

A nighttime photograph of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The building is illuminated with warm lights, and its iconic dome is visible against the dark sky. In the foreground, the columns of a portico are visible, also lit up. The Washington Monument stands tall in the background, its top glowing. The overall scene is a classic representation of the nation's capital at night.

Washington, DC

Capital of the United States

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 Schedule



Our Washington, D.C. field trip will take place in the area shown. This image is courtesy of angelgirlsragdolls.com.

No matter what the forecast, plan for rain and cold weather. Bring the proper amount of warm clothing and rain gear. Although it may be rainy, cold, and windy, there are still more than a couple of places which we will see/walk to which are outdoors. **Be prepared.**



The individuals are walking across the National Mall. The United States Capitol Dome is in the background.
This image is courtesy of [bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk).

Do not drink copious amounts of liquid before you arrive at the school. We hope it will be a two hour bus ride, but you never know. Be prepared for a lengthy delay before you are able to use a restroom.



One of the worst beverages to drink before our two hour or longer bus ride is coffee. This image is courtesy of jumpedoffabridge.blogspot.com.

4:00 AM Students arrive at Emory H. Markle Intermediate School



The entrance sign to Emory H. Markle Intermediate School. The high school is in the background. Of course it will be dark when we arrive here at 4:00 AM. This image is courtesy of facebook.com.

4:00-4:15 AM Students will use the restrooms, sit in their assigned row in the auditorium, and meet/check in with their chaperones.



Our bus will sit in the section of seats closest to the camera. Mr. Clark's bus will sit in the middle section.
This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

4:15 AM Groups will use the restrooms, load their Buses, sit in their assigned seat, and quietly wait while the roll is called.



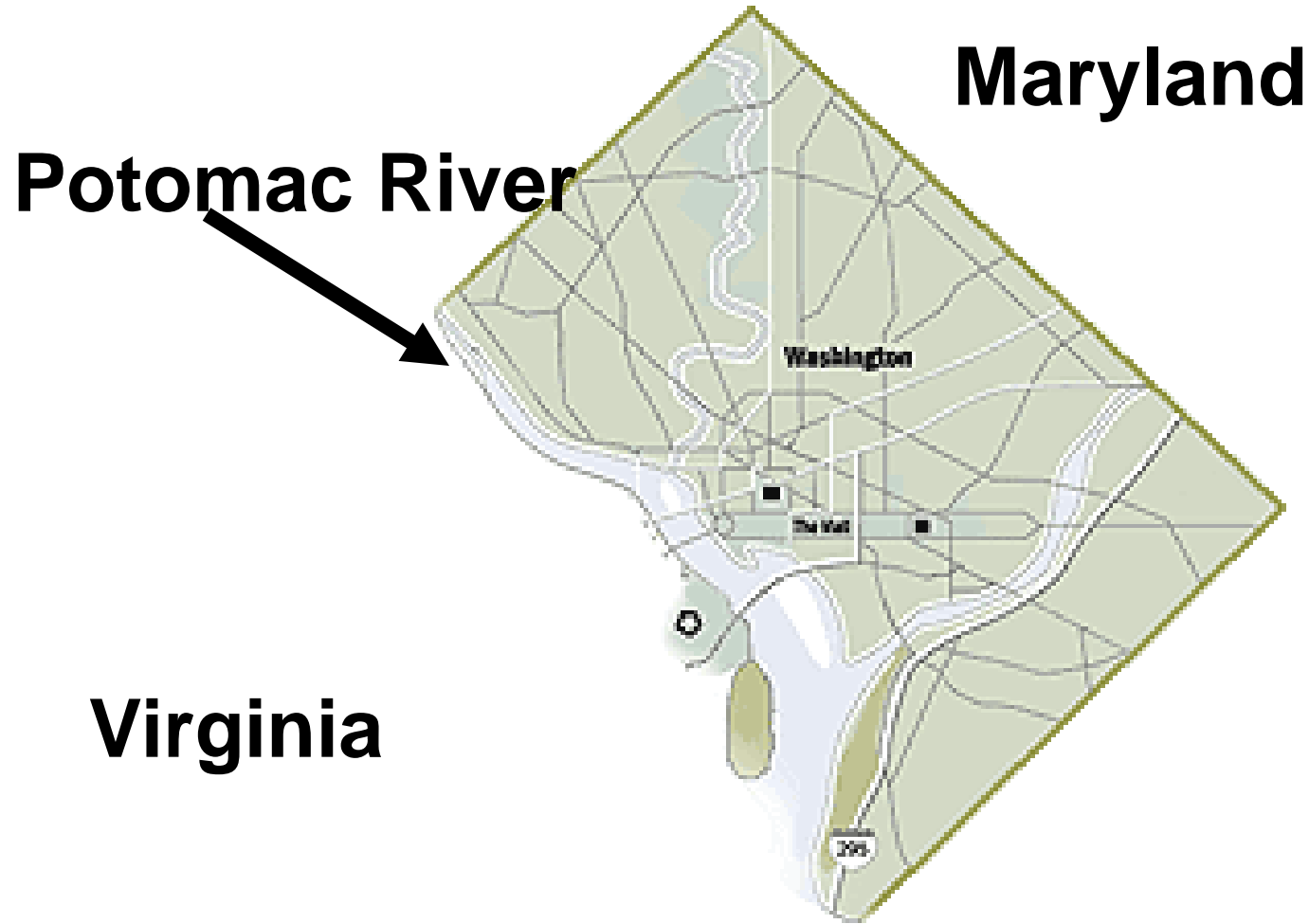
We will sit in our assigned seat. The faster we sit in our seats and call roll, the sooner we will be able to leave. This image is courtesy of Allysia Smith.

4:20 AM Buses Leave Emory H. Markle. Students will be QUIETLY RESTING on the way down. You may bring your own pillow and blanket. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT ARE SHINY AND/OR HAVE LIGHTS WILL BE USED UNTIL THE SUN IS COMPLETELY UP.



These are not students from our school district. They are on a nice coach bus. We will be on a less comfortable school bus. Depending on how many people are on the bus, however, we might be able to spread out and have more room. This image is courtesy of sleepyschoolbus.com.

We will leave Pennsylvania, drive through Maryland, cross the Potomac River into Virginia, drive down the George Washington Parkway, and again cross the Potomac River into Washington.



7:00 AM If Buses are fortunate enough to have light traffic and arrive this early, students will use the restrooms on the mall and work with their scavenger hunt sheets to see the following monuments:



We will cross into the District of Columbia over the Potomac River which is located at the bottom of the picture. We will start near the Lincoln Memorial. This image is courtesy of savethemall.org.

The Lincoln Memorial...



The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in 1922. This image by Carol M. Highsmith, was taken on May 16, 2010. It is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

... inside of the Lincoln Memorial is this famous statue of President Abraham Lincoln.



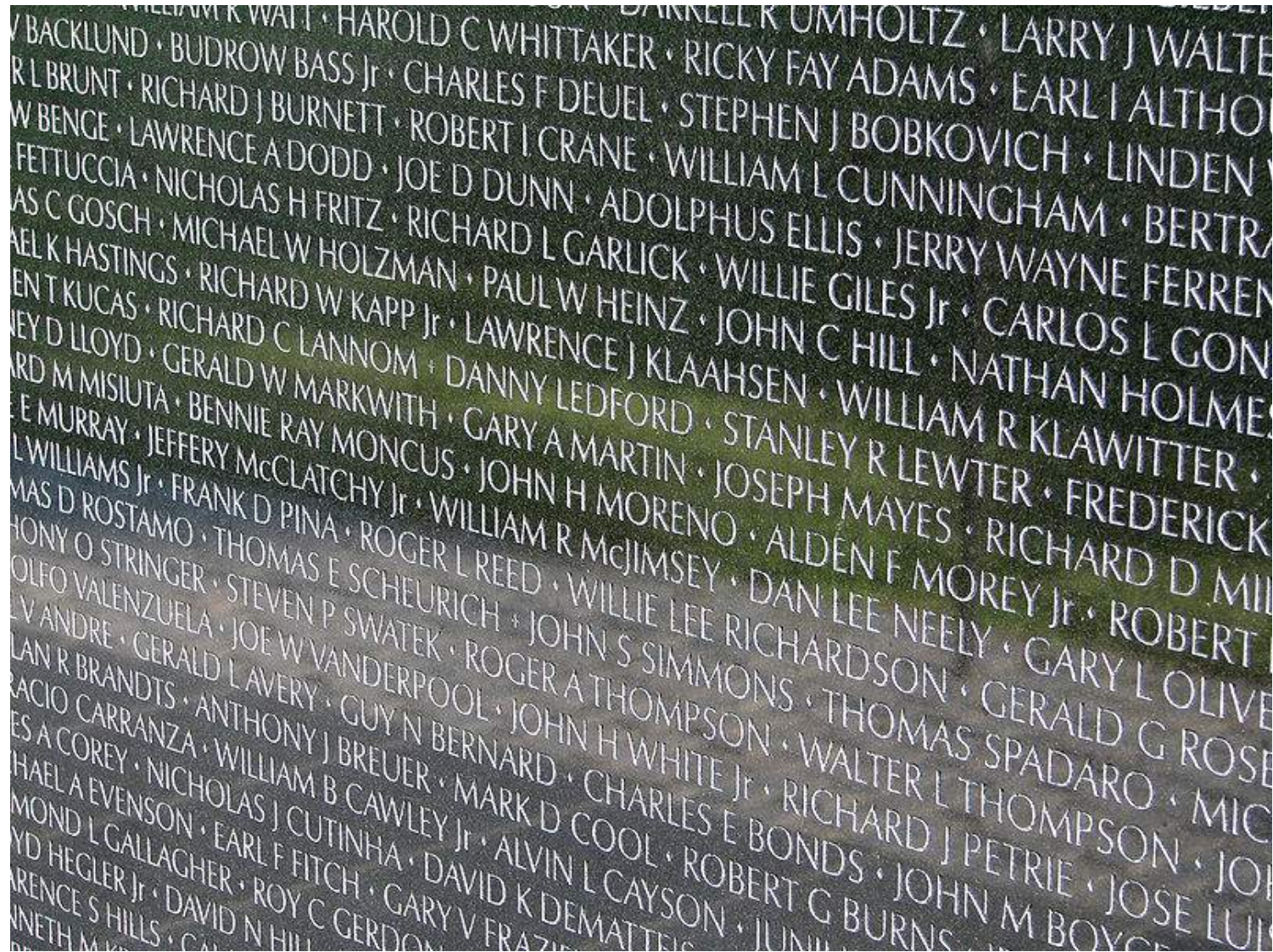
The Abraham Lincoln statue was completed by Daniel Chester French in 1920. This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial...



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was made of black granite to reflect the person observing the memorial. This image by Mario Ortiz was taken on December 26, 2011 and it is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

...which contains the names of the 58,195 Americans killed in Vietnam (1957-1975).



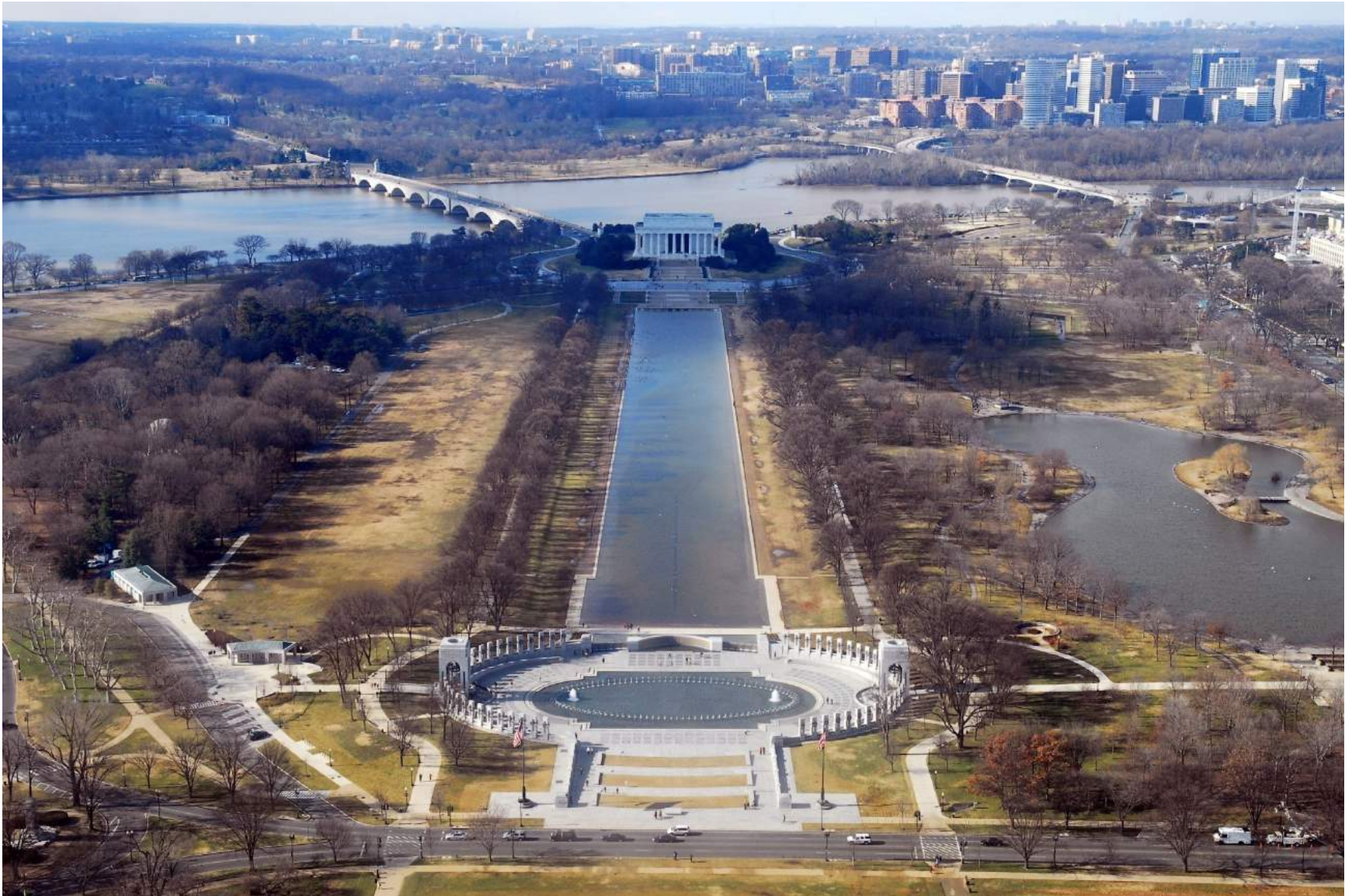
Some visitors make pencil rubbings of the name on the wall. This image was taken by Hu Totya on September 18, 2006. It is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

The World War II Memorial...



The World War II Memorial was dedicated on May 29, 2004. This image was taken by Carol M. Highsmith on September 20, 2006. It is courtesy of the Library of Congress.

... is located on the opposite side of the Reflecting Pool from the Lincoln Memorial.



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is in the wooded area at the top right of the photograph. The Korean War Memorial is located in the wooded area at the top left of the photograph. This image is courtesy of the National Park Service.

From the World War II Memorial we can easily see the Washington Monument.



We will not go up inside the Washington Monument. The World War II Memorial is actually on the other side of the Washington Monument. This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

The Korean War Memorial...



There are 19 stainless steel statues representing a squad on patrol. Each statue is over seven feet tall and weighs approximately 1000 pounds. This image is courtesy of Allysia Smith.

...which also has its own reflective wall.



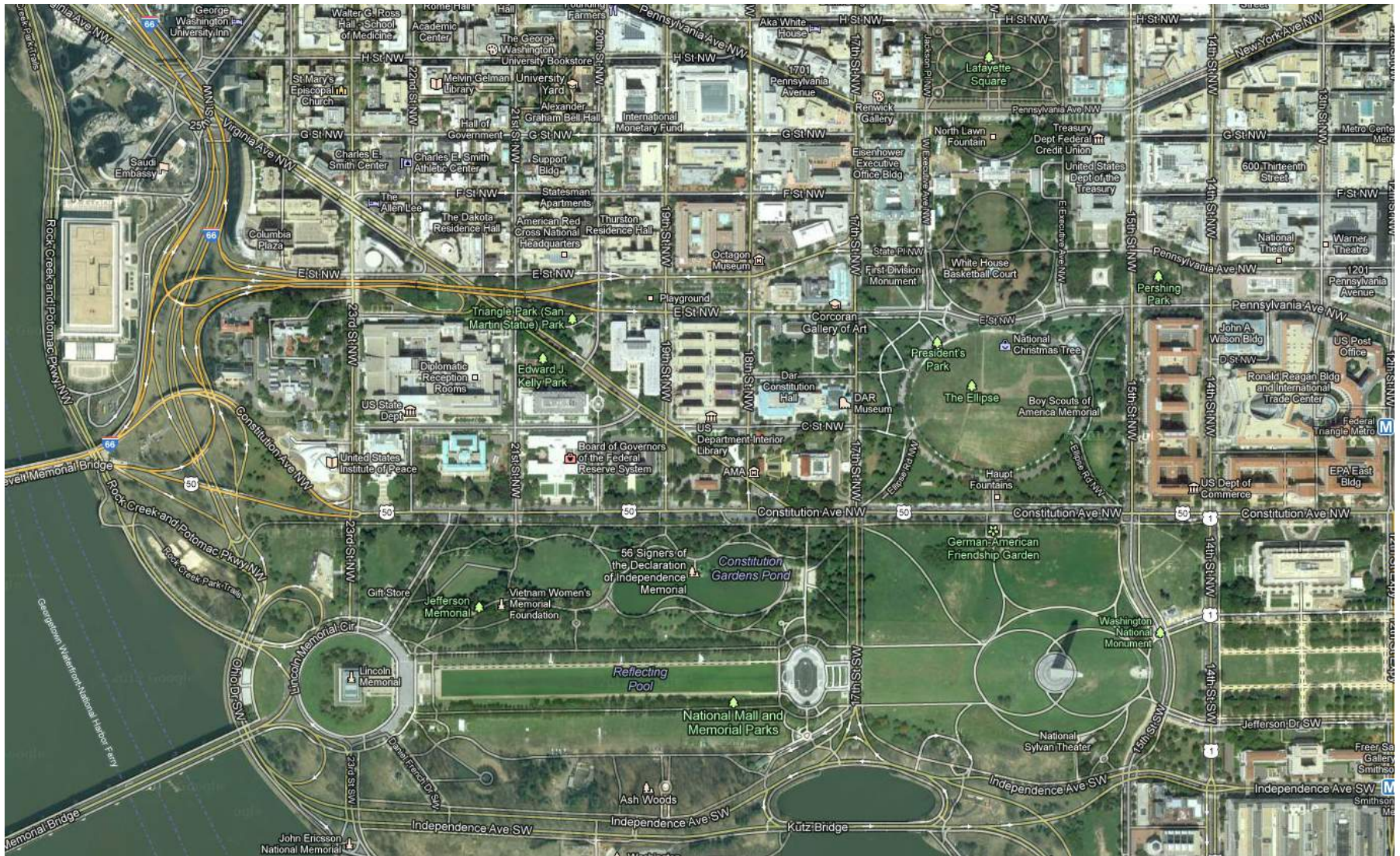
The United States had 54,246 people die during the Korean War (1950-1953). This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

The restrooms at the Lincoln Memorial and this part of “the Mall” **may not be open at this time.** Walk around the monuments using the scavenger hunt sheet to take your mind off the large coffee and orange juice that you unfortunately drank this morning.



The restrooms at the Lincoln Memorial are clean, and much better than the circular restrooms on the mall. Unfortunately, neither might be open when we arrive. This image is courtesy of [dchillin.tumblr.com](https://www.tumblr.com/dchillin).

7:55 AM Buses are loaded on the north side of the Lincoln Memorial, and are driven to the White House.



The Lincoln Memorial is near the Potomac River on the bottom left of this image. The White House is near the upper right of this image. This image is courtesy of [googlemaps.com](https://www.google.com/maps).

7:55 AM Buses drive to the White House near the Ellipse and 15th Street. If students/teachers/chaperones have not had the opportunity to use the restroom this is the time to use the restrooms at the Ellipse.



The Ellipse is the large circular grassy area. The White House is north of the Ellipse. The Ellipse restroom is between the Ellipse and 15th Street shown on the right of this picture. This image is courtesy of wilesmensch.com.

8:15-8:30 AM Groups will take pictures of the south side of the White House.



This is the south side of the White House. We will enter the east wing, which is out of sight on the right of this picture. This image was taken by Matt H. Wade and is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

8:30 AM Students, Chaperones, Teachers, and Administrators **will line up in alphabetical order by last name.** Gum and food will be back on the Buses or in a garbage can. Groups will check in with Security at the southeast side of the White House.



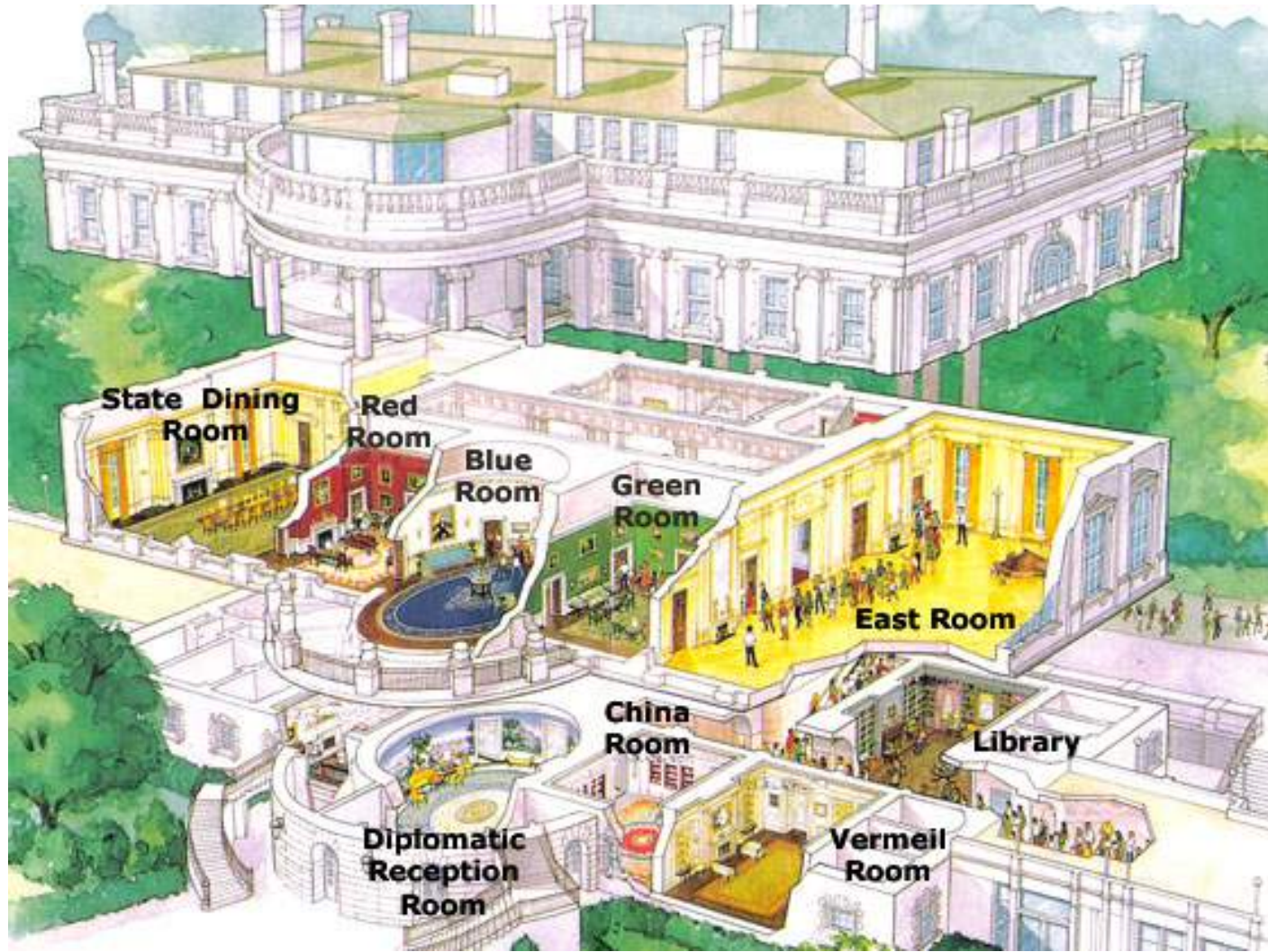
Crowds lined up to tour the Eisenhower White House in 1956. We will not be this close when he enter our first security checkpoint. This image was taken by Walter Reed.

9:00-10:00 AM Groups will tour the White House. Even though it is called “The People’s House” **do not touch anything** going through the house except for your feet touching the floor.



This is the north side of the White House. We will enter the east wing, which is out of sight on the left of this picture. This image was taken by Mr. Robert Housch on January 18, 2015.

We will go through the East Wing area (near the First Lady's Office) through the ground floor, then up to the first floor.



We enter on the right of this image near the room labeled “Library.” This image is courtesy of visitingdc.com.

After going through security, we will enter the east wing of the White House.



The east wing is where the First Lady and her staff have their offices. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 18, 2015.

Here we will start to see not only the architecture, but the Presidential portraits.



Every President and First Lady had an official portrait made. The originals are lining the walls in the rooms in which we will be walking. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 18, 2015.

This is a view of the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden. We will be walking towards the center section of the White House.



We will not walk on the outside through the garden. This image was taken by Robert Housch on January 16, 2016.

We will walk inside the East Colonnade. Photographs of the first family are along the wall.



On the other side of the wall on the right is a movie theater and the First Lady's office. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 18, 2015.

Some rooms that we will see include the [Library](#)...



The White House Library has a collection of 2700 books written by American authors or about American History. It is often used for small meetings. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 4, 2015.

...the Vermeil Room...



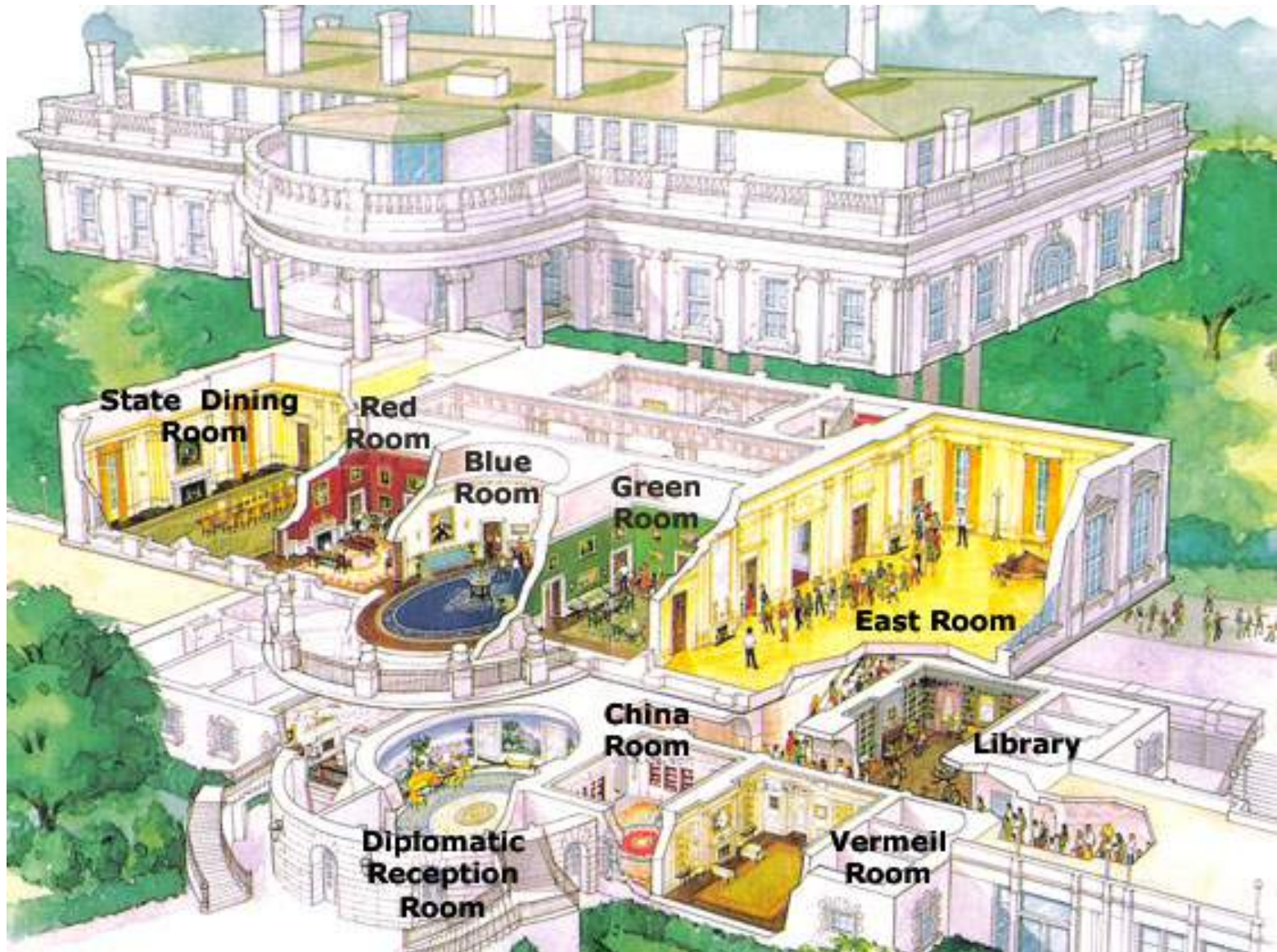
The Vermeil Room is painted a shade of yellow to complement a collection of vermeil (gilded silver). This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 4, 2015.

...the China Room...



The China Room displays state or family china from almost every president. The collection is arranged alphabetically beginning to the right of the fireplace. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 4, 2015.

...then we will move upstairs to the **East Room**.



The East Room is on the first floor. This image is courtesy of visitingdc.com.

The **East Room** is the largest room in the White House.



The East Room is traditionally used for large gatherings such as dances, award presentations, press conferences, and bill-signing ceremonies. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 4, 2015.

We then move into the **Green Room**...



The Green Room is decorated with furniture from the Federal Period (1789-1800). It has been used for a variety of purposes including as a small parlor for hosting guests and encouraging informal conversation. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 4, 2015.

... the Blue Room...



The oval shaped Blue Room has furniture from the time of President James Monroe (1821-1829). It has been the traditional place for presidents to formally receive guests. This image is courtesy of keywordsuggestions.com.

... the Red Room...



Furnished in the Empire style of 1810-1830, the Red Room is one of the four state reception rooms at the White House. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 18, 2015.

... the State Dining Room...



The State Dining Room can be configured to seat as many as 140 guests. The State Dining Room is used to hosts dinners for leaders from foreign countries or “Heads of State.” This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 18, 2015.

... and the Family Dining Room.



The First Families took their meals in this room prior to the creation of a new family dining room in the private quarters in 1961. This room is regularly used to host small official events and as a showcase for modern art. This image was taken by Robert Housch on January 16, 2016.

We will then start to exit out the Cross Hall.



The Cross Hall allows access to the Entrance Hall, the East Room, the Blue Room, the Green Room, the Red Room, and the State Dining Room. This photo shows how we have exited out of the State Dining Room (to our back right) and are walking towards the East Room which is at the end of the hallway. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 4, 2016.

In the past, some inconsiderate people slow the whole tour down by pausing to have their picture taken beneath the Presidential Seal and by the Presidential Flag.



This area is where the Cross Hall meets the Entrance Hall. The Blue Room is behind the clueless tourist. This image was taken by Matthew Housch on January 16, 2016.

We will finally exit out of the Front Lobby/Entrance Hall.



The Entrance Hall is on the north side of the White House, near the North Portico. The front door to the left center is open, and there is a lot of sunlight streaming through it. This image was taken by Robert Housch on November 4, 2015.

One more time that people take to interrupt the traffic flow is to pause and have their picture taken by the front door of the White House.



The front door is on the north side of the White House. This image was taken by Thomas Clark on November 4, 2015.

We will exit from the North Side of the White House at the door in the center of the columns.



After exiting the center door we will go to the left of this image and walk down the driveway to Pennsylvania Avenue. This image is courtesy of whitehousemuseum.org.

We will not be visiting the residence on the second floor or the West Wing where the President's office is located.



We will exit out of the North Portico which is on the left of the White House. The West Wing, where the Presidential staff works at the structure closest to the camera. This image is courtesy of visitingdc.com.

10:15 AM Groups walk east on Pennsylvania Avenue and south on 15th Street towards the Ellipse to load their Buses. Please walk quickly as the Buses may be double parked on 15th Street.



The section of Pennsylvania Avenue which runs north of the White House is not shown on this map. 15th Street is not marked, but it is the vertical street to the left of 14th Street. This image is courtesy of itdc.com.

10:30 AM Groups load the Buses and we will drive to the United States Capitol.



Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum is on the mall, just to the left of the Capitol Dome. This image is courtesy of washingtoncitypaper.com.

10:30 AM This is a good time to start eating your lunch on the bus.



Students have ordered lunch, and may bring a small lunch of their own. Adults need to bring their own lunch. This image is courtesy of amazon.com.

10:45 AM Groups arrive at the U.S. Capitol. We will then walk from the west side of Capitol Hill to the east side of the Capitol.



This is the west front of the Capitol. The buses will unload us out of sight of this photograph to the right. We will walk up Capitol Hill near the House of Representatives Gallery (shown here as the right “wing” of the Capitol) and enter on the other (east) side. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

10:50 AM-Groups line up on the east side of the Capitol to go through security.



This is the east front of the Capitol. The students have walked towards the camera on the left side of this picture and will enter security at the large rectangular entrances shown at the bottom of this picture. This image is courtesy of The Architect of the Capitol.

11:00 AM-12:00 PM We **MIGHT** have time to see the House of Representatives Chamber...



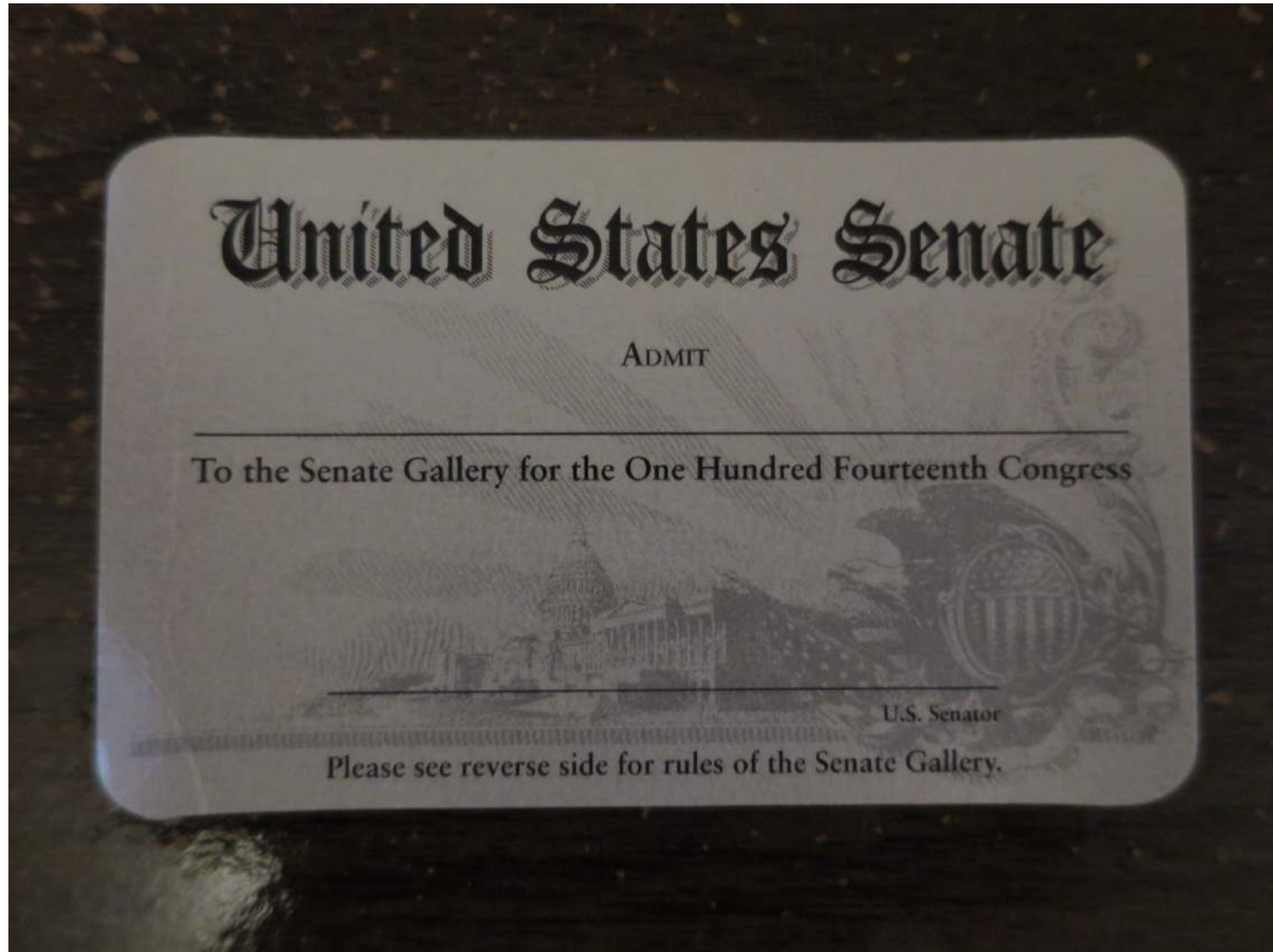
The President of the United States delivers his State of the Union in the House of Representatives Chamber every January. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

... and/or the United States Senate Chamber.



This image shows United States Senators and their staffs posing in the United States Senate Chamber in 2003. This image is courtesy of the United States Senate.

CHAPERONES/TEACHERS: Will GIVE you THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GALLEY TICKETS/SENATE GALLERY TICKETS OUT IF WE HAVE TIME TO SEE THESE GALLERIES.



Although we have to have these tickets, they are not collected. You may use them as long as the current Congress is in session, then save them as a souvenir. This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

12:00 AM-12:50 PM Groups tour the Capitol.



We will first line up to see an introductory film. The time in line is usually too long.
This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

After the film we will be taken for a guided tour of the Capitol with a tour guide and wearing headphones to hear him/her.



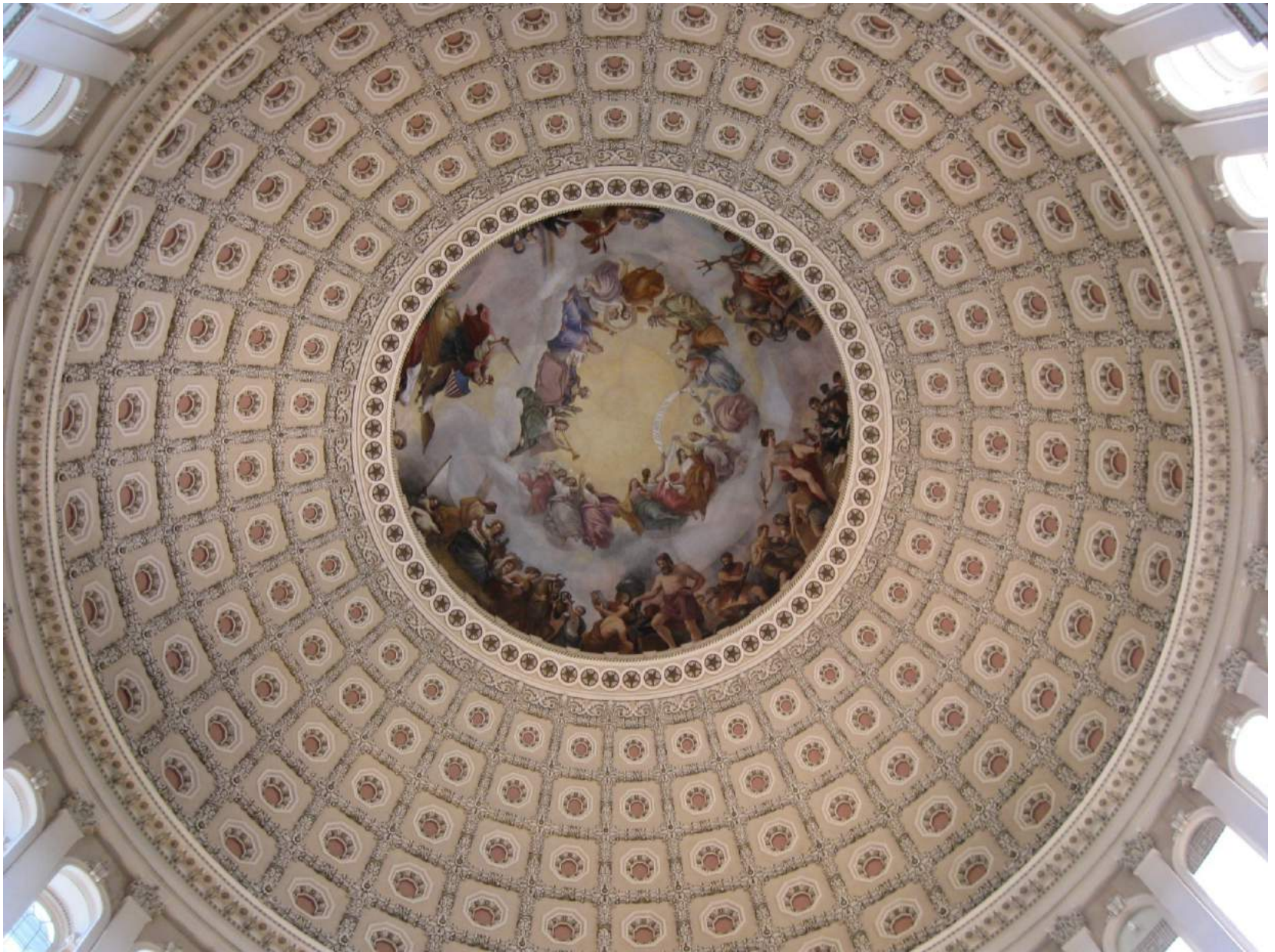
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We will first be taken to the Rotunda which is at the center of the building.



Many important dignitaries including Presidents have lain in state in the Capitol Rotunda. This image is courtesy of The Architect of the Capitol.

We will get a good view of the painting on the interior of the Capitol dome.



The painting titled *The Apotheosis of Washington* was painted in 1865. The painting shows George Washington becoming a god. This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

Depending on where the Tour Guide wants to take us, we will probably see Statuary Hall...



Each state is represented by two statues in the Capitol building. This room previously was the old House of Representatives Chamber. This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

...the old Supreme Court Chamber...



Before the current Supreme Court building was constructed, the Court met at this room in the Capitol. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

...of course the current Supreme Court building is located across the street from the Capitol.



The Supreme Court building was constructed from 1932-1935. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

In the Capitol we might also see the old United States Senate Chamber...



This area hosted the United States Senate from 1810-1859. This image is courtesy of The Architect of the Capitol.

...and the crypt area where George Washington was supposed to be buried.



George Washington is buried at Mount Vernon. This crypt area contains 40 Doric columns which support the weight of the floor of the Rotunda. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Then we will use the restrooms, and walk to the bottom of (the west side) of Capitol Hill to load the Buses.



We will load the buses to the front left of the Capitol. The Supreme Court Building is in the bottom left of this photograph. This image is courtesy of museumofthecity.org.

1:00 PM Groups load Buses. Groups leave from the bottom of Capitol Hill.



This is the view that we will have of the Capitol as we walk down the hill to load the buses. The House of Representatives Chamber is closest to the camera. This image is courtesy of mrhousch.com.

1:00 PM Buses are loaded and will drive to Arlington National Cemetery.



We will drive across the Arlington Memorial Bridge, which crosses the Potomac River, towards Arlington National Cemetery. The Custis-Lee Mansion is shown at Arlington on the hill above the bridge. This image was taken by Mario Ortiz on December 26, 2011. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

1:00 PM This is a good time to finish eating your lunch on the bus.



Students have ordered lunch, and may bring a small lunch of their own. Adults need to bring their own lunch. This image is courtesy of amazon.com.

1:30 PM Buses arrive at Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Center. Groups will use the restrooms in the Visitor Center. These are some of the best/largest/cleanest restrooms on the trip. This is also a good opportunity to fill up water bottles if one has them.



This is the north entrance to the Arlington National Cemetery Visitors Center. We usually enter on the east side. This image was taken on September 17, 2011. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Groups will be quiet and respectful for their time at Arlington.



This image shows one of the entrance signs to Arlington National Cemetery. This image is courtesy of Mr. Tom Clark.

1:40 PM Groups will walk towards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Changing of the Guard Ceremony.



Over 400,000 individuals are now buried at Arlington. This image was taken on September 27, 2009 and is courtesy of gettysburgdaily.com.

2:00 PM Groups attend the 10:00 AM “Changing of the Guard” ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The Tomb of the Unknowns contains the remains of unknown United States service members from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. This image is courtesy of warfoto.com.

If there is another ceremony after the Changing of the Guard ceremony, we do not have time to attend it. We need to be moving towards the Buses as soon as the “Changing of the Guard” ceremony is finished.



From October 1st to March 31st the ceremony occurs on the hour. This image is courtesy of stusnews.fcps.com.

2:10 PM Groups will walk back to Buses. There may another ceremony starting at the Tomb of the Unknowns, but we don't have time to see it. As soon as the Changing of the Guard Ceremony is finished, please quietly slip away towards the Arlington Cemetery Visitor Center. This is the last opportunity to use the Arlington Cemetery Visitor Center restrooms.



This image shows a group of South Western students leaving Arlington National Cemetery in September, 2010. This image is courtesy of Allysia Smith.

4:30-5:30 PM Students should arrive at Emory H. Markle Intermediate School.



Students should be well rested because they should be sleeping most of the way back to Hanover. This image is courtesy of Mr. Thomas Clark.

Any Questions?



This image shows President Ronald Reagan at a White House Press Briefing in 1986. This image is courtesy of whitehousemuseum.org.