

January 27, 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and students:

As you are aware, the grade 8 ski trip, scheduled for Jan. 24-26 was cancelled due to weather considerations and the safety of our students and staff. It was disappointing for both staff and students but we have tried to make accommodations so that the grade 8's will still have a chance at a ski trip this year. We would have liked a date sooner rather than later but there were many issues to contend with, including, the lack of hotel room space in Russell, the lack of space on the ski hill for some dates, and other school activities to work around such as: choral concerts, Optimist Band Festival, Basketball playoffs, AFM presentations to the grade 8 students, high school open house dates and the like.

I apologize for having cancelled the trip due to the blizzard, but the poor weather really did materialize and the students may have been stuck in the hotel room on Monday, not skiing, as the busses may not have been allowed on the highway. Students will have the option to attend on the new dates (see below) and if that does not work into the students' schedules due to other commitments, a full refund of the original amount will be given to the parents. Parents who have paid for 2 nights at the hotel will be reimbursed for 1 night once the new amount is calculated if the student is still planning to attend on the new dates. There will be no money lost to parents/children due to the date change.

Luckily, we have been able to rebook the buses, hotel and the ski hill for **Sunday, March 21 and Monday, March 22**. Students will be leaving the school promptly at 6 a.m. on March 21<sup>st</sup> – please assure that the students are at the school well before that time (by 5:40 a.m.). The students will arrive at the ski hill by 10:00 a.m. and will ski on the Sunday until the hill closes. They will then go to the hotel for the evening activities, ski all day Monday and arrive home about 9:30 p.m. Monday night. You will note that this is now a compacted version of the trip, as it is only one night instead of two. We have in effect combined the travel day to the hill with the first day of skiing.

A meeting will be held in early February for all students who wish to attend on the new dates. Students should listen to announcements for the date and place of this meeting. Students who were not on the original list due to prior commitments, will now be allowed to join if these dates work better for them. Please contact Ms. Moskal or Ms. Dadey, by phone at 837-5808, if you have any further questions regarding the change.

Many thanks for your indulgence.

Sincerely,  
Corinne E. Barrett DeWiele  
Principal/Directrice