

OUR FIRST TOUR... FIRST SUCCESS!

In April 2012, thirty parents, students and teachers from the Zephyrhills community took part in the first educational tour sponsored by ZAP. This weeklong trip, brought participants into the history of the Holocaust. The trip, provided by EF, made stops in: the heart of the former NAZI-state, Berlin; to the ravaged county of Poland, with stops in Warsaw and Krakow; and, it finished in the majestic city of Prague. Along the way, participants visited the IG Farben factory made famous by Schindler's List, the site of the Warsaw Ghetto and the infamous camp Auschwitz. No textbook, no video, no lesson could have either prepared us for, or affected us, as being in these sites.

But every experience was not filled with the remembrance of so much destruction and loss. There were the friendships created, the experiences of being in foreign countries, eating foreign food and trying different things that will be remembered. Excursions to the Salt Mines will not soon be forgotten neither will the emotion that struck us as we walked into the Church of the Black Madonna where a mass had just begun. For some the experience of their first snowfall, for others the connection to the lessons learned, will leave a lasting impression. From Doner kabobs, to Catholic churches, to flowers placed upon the tracks, each participant walked away with some lasting memory. And in the end, it is those experiences that will make this trip a success!