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Four Field Trips Ready to Launch

Four staff members have already taken us up on our grant and legwork offer, and we're happy to say that roughly 100 students will be Broadway bound, and nearly 40 students are set to visit the City of Brotherly Love!

In December, after a unanimous vote, the HSA formed the **Field Trip Fund and Committee**, designating \$15,000 to the fund. Any Glen Rock Middle School or High School staff member planning a new, one-day field trip or career exploration activity is eligible for up to \$1,000. In addition to providing a financial grant, the committee provides, as needed, as much of the requested legwork and logistical planning necessary to move the trip forward.

By making the financing more manageable for families, and the planning more manageable for teachers and staff, we've already made the following field trips more achievable:

- Twenty-eight students from Ms. Metsch-Ampel's AP Language and Composition classes and two staff will be attending August Wilson's play, *Jitney*, at the Manhattan Theater Club on February 15.
- Thirty-seven students who are members of the Model U.N. Club, advised by Ms. Bennin, and four staff are taking a trip to Philadelphia from March 2-5 to spend time in committee sessions, planning meetings and museum visits.
- Thirty-two juniors from Ms. Walter's U.S. History classes and three teachers will be attending a matinee performance of *Miss Saigon* on May 31. Before the show, they will have lunch (kids are responsible for lunch costs) at Vietnamese restaurant Pho Bang on Mott Street – an area in Manhattan discussed during their immigration studies.
- Thirty theater students and two staff, including Ms. McKinley, will be attending a matinee performance of *Hello Dolly* on May 31.

Last year, the HSA board surveyed our members to find out how they would most like to see their fundraised dollars spent – beyond what is covered in the operating budget and the Wish List. Overwhelmingly, the most interest was in dedicating that money to field trips, real-world experiences, and career exploration.

We can't wait to do more! If you have questions or a trip inspiration, please reach out to Holly Goshin at hollysgoshin@gmail.com.