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Chicago Area College Tours INFORMATION PAGE

**Columbia College • University of Chicago • DePaul University • Loyola University
University of Illinois, Chicago • Northwestern University**

October 15 – October 18, 2008

THIS SHOULD BE READ BY THE STUDENT AND THEIR
PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN!

The 2008 Chicago College Tour is here! For the past 5 years, we have taken sophomores, juniors & seniors from North, South & Southwest High Schools to visit colleges and universities in the Chicago area. All 5 years have been very successful and we hope to have another great trip this year! On the schedule are six great schools making this trip a very valuable time for students considering Chicago area colleges. Even if you weren't thinking of going to Chicago, it is a great opportunity to explore some options for college in a whole new setting. We'll have a lot of fun, too!

With this packet you will find a tentative schedule of the trip, the cost of the trip and what the cost includes, and an application for the students and parents/guardians to fill out. After applications are turned in, students will receive a call from Project SUCCESS for a short interview. Jenny B. from Project SUCCESS will call to confirm if you have a spot on the tour and will supply further information regarding what to bring on the trip. If you require information beyond what we have provided, please call Jenny B. at **612.874.1277**.

The Application: The attached application must be filled out by the student, signed by the student and the parent or guardian, and returned to the Project SUCCESS Box in the Main Office at South as soon as possible, but **no later than Monday, September 22, 2008**.

The Cost: The cost of the tour is \$350.00. We know this is a lot of money, but we have worked hard at putting a package together for the lowest price possible. Included in the price of the tour is transportation to and from Chicago on a coach bus, transportation within the Chicago area (coach, van or the "L"), walking tours and information sessions, overnight accommodations for 3 nights at Hostelling International in Chicago, and all meals while we are there. **The \$350 will be required by Monday, October 6, 2008 by the end of the school day and should be given to Kip in the Main Office at South or mailed to: Project SUCCESS, 2124 Dupont Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55405.** If you are paying by check, please make the check out to Project SUCCESS.

The Waiver: Once the student has a confirmed spot on the trip, a waiver must be signed by the student and the student's parent or guardian. Waivers will be mailed to your home and must be completed and returned to the Project SUCCESS Box in the Main Office at South **or mailed to: Project SUCCESS, 2124 Dupont Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55405 no later than Monday, October 6, 2008.**

Accommodations: We will be staying at Hostelling International, Chicago. The rooms are dormitory style. All rooms will be single sex and there will be between 6 – 10 people per room with bathrooms across the hall.

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Chicago College Tour: General Schedule

The following is the general outline of the schedule so you know what to expect for this tour. A more detailed itinerary will be sent out to those attending the trip.

Please note that each student will see 4 or 5 colleges in 3 days. This is a pretty rigorous schedule, but will be well worth it if you are serious about exploring your options for college. As you can see from this schedule, there is no time for "sight-seeing", shopping or visiting family and friends that might live in the Chicago area. Although those are all great reasons to visit Chicago, if those are your reasons, this is not the trip for you.

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

- 3:00pm Meet at the Main Office at South after school with your luggage.
(Students must bring their luggage with them to school and will be allowed to keep it in a locked room at South during the school day.)
- 3:30pm Board Coach Bus. Drive to Chicago (stopping for dinner along the way)

Thursday, October 16, 2008

- 7:00am-8:00am Continental Breakfast at Hostel International
- Morning College Walking Tours & Admissions Presentations
Lunch on Campus
- Afternoon College Walking Tours & Admissions Presentations
- Evening Meet for Dinner, Evening Activities

Friday, October 17, 2008

- 7:00am-8:00am Continental Breakfast at Hostel International
- Morning College Walking Tours & Admissions Presentations
Lunch on Campus
- Afternoon College Walking Tours & Admissions Presentations
- Evening Meet for Dinner, Evening Activities

Saturday, October 18, 2008

- 7:00am-8:00am Continental Breakfast at Hostel International
Pack up / Check out / Load Bus
- Morning College Walking Tours & Admissions Presentations
Lunch on Campus or Explore Navy Pier
- 1:00pm Board Bus and head back to Minneapolis (Dinner along the way)
- 10:00pm Estimated arrival time at the Project SUCCESS office

****The bus will return to the Project SUCCESS office at 2124 Dupont Ave South in Minneapolis. Students should make arrangements to get a ride home from Project SUCCESS Saturday night. We will have cell phones on the bus so students can call home when we get close to Minneapolis.****

Please call Jenny B. at **Project SUCCESS at 874-1277** anytime with questions!

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APPLICATION – South High

Make sure to fill this out completely and return it to the Project SUCCESS Box in the Main Office at South or mail it to **Project SUCCESS – College Tours, 2124 Dupont Ave South, Minneapolis, MN, 55405** as soon as possible, but **NO LATER THAN Monday, September 22, 2008 BY 3:00PM**. Space is limited to 15 South students! Applications received late or incomplete will be considered for stand-by spots on the tour. After we receive your application, we will contact you for an interview. Jenny B. will call you to confirm your place on the tour.

Name _____ Grade _____ Student ID# _____

Home Telephone Number (____) _____ Other Phone # (____) _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone #) _____

Please answer the following questions:

You will be able to see at least 4 (and possibly 5) schools while in Chicago. Write down 5 of the schools listed above that you would like to see. Please list them in order of preference.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Have you applied to any of these school(s)?

Please circle one:

YES

NO

PLANNING TO APPLY

**Is there a Chicago area school that you are interested in attending, but is not on our list to visit?
If so, which one?**

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Please tell us why you want to go on this trip. There is no right or wrong answer – just be honest.

Please note: This tour is to visit the different colleges and universities and get a feel for college life in the Chicago area. The 3 ½ day itinerary is very full with activities at the colleges/universities and there will not be time to visit with friends or relatives that live in the Chicago area. It is important to note that this trip is not a “sight seeing” expedition or a shopping trip. Although those are valid reasons to visit Chicago, if those are your reasons, this is not the right trip for you.

The cost of the tour is \$350.00. Included in the price of the tour is transportation to and from and within the Chicago area, walking tours and information sessions at the colleges and universities, overnight accommodations, and meals while we are away. The \$350 will be required by Monday, October 6, 2008 at 3:00pm. Will this be a problem?

YES NO

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign a waiver if their student does go on the trip. Once your student is accepted for the trip, you will be given that waiver to sign. Any student whose parent/guardian does not sign the waiver will not be able to go on the trip.

Return the completed application to the Project SUCCESS Box in the Main Office at South, or you may mail it to:

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Minneapolis, MN 55405**

If you have any questions, or if you are just thinking about the tour and want to talk about it further, please give Jenny B. a call at **Project SUCCESS** at **874.1277**.