

A few things Namao travelers/parents:

NUMBERS: We currently have 32 travelers of our goal of 35 (this is us and Camilla combined - numbers are about equal). I am personally confident we will reach 35, but of course I can't guarantee that. At our first meeting, we said that the price would fluctuate slightly if we did not reach our goal number, and it will also fluctuate downwards if we have more than 35 students (50 total spots on the trip - both schools combined). I will not know until near the end of this month what that fluctuation will be if we do not reach 35 - I don't anticipate it to be outrageous; however I will find out next week and send an email. We said we would decide Nov. 30th whether the trip goes ahead or not, depending on if we reached our 35-student goal. I believe the trip will go ahead, however please contact me if this is something you would like to talk about.

FUNDRAISING: Please decide whether you and your child will be a part of the fundraising efforts we have already started. If you would like to OPT OUT, and simply pay the price for the trip as it is, then there is not need to do anything on your part!

If you would like to PARTICIPATE in our fundraisers, then please start with our first one: selling Christmas wreaths and arrangements. Because Christmas is closer than we think, we have a short turn-around on this one. An email was sent last week, but in case you missed it, here are some facts:

-the website is namaoschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com if you'd like to post it on your social media sites. It is easy to use with a variety of payment options.

-orders are DUE in one week, at noon next Thurs, and will be delivered Dec 8 (TBD)

-all students in the school were given an order form, but I have attached one here for your convenience

-If your child collects cash from your customers, please, if possible, just keep the cash and write one cheque made out to Namao School. This will save me several hours of filling out a cash deposit sheet for the division!

-We need a few parents and their kids to be here on Dec 8, approximately noon-5 pm (shifts?) to be there when customers collect their plants. Please e-mail me if you are able to do this. This is also the Christmas concert that night, just FYI.

-Our goal is for each traveller participating in the fundraising group, to sell at least ten individual orders. We have had kids go door-to-door, phone the relatives, hit up the parents' colleagues, etc. You know the drill as so many kids fundraise these days!

-only travellers who participate in all of our fundraisers (barring some major event) will qualify to have their portion of our proceeds returned to them (making your trip price go down - yay!).

-a few parents and I met a few weeks ago to brainstorm fundraising ideas. We started this Christmas wreath fundraiser, and also decided we will be collecting the school bottles from now on and may also do a bottle drive. Bake sales were discussed, and possible other online fundraisers, like selling ice melt. You may have ideas and wish to help out with this - please email me if you do. The fundraising needs to be a parent/student driven group.

- we will have an in-person/virtual meeting next week Monday at 5 pm. If you want to come in person, great. If you want to log in a participate via a google meet, the link is

<https://meet.google.com/imf-ogzf-uzw?hs=122&authuser=0> this is also on our school google calendar.

-you don't need any special permissions to start selling the wreaths and arrangements - just share the website/order forms!

I know that was a lot of info - I want to keep everyone as informed as possible.

Again, all trip info is at my weebly site. Please let me know that you received this e-mail so I know you're in the loop.

Best,

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