



Dear Parents/Guardians

The grade 5 – 8 classes are invited to go to Ottawa and enjoy the Winterlude festival on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. This is an amazing opportunity for your child to see all of the amazing activities and sculptures that go hand in hand with Winterlude.

As you may know, Winterlude includes skating on the Rideau Canal as well as walking around to see ice sculptures, eating beaver tails, drinking hot chocolate and taking in the arts and culture that are displayed during this festival.

On February 12th, we will be departing Holy Name of Mary School at 9:30 a.m. and will be returning by 2:15 p.m. (in time for regular dismissal). We will be arriving in Ottawa, at Confederation Park, at approximately 10:15 am. From there, students will have the choice to skate or walk the canal until 11:30 a.m. All students will be participating in an activity outdoors from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. and then again from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to warm-up and eat their lunch at the Rideau Centre between 11:30 and 12:30. After lunch, we will walk the grounds of Confederation Park to admire the sculptures and activities taking place. For those students wishing to indulge in a BeaverTail or hot chocolate, this would be the time to do it. At 1:30 p.m., we will board the buses and return to school.

All students need to be appropriately dressed for the day. This includes wearing **snow pants, long johns, winter boots, a winter coat, mitts or gloves and a toque**. If your child would like to skate, they are responsible for bringing their own skates (with skate guards or in a bag) and a helmet. A CSA approved helmet is mandatory for all skating trips.

Aside from appropriate outdoor clothing, please ensure that your child has a lunch, snacks, water bottle, and if they wish, money to purchase items from the Winterlude vendors. This will be a great day of outdoor winter fun for our students. The cost for this excursion is \$7.00 and can be paid on School Cash on Line.

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Winterlude – Tuesday, February 12th 2019

Please detach and return only the bottom portion of this note (please keep the top half for your reference)

Please choose one of the following:

My child will skate on the canal and will have a helmet with them (helmet is mandatory if skating)

My child will walk on the canal

My child will stay at the school on February 12th

My child will not participate in this event and will not be present at school on February 12th

I give permission for my child, _____ to participate in the activity indicated above. In the event that an emergency situation arises which, in the opinion of the attending physician, requires immediate decision and I cannot be reached, I authorize the teacher supervising the activity to make decisions of a medical nature on behalf of my child.

I would like to accompany my son/daughter on this trip.

Parent's signature: