NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS
CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL, 2026-2027

Dear Parents or Guardians:

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in joining Model United Nations this school year, and we are getting ready to represent Carlisle High School at the ***ultimate*** student simulation experience: a Model United Nations in New York City for over 2,500 students from around the world. Our club will represent specific countries at the NHSMUN (National High School Model United Nations) sessions, and the students will act as though they were diplomatic representatives from their respective countries. All students will attend sessions and engage in foreign policy committee debates from the point of view of their country during the conference, **March 17-20, 2027.**

Many club meetings during the next few months will focus on preparation. All students will write position papers based on research about their country. They will also draft resolutions and practice the rules of procedure during our regular meetings. If properly prepared, they will be able to participate more actively and effectively in the sessions. We also plan to have guest speakers from other regional areas and clubs. Regular attendance at our after-school meetings is mandatory; some excused absences are permissible because of family commitments. **A student is allowed to miss three meetings and upon the fourth missed meeting membership is canceled with no monies being refunded.** Also, the school district has a policy in place which states if the student has missed more than **10 school days (excused absences)**, has acquired **3 or more unexcused absences**, **has been removed from school (OSS)**, or **is failing a course**, they may not attend the conference and **no money is refunded**. I check their status monthly. Your son/daughter must be willing to make a commitment to this club if they join. If your son/daughter or you believe sports programs or other extra-curricular activities will interfere, please do not allow them to join this club. Every year I must turn away 50 to 70 students, therefore I desire students who are truly willing to make a commitment!

A tentative schedule is attached to show the number/hours of sessions, eating times, breaks, and open time for the delegates at the actual conference. Although there may be some changes, we can expect this schedule to be similar in 2027.

Elected officers will be chosen in the following categories: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional students will be selected to head-up the fundraising and parliamentary procedure aspects of the club. The goal is to have the Model United Nations 100% run by students with myself as a liaison between the students and school. I desire them to have all the experience of being a self-governing body of representatives. For this reason, the students who join the organization must possess leadership, dedication, and work-ethic skills.

Because the road to New York City and this remarkable experience is an expensive one, we must consider costs. The total package of registration, transportation, and lodging for four nights at the conference hotel is estimated to be between **$650-$750** per student.

This does not include meals or spending money during the conference. Last year's trip was finalized at $730.28 per student. Attached is a copy of last year's Final MUN Cost Analysis sheet for your perusal. Each student is responsible for his/her own payment of the trip. We do attempt to have fundraisers during the year to help defray the cost. **I will require a $100.00 non-refundable deposit which covers the delegate registration to the NHSMUN conference.** This deposit is the firm commitment that your son/daughter is indeed planning on going to New York City in March. I must receive this payment ***NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd*** (provided they are accepted into the club). Afterwards, the officers and I will be setting up a plan for payment so that all costs are paid before we leave on the trip.

The opportunities for leadership and learning about our world are limitless in Model United Nations, and I hope your son/daughter has the opportunity to take advantage of them. It is a chance to learn about our world, meet other students from around the globe, and have a great time learning. And students also understand the importance of responsibilities and making commitments to the club and each other. I look forward to working with an outstanding group of young people this year. We have experienced an exponential growth in this organization over the last few years, attesting to the fact of the caliber and success of our students at Carlisle High School. The past 36 years have seen the club win **49 awards**!!! And 11 years ago, our team won the Trygve Lie Challenge and had its poster design used by the Rio+20 Conference of the United Nations!!! It should be an exciting journey together. If for any reason you have questions regarding the MUN trip or club, please feel free to call me at school (717) 240-6800 x26132, by cell (717) 756-7522, or by email at wagnerk@carlisleschools.org. I await another great year for this organization and the chance to work with your son/daughter in the coming months.

Thank you,

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P.S. We are also always looking at the possibility of corporate sponsorship to help defray the cost of this year's trip. If you know of any companies that make educational sponsorships for tax purposes, or you work for a company that does so, please contact me at your convenience.