

International Field Studies 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Costa Rica, France, China/Hong Kong, and Italy international field studies. These trips are designed to enhance student learning and to promote personal growth. Therefore, they are planned and organized exclusively for St. Mary's students and faculty chaperones. Please know that preference will be given to students in eighth grade and students enrolled in the target languages. Academic performance, attendance to grade level field studies (which do take precedence over international field studies), and overall attendance, may also be considered in the selection process.

Please read the following information carefully before signing up for any of the field studies.

In order for a student to be considered for any of the trips, a **letter of intent** and a **student application** need to be completed and submitted. Following the application submission, students will sign up for an interview and letters of acceptance will be distributed the following week.

The provisional dates for the international field studies are as follows:

Costa Rica (open to 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade students)*	April 7 – April 16, 2019
France (open to 7 th and 8 th grade students)*	April 7 – April 17, 2019
China/Hong Kong (open to 7 th and 8 th grade students)*	April 8 – April 16, 2019
Italian Exchange (open to 7 th and 8 th grade students)*	April 5 – April 18, 2019

* *Students will be allowed to take part in only one of the four field studies on a given year. Also, please note that international field studies itineraries, flight reservations, hotel reservations, etc. **cannot** be modified or personalized.*

When completing the letter of intent, please do not forget to select the trip you would like to be considered for.

Final cost of trips and schedules of payment will be discussed at the meeting and posted in the International Field Study page under the St. Mary's website.

If you are interested in any of these exciting opportunities, please complete the attached form and return it to the Middle School office or to Mr. Valdez by September 14. Student interviews will take place the following week. Selected and non-selected students will be informed via email by the week of September 24. Should you and your student accept to participate, your student will need to notify Mr. Valdez or the field study lead accepting the invitation. All participating families will be required to pay a **non-refundable** deposit of \$1,000 to St. Mary's. You can make your payment directly in the business office (jeff.haworth@smaa.org and/or vida.bonakdar@smaa.org).

Thank you.

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Costa Rica – France – China/Hong Kong – Italy

Letter of Intent

Student Information

Full Name:	Grade
Address:	
Phone Number:	

Family Information

Father's Full Name:	Phone Number:		
Father's Home Address:	Email:		
Mother's Full Name:	Phone Number:		
Mother's Home Address:	Email:		
Field Study (please select one and write down your second choice, if any)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica	<input type="checkbox"/> France	<input type="checkbox"/> China/Hong Kong	<input type="checkbox"/> Italy
Second choice _____			

By signing our names and submitting this application, we understand that our child is being considered for participation in the chosen international field study and that \$1,000.00 of our initial deposit is non-refundable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Mother

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Father