

December 12, 2013

Congratulations on being selected for the N. Ireland delegation!

Mrs. Trevino will be your chaperone and she is thrilled to have the opportunity. She is not available for a parent meeting on December 17, so we are rescheduling for January 15 at 6:00 p.m. in room 300.

Please bring the deposit of \$500 to the January 15 meeting.

The cost of the trip will include airfare, special events, and personal spending money. At this time, our travel agency tells us to estimate \$1200 for spring travel to N. Ireland and students will need approximately \$150 for in-country activities. The total cost will be approximately \$1350 plus spending money. The GSWLA Boosters contributed \$1000 to offset the cost at \$100 per student.

Draft Itinerary:

Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th April – arrival and settle in with host family; possible visit to Ulster Folk Museum.

Monday 7th April – spend the day in School; talk in Assembly, attend classes with host pupils.

Tuesday 8th April – project work with Biology Department; possible participation in 'Shore Thing' survey of invasive species/climate change impact.

Wednesday 9th April – visit to Giants' Causeway (all day)

Thursday 10th April – visit to Titanic Centre, Belfast; rest of the day in Belfast.

Friday 11th April – visit to Bangor Heritage Centre and Mayor of North Down Borough Council.

We will have many more details to share at the first parent meeting. If you have questions before then, please feel free to email me at <u>Rebecca.gurley@vbschools.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Gurley