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St. John Elementary Outdoor Winter Carnival Day Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Dear families,

Our Winter Carnival week will take place Feb. 19-22, 2019. On Tuesday, February 19th, all Grade 3-6 students will be going to Mount Pakenham. Students in Grades 3 and 4 will participate in the WOW program (snowshoeing for half day and tubing for the other half day). Grades 5 and 6 students will choose either downhill skiing/snowboarding (all day activity) OR snowshoeing/tubing (half day for each activity). Students will travel by bus. The bus will arrive at the school for pickup at 8:45 a.m. and the bus will return at 5:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend. Availability for parents to use bus transportation will depend on the number of students participating.

Skiing and Snowboarding: GRADE 5/6 ONLY

All students skiing/snowboarding are required to take a lesson (included in the ticket price). Lessons from qualified instructors are aimed at improving skiing skills and knowledge. They are geared to the student's ability level. Whether you are a beginner or an expert, this is an excellent opportunity for all students to improve their skill levels and knowledge and is a safety precaution required by the Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario.

Snowshoeing and Tubing: GRADE 3/4 and 5/6 students

All students participating in these activities are required to have a snow sport helmet. Hockey helmets and biking helmets are not acceptable because the foam in these helmets aren't dense enough to protect against a high-speed impact.

Please read over the following Safety & Behaviour Information for these activities; then complete the permission form, as well as the registration/payment chart. Please ensure that you have filled in all areas of the form that pertain to your child/you before sending it in. **All forms and payment are due to classroom teachers by Monday, January 28, 2019.**

Important Safety/Behaviour Information and Requirements

Helmets: *The wearing of helmets by all students is mandatory for participation. There are many reasons for this, but the best one is simply that your brain is a vital organ that needs to be protected.*

Competency Requirements/Lessons: *Instructors will conduct an assessment of all students' abilities to control themselves ("Star" Test) before they are allowed to ride the chairlifts. There are no exceptions to this rule. Students who do not successfully complete the assessment are able to ski on the rope tows only.*

Inherent Risk: *Skiing/Snowboarding is a sport with physical demands and inherent risks which are beyond the control of Mount Pakenham and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Falls, collisions and other incidents may occur and cause injury. Skiers/Snowboarders must assume the risks and dangers.*

Equipment: *Mt. Pakenham provides rental equipment. Bindings on equipment reduce the risk of injury when falling. Bindings will not release under all circumstances and they do not guarantee safety in all cases. Parents/guardians, or students if over the age of 18 years, will be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs associated with the loss or damage to rental equipment or student-owned equipment.*

Student Skier/Snowboarder Classification for Lessons

Beginner skier/boarder (Beg)	The student has never skied/snowboarded before.
Novice skier/boarder (Nov)	The student has skied 5 times and has maintained control on novice hills of varying difficulty. He or she is able to turn and stop.
Intermediate (Int)	The student has skied/snowboarded on many occasions and has experienced a variety of hills and different ski areas. He/she can turn and stop in a variety of situations under control using recognized formal techniques (parallel skis).
Advanced (Adv)	The student is an experienced and competent skier/snowboarder. He/she has skied at <u>a number of facilities</u> on a wide variety of hills, has received formal instruction, and demonstrates ability at an advanced level. <u>He/she knows and understands the skier's responsibility code.</u>

Behaviour Conditions for Participation

This is a school event and, as such, **all students are expected to follow the rules of conduct on the bus and at the hill.** It is imperative that students and parents/guardians read over the following guidelines for behaviour. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in loss of skiing/ snowboarding privileges.

1. Dangerous behaviour on the hills (including going on the terrain park), chalet, and bus may result in revoking of privileges
2. Disrespectful behaviour towards Pakenham, school staff, bus drivers, and fellow skiers will not be tolerated
3. Students must remain seated when on the bus. Equipment, bags and other items are to be gathered only when the bus has come to a full stop at its destination.
4. Students are expected to be courteous and respectful to all and to be an ambassador for our school/community.

Skier's/ Snowboarder's Code of Conduct

PLEASE OBSERVE THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A GREAT OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE. AT NO TIME ARE STUDENTS PERMITTED ON THE TERRAIN PARK (REGARDLESS OF PARENTAL SUPERVISION)

- a) You must remain in control and proceed in such a manner that you can stop or avoid other people or objects.
- b) As you proceed downhill or overtake another person, you must avoid the persons below and beside you.
- c) Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- d) When entering a trail or starting downhill, look uphill and yield to others.
- e) If you are involved in or witness a collision you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol
- f) You must use proper devices to prevent runaway equipment
- g) You must keep off closed trails and observe and obey all signs and warnings.

Be aware - ski/snowboard with care!

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Costs for Mount Pakenham Excursion	Child	Adult
Lift Ticket and Lesson	\$23	\$18
Ski/Board Equipment Rental (includes helmet)	\$13	\$18
Snowshoeing & Tubing (requires helmet)	\$18	\$18
Helmet	\$1	\$1
Bus	\$10	\$10

Please note if you are renting skis/snowboards the rental cost is based on the whole package, there are no prices for individual items (i.e. skis only, etc.)

___ I have read and understand the skier's safety/behaviour information and requirements and give permission for my child to participate in the St. John Catholic Elementary School Outdoor Winter Carnival Day. I have read the skier/snowboarder classification and have indicated the proper classification for my child. I understand that if my child fails to adhere to all safety requirements on the bus (if applicable) or on the hill, his/her skiing/activity privilege will be revoked by St. John Elementary staff/Mt. Pakenham staff.

___ I will pick my child(ren) up on Tues. Feb. 19th at 5: 00 p.m. at St. John Elementary School.

Student: _____ Grade: _____

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___ I would like to come - Parent Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

___ I will drive myself.

___ I would like to take the bus if there is availability.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

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Registration and Payment Chart (can be used for all participants)
Grade 3/4 -snowshoeing and tubing only, Grade 5/6 -either activity

	Participant 1	Participant 2	Participant 3	Participant 4
First Name				
Last Name				
AM Teacher				
Snowshoeing & Tubing *skip down to the Cost				
Ski or Board				
Equipment? (circle one)	Own Need to Rent	Own Need to Rent	Own Need to Rent	Own Need to Rent
Age				
Height (cm)				
Weight (lbs)				
Shoe Size				
Skill Level (circle one)	Beg Nov Int Exp	Beg Nov Int Exp	Beg Nov Int Exp	Beg Nov Int Exp

Cost: use the payment chart on the other side of this page for amounts

Lift/Lesson (ski/board only)				
Rental (ski/board only)				
Snowshoe/ Tube				
Helmet				
Bus				
Participant Total				

Grand Total: _____ Cash _____ SchoolCashOnline _____

(no cheques)

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