

Historical Events

Global Issues Class 2011-2012

Dear Parent,

Your child has the opportunity to participate in Global Issues for the 2011-2012 school year. This letter is to provide you with information about the class and the requirements to participate in the Boston trip. Additional information will be available at the beginning of the school.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Global Issues class is to provide students with the opportunity to explore ideas and experience new places. Travel experiences from the past classes include Belize, Central America; New York City; Yellowstone National Park; and, Washington, D.C.

Action:

Every other year, students study a topic and raise money to travel in order to experience the ideas discovered during the class. Students meet with teachers from 7:15am to 8:15am each Friday. This year, the format of the class will include learning about historical issues. Students must attend 90% of the class periods in order to travel with the group to Boston during June 2012. You must contact Mrs. Gunn if you are going to be absent. Her cell phone number is 760-6665.

Participants

Students in grades nine through twelve attending Holland High School are eligible to participate in the Global Issues Class. A 90% attendance rate will be needed to participate in the travel plans.

*Travel Plans:
Boston, Massachusetts
\$1300*

Boston, Massachusetts is the destination this year. Plans include flying to Boston during June of 2012. The Freedom Trail, Harvard University, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the New England Aquarium, a Boston Red Sox Baseball Game, the Wang Theatre, and tours of the city are on the itinerary.

Each student and adult will need to raise \$1300 for the trip. The school will offer several big fundraising activities, but students will need to be motivated to work on their own to earn additional funds.

Fundraising activities need to be approved by Mrs. Gunn before beginning. Examples of fundraising activities include car washes, bake sales, BBQ sales, t-shirt sales, and cookie sales. During tough economic times, people do not have as much excess money as they have had in the past, so we need to start raising funds sooner this year.

There are guidelines for getting your money back if you decide not to go on the trip:

- When you raise money with a group fundraiser and you quit the class, you will not receive any money back.
- When you deposit money straight into your account (birthday money, work money, etc) and you quit the class, you will receive all of that money back as long as no money has been spent buying airline tickets and hotel reservations. (see last bullet)
- When you do a small group fundraiser like a car wash or bake sale and you quit the class, the other participants in

- that event will get your share of the funds from that fundraiser.
- Once airline tickets have been purchased and reservations made and you quit the class, you will not get money back for those items already purchased regardless of how the money was deposited.

You will need to turn your money into Mrs. Judy Houston or Mrs. Cindy Gunn. We will manage your account using an excel spreadsheet and we will keep track of your deposits and give you a receipt each time you deposit money towards your trip.

Students will need to raise approximately \$125/month. You must have \$1000 in your account by December 2011 so that we can purchase the airline tickets and make hotel reservations. At this point, you will not be able to get your funds back if you decide not to travel with the group.

Adult Sponsors:

Jorge Aguirre, Rae Holden, Lori Kinard, and Laura Wiley will be the instructors of the class. Parents interested in attending the Boston trip will need to contact Cindy Gunn to put their name on a prospective sponsor list. We will need one adult sponsor for every three students, and sponsors will need to participate in fund raising activities while also paying \$1300 towards the cost of their own travel plans.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Gunn at 254-657-0175 (work) or 254-760-6665(cell). Email is also a good method of communication and Mrs. Gunn's email address is cgunn@holland.isd.tenet.edu.

Please complete the bottom section and return it to the high school office so that we know that parents are aware of their child's interest in the *Global Issues Class*.

Thank you,

Cindy Gunn

Parent Notification
Global Issues
2011-2012

I have read the *Global Issues Organizational Letter* and I am aware that my child is interested in participating in *Global Issues 2011-2012*.

Child's Name:

Parent's Signature:

Parent's email: _____

Phone number: _____