June 8, 2015

Hello all,

Our **Mount Allison** trip is nearly here! We will be leaving HMS at **8:30 on the morning of Wednesday**, **June 10th**. Students will be accompanied by myself (Mrs. Hamilton), Mr. Burns and Ms. Anderson (Educational Assistant). Our return time is approximately **1:45 or 2:00 on Thursday afternoon, June 11t**h. Students will bring their belongings into the school and (weather permitting) will go to the back field to relax and wait for the 3:00 bell for dismissal. If parents/guardians choose to, they may pick up their children as soon as we get back to school or students can take their bus home as usual.

All **meals and snacks are covered in the fee** for Mount Allison. The only money that students will need is for lunch on the way home on Thursday, June 11th. We usually stop at the Magnetic Hill MacDonald’s/Subway/Tim Horton’s. There is a campus book store that sells Mount A. clothing and other items if students are interested.

Electronic devices are fine to bring along but please no large game consoles, laptops etc. There is not much down time as we are very busy while we are there. **Cell phones (etc.) are all to be shut off during the four courses** but are fine the rest of the time. Counselors usually have a Wi-Fi password that they give out during the evening hours on Wednesday night. Please bring a pair of **closed toe shoes (not flip flops) for the Chemistry lab as well as a bathing suit and towel**. Pillows, blankets and sheets are provided for all campers but students may bring along a pillow or blanket it they choose to. Attached to this notice is our tentative schedule for the two days and reminders of what to bring. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school at 627-4088.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque (to Harkins Middle School) and is due before the end of day Tues., June 9th.

Teachers still reserve the right to remove a student’s privilege of attending the trip if behavior, academics or attendance are a concern. This is a great opportunity for many deserving students and we do not wish to see them miss out on this opportunity.

**All school rules apply** as this is a curricular trip (eg: dress code, behavior, etc). Please see pages 3-5 of the agenda for clarification.

Thank you, and I am looking forward to the trip!

Mrs. Krista Hamilton

**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

* Students are to remain with their assigned group at all times and must ask the teacher/chaperone/Mt A leader for permission to be excused.
* Students are not to leave the residence for any reason past 11:30pm. Quiet hours are between 10:30 pm and 7:30 am and students are to stay in their assigned room to sleep during this time.
* Any uncooperative behavior will result in the student being removed from the program and it will be the parent’s responsibility to arrange for transportation home.

**WHAT TO BRING**

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| * Warm coat/sweater
* Rain coat
* hat/ball cap
* sun screen
* comfortable closed-toe shoes

 (open-toe not permitted in activities)* shorts
* pants/jeans
* extra socks/undergarments
* soap
 | * small bag for carrying gym/pool gear
* towel & face cloth
* swim suit
* bathing cap
* shower shoes (flip flops)
* PJ’s
* Toothbrush and toothpaste
* water bottle
* Gym clothes and gym shoes
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\*PLEASE DO NOT BRING: mp3 players/stereos, laptops or other computer equipment, electronic gaming systems.

**APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE**

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| **Day ONE** |  |
| 11:00 am | Arrival and registration |
| 11:30-12:30 | Welcome & Lunch |
| 12:45-2:00 | Course 1 |
| 2:00-2:15 | Break |
| 2:15-3:00 | Campus tour/organized game time |
| 3:00-4:15 | Course 2 |
| 4:15-5:00 | Free Time (residence to freshen up) |
| 5:00-5:45 | Supper |
| 5:45-7:00 | Course 3 |
| 7:00-8:15 | Evening activity (pool time) |
| 8:15-9:00 | Return to Residence/Snack |
| 9:00-10:00 | Quiet time/free time at residence |
| 10:30 | Observatory (Weather permitting) |
| 11:30 | Bedtime (lights out) |
| **Day TWO** |  |
| 7:30 | Rise & Shine |
| 7:45-8:15 | Breakfast |
| 8:15-9:00 | Packing and wrap-up activity |
| 9:15-10:30 | Course 4 |
| 10:30-11:00 | Closing Ceremony |
| 11:30 am | Departure |