

Dear High School Parent,

We are pleased to announce that we are once again planning to take our ENTIRE high school out camping to begin the 2019/2020 school year. The purpose of this trip is to build a positive framework with which we can base our entire year. Activities that we are exploring for this year's trip are hiking, rafting, rock climbing, wilderness survival, wilderness navigation, and our theme for this year is "Breaking barriers, building bridges". We have found that our wilderness leap into the school year has built positive relationships among students and teachers, fostered a love of the outdoors and physical fitness and provided an opportunity for an exploration of community and world issues.

In order for this trip to be successful, we rely on the help and support of parents within our school community. By policy, we are required to have a 1:6 supervisor to student ratio. This means that we are looking for 10 parent supervisors to help with the trip. Your commitment would include:

- a) Being available on Sept. 5 and 6th 2019 (we will leave at 8:45 am on the 5th and return by 3:20 pm on the 6th)
- b) Camping with the students (though you are welcome to bring a trailer if you like!)
- c) Helping with the preparation and clean up of supper and breakfast
- d) Participating on a hike (there will be three separate hikes for different fitness levels)
- e) Being a positive role model for our students

Attached to this letter is a packing list for your child and an itinerary of the trip. This trip is a mandatory part of their high school year and as such there is no cost to the student. It is expected that families will do what they can to ensure their child is able to attend. In the event that there is a conflict, please call the school and let us know. It is expected that even those students not able to attend the campout will be present for school as they will be completing the same credits earned by students on the campout in paper form at the school.

Students have three options for student activities on Friday Sept 6th. They can choose between Rock climbing, rafting and wilderness survival. Please use the following link to sign up for the activity your child would like to participate in. We will do our best to get every student into their first choice, but we have limited numbers for each selection, so we may have to use the second choice the student makes.

<https://forms.gle/BP5hjqp3oyoNSV6g6>

There are several permission forms attached (one for the school and one for the activity that your child is participating in). Please fill these out and send them with your child on the first day of school. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like to supervise, please email me kirsten.collison@wrsd.ca or text me @ 403-844-3896 any time over the summer or call the school in September. If you lose your permission forms they will also be available on our website. Thank you!!

Kirsten Collison