigade.
- ★ 11:30 am → Went to National Archives
Rotunda consisted of The Bill of Rights and Constitution (No pictures allowed)
- ★ 1pm → National Cathedral tours
Quick facts:
 - The space window on the south side contains a moon rock
 - It took exactly 83 years to build (Sep 29, 1907 -- Sep 29, 1990)
 - President Woodrow Wilson, Helen Keller, her teacher, and Anne Frank were interred at this Cathedral.
- ★ 2:30 → National African American Museum.
 - Artifacts: Certificate of Freedom for Joseph Trammel, Louis Armstrong Selmer Trumpet, Muhammed Ali headgear, "Point of Plains Slave Cabin"
 - We learned a lot about contributions from the African American community

★ ★ ★ ★ Day 2 Itinerary (continued)

- ★ 4:00 pm → We met with Congressman Seth Moulton
- ★ 4:45pm → Tour of the 9/11 Memorial
 - help us remember and honor those family members and friends who perished at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001
- ★ 8:00 pm → Aquatic Freedom/ Rec Center
- ★ 10:45 pm → Arrive at Hotel



← Rec Center



← 9/11 Memorial

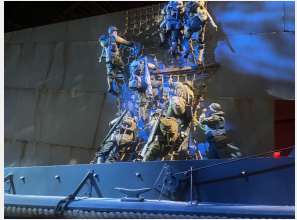




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← National Museum of U.S. Army



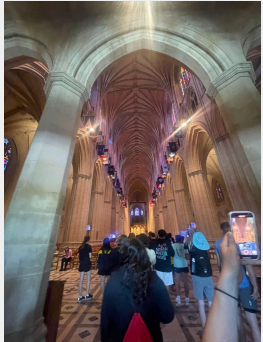
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← National Cathedral



National African American Museum



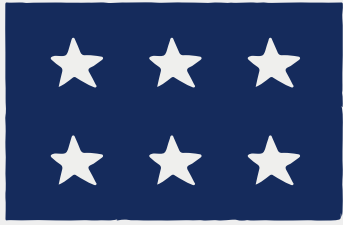


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Seth Moulton

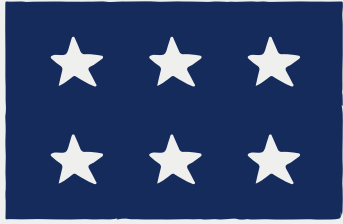




Seth Moulton

- ★ On May 18, we all met at the U.S. Capitol to meet Massachusetts representative Seth Moulton.
- ★ While learning about our Legislative branch in Civics, we talked about Moulton and his job. It was outstanding to connect what we learned in class to what Seth Moulton was telling us.
- ★ Seth Moulton spoke about his service in the Marine Corps.
- ★ He also told us about how he supports transportation and mental health.
- ★ Moulton is the leader of the high-speed rail and next-generation infrastructure.





Seth Moulton



The 8th grade meeting Moulton at the Capitol





Day 3



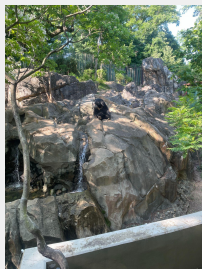


Day 3

- ★ 7:30 am→Breakfast at hotel
- ★ 8:00 am→En route to National Zoo
- ★ 8:30 am→ Tour National Zoo
 - Saw many animals: red pandas, giant pandas, tigers, elephants, flamingos, monkeys, bears,
- ★ 10:00 am→Group Picture at Capitol Building
- ★ 10:30 am→Tour Library of Congress
- ★ 11:30 am→Rest of group tour National African American Museum
- ★ 12:00 pm→ Lunch
- ★ 2:00 pm→Tour Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum
- ★ 4:30 pm→White House picture stop
- ★ 5:30 pm→Dinner
- ★ 7:00 pm→Tour Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, WWII Memorial



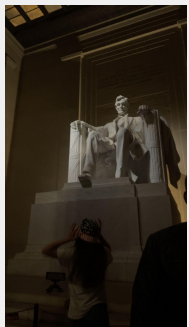
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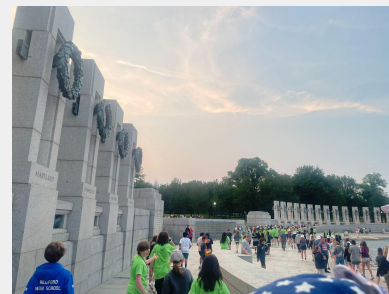
National Zoo



← White House



← Lincoln Memorial



WWII memorial



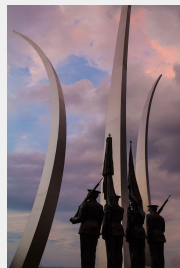
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- ★ On our last day, May 19, we visited the U.S. Air Force Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery before making our trip back home.
- ★ The Arlington Cemetery was breathtaking. There are over 400,000 gravestones placed there. Each grave represents a valiant soldier who helped protect our country's freedom throughout our history.
- ★ We also visited the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert who were both assassinated in the 1960's
- ★ We watched the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Arlington National cemetery (Top),
U.S. Air Force Memorial (Right)



Day 4



Mason Axtell, Violet Lorusso, Sadie King, Gavin Derderian

- ★ It is also important to note the four students who laid a wreath at the grave of former Bedford student, John Hart
- ★ On October 18, 2003 Hart lost his life serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq, during Operation Desert Storm.
- ★ This selection of students was chosen due to their work ethic and leadership shown throughout the school year.
- ★ This small ceremony has become a tradition on our trip for the past 4 years.