Dear Swope GT Magnet Students and Families,

As part of our on-going commitment to world travel and adventure, the Swope GT Magnet is pleased to announce that we are planning an optional trip to Belize during Spring Break 2017!!!

In Belize students will explore two different ecosystems—jungle and coastline. Students can satisfy their zest for adventure as they hike and Zip Line through lush forests; ride a riverboat and snorkel in the Caribbean. Finally, students will be immersed in the fascinating history and culture of the indigenous people while visiting the archaeological sites of Lamanai and Xunantunich. This educational travel opportunity will be educational, adventuresome, and exciting.

Imagine the opportunity to see what they have been studying in the classroom come to life. Travel encourages students to get out of their comfort zones and come face to face with everything from history, to new cultures, languages and food. The impact of international travel extends beyond middle school and high school - being a world traveler makes students more competitive as college applicants and more likely to participate in study abroad programs.

I will be hosting an enrollment meeting in early August to review the plans for this trip and answer all of your questions. Students (and their parents!) can enroll in the trip at the end of the meeting. There is limited space on this trip, with space available on a first-come, first-serve basis. I sincerely hope you will come and learn more about this opportunity. If you would like more information now, please contact me at your earliest convenience—prices may be higher if you register in August.

Not only do I believe this will be an amazing teaching tool, but I believe this experience will truly inspire my students to become lifelong learners and world travelers. ☺

Sincerely,

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