

## Mission Trip

December 15, 2016

This year the high school will be taking a mission trip to Santiago, Dominican Republic. The dates for the trip are March 11 to 17, 2017. We will be working with Dr. Seth Cohen and Santiago Christian School, (see their website: [www.scs.edu.do](http://www.scs.edu.do)) Dr. Cohen is a friend and colleague of Dr. Skinner and Santiago Christian is one of the top schools in the Dominican. Our students will have opportunities to work with native Dominican students who are very similar to our students. The Dominican will also give the students a safe experience with a third-world emerging culture. While there we will be doing a combination of construction and ministry programs with schools and churches. Our ministry programs will focus primarily on children with puppets, drama, teaching, music and sharing. This could be the trip of a lifetime for the students. We are encouraging everyone to think and pray carefully about this important opportunity.

We would like to have a commitment for the trip by January 6<sup>th</sup>, but if you are interested, we urge you to apply for a passport over Christmas break to make sure that you receive it in time. If you have a passport, make sure that it has not expired. For more information about getting and renewing passports see <https://passports.state.gov> Be sure to have a certified birth certificate issued by a city, county or state in order to apply. It takes about 4-8 weeks to receive a passport.

When we return to school after Christmas break, we will send out support letters for the trip. We would ask that all people going on the mission trip bring in 30 names and addresses for those to whom we will send our letters. The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$1500 so we will need to begin fundraising in January. If low funds are received toward your trip, we may ask you to send additional letters as well. If you prefer to pay some or all toward your trip, you can do that instead of sending 30 support letters.

We look forward to building our mission team and working together to further God's kingdom. Dr. Skinner, Ms. Wolfgang, and Ms. Bupp will be leading the trip to the DR this year. Feel free to contact them about the details of the trip. In addition there are several parents that are planning on going along on the trip.

Remember, this trip is the only one in the next four years that is south of the border and out of the country. The other trips will be to Native American communities, Canada, and an inner city location. We encourage all students to attend. Please also remember that all students must attend at LEAST one of the major trips in order to graduate from CCS. All students who are not attending this year must have their parents email Dr. Skinner ([merle\\_skinner@champion.org](mailto:merle_skinner@champion.org)) to let him know why they are not attending the trip.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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