

**Dear Starr's Mill students and parents:**

I would like to share with you an exciting opportunity that we are offering students for the 2012-2013 school year. During the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Starr's Mill High School Close Up club will be **participating in the Close Up Foundation's Inauguration 2013 Washington, D.C. program. This allows students in the Close Up club the opportunity to be a part of the inaugural celebrations of the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.**

The [Close Up Foundation](#) is the nation's largest non-profit and non-partisan citizenship education organization. Since 1971, Close Up has worked with students and educators across the country to promote active citizenship. Through seminars with Washington policymakers and explorations of government offices and historical sites, high school students get a "close-up" look at our nation's heritage and the processes of democracy. This six-day program prepares young citizens to meet the challenges of governing themselves and their nation through the following:

- Discussions of key domestic and international issues with members of Congress, Washington insiders and other leading policy experts;
- Comprehensive study visits to the significant historical sites and cultural neighborhoods of our nation's capital;
- **An historic opportunity to witness and be a part of the events surrounding the inauguration of the 45<sup>th</sup> president including attending an Inaugural Ball!**
- Daily small group discussions and workshops that encourage students to explore and grapple with current issues; and
- An opportunity to earn college credit through the University of Virginia.

Our participation for the Close Up Inauguration 2013 program is scheduled from Thursday, January 17 – Wednesday, January 23. Due to the inauguration, space is extremely limited on the program this year. **We will be limited to 60 students attending the trip this year.**

To learn more about this trip, we will be holding an **informational meeting on March 7th at 6:30pm** in the SMHS cafeteria to discuss the program cost, fundraising and other logistics. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to contact either Jon Gloer ([gloer.jon@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:gloer.jon@mail.fcboe.org)) Pat Coleman ([coleman.pat@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:coleman.pat@mail.fcboe.org)). We hope your student will be able to be a part of this exciting opportunity!

Sincerely,  
Jon Gloer  
Pat Coleman  
SMHS Close Up Club Sponsors

The following information is from the [Close Up Foundation](#)

# **CLOSE UP INAUGURATION 2013**

**January 17-23**

- **Get an insider's view of D.C. in 7 action-packed days.**
- **Visit embassies, explore famous monuments, walk the halls of Capitol Hill.**
- **Be part of history on the National Mall on Inauguration Day.**
- **Join in the celebration at a Close Up Inaugural Ball.**
- **Meet students from around the country and create lasting memories.**
- **Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!**



**What happens here, can change your world!**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 <p>Arrive in Washington, D.C. Hotel Check-In <b>Welcome Dinner</b> Meet Peers from Schools Nationwide <b>Orientation workshop: How Politically Effective Are You?</b> Meet &amp; Greet Social Activity</p>	<p>Hot Breakfast Buffet <b>Public Policy Seminar at Carnegie Institution with a Washington Insider</b> Group Photo Smithsonian Study Visit and Lunch</p>  <p><b>Thomas Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, &amp; Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visits</b> Dinner <b>Iwo Jima Memorial Study Visit</b> Mock Congress</p>	<p>Hot Breakfast Buffet <b>Newseum Study Visit</b> Smithsonian Study Visit and Lunch White House Photo Op <b>Official Inaugural Committee Event for Youth*</b> <b>Fireworks*</b> Dinner at Mall Current Issues Workshop: Debate Hot Topics Facing our Nation</p>  <p>Social Activity</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>  <p><b>Inauguration Day Events</b> - Swearing-In - Inaugural Address - Inaugural Parade</p> <p>Lunch on National Mall Dinner <b>Political Ideology Workshop: Red State vs. Blue State</b> Social Activity</p>	<p>Hot Breakfast Buffet <b>Spend the Day with Your School in the City</b> - Arlington National Cemetery - Holocaust Museum - National Archives</p> <p>Lunch on the National Mall</p>  <p><b>Dinner &amp; Legendary Close Up Inaugural Ball</b></p>	<p>Hot Breakfast Buffet</p>  <p><b>WWII, Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam War Memorial Study Visits</b> Lunch at Union Station <b>Walking Workshop on Capitol Hill</b> - Library of Congress - Supreme Court - Galleries Workshop: Taking Close Up Home Dinner &amp; Dance</p>
					<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Hot Breakfast Buffet Depart for Home</p>

\* To be announced by Official Inaugural Committee

## Why Close Up?

- EXPERIENCE:** Over 725,000 alumni have participated in our programs since 1971.
- INSTRUCTION:** Our trained instructors (not tour guides) have over 120 hours of training.
- PROXIMITY:** Close-in high quality hotels that keep you at the center of the action.
- SAFETY:** Round the clock supervision, security, insurance and medical care.
- IMPACT:** Curriculum designed to engage you and your students.
- EASE:** Our all-inclusive, flexible payment plans & superior customer service makes planning easy.
- COMPREHENSIVE:** Experience the festivities leading up to the big day... including Official Inaugural Committee events & our legendary Close Up Ball.

*"Close Up is a great experience to learn all you can in a week, and it's also a very fun, educational trip. Nothing's better than Close Up!"*  
-Charmaine, student, IL

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