



Matthew McNair Secondary School

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Annual McNair Mini School Trip to Whistler Grades 8-12, March 13th-14th, 2024

Dear Mini School Parents and Students,

I am happy to announce that our annual skip trip to Whistler will resume. For the past few years, the annual skip trip was modified based climate of the pandemic. We are taking all Mini School Students from grade 8 through 12 at the same time. This will allow us to have all students interact with our teaching staff and more vertical integration of the students in different grades.

For our departure from McNair, **students are expected to arrive before 5:40 am on Wednesday, March 13th**. Students should be dressed in their mountain clothes as we will be going directly to the mountain. It is also desired that the students eat something at home before leaving. We will not be stopping on our way to Whistler. Students may bring a bag to store any items on the bus that they will not need until the end of the day. Students may want to have a change of clothing quickly accessible so that they can be comfortable on the bus ride back and for dinner prior to going to the hotel. We will be staying at the Sandman Hotel & Suites in Squamish for the night of Wednesday, March 13th.

Return to McNair will between 6:00 – 6:30 pm, Thursday, March 14th (Depending on Traffic).

Please arrange for your son/daughter to be picked up promptly. Your son/daughter will be reminded to call or text you when we return to Metro Vancouver.

On Wednesday and Thursday, all students will be in groups of around 8 students, with qualified Blackcomb instructors. Students are to stay with their instructors all day and students ARE NOT allowed to ski/board on their own. The emphasis will be on learning for both the beginner and the advanced. **It is to be noted that students are not permitted out of bounds at any time and they are not permitted in the terrain park at any time.** For safety reasons, ALL students are to have a proper skiing/snowboarding helmet.

As for food, students will receive lunch vouchers on both days to get food at the restaurants on the mountain. Each voucher is worth about \$20 of food on the mountain. Dinner on wednesday night will be ordered for all students. A continental breakfast including french toast, waffles, and fresh fruit as well as a selection of cereals and yogurt will be provided by the Sandman hotel on Thursday morning. You son/daughter will be asked to fill out a survey with a section on dietary restrictions – please let Mr. Liao know so accomodations can be made. There may be opportunities for students to make other purchases including more food or snacks so it is up to your discretion whether to give your child additional money.

Emergency Contacts:

Please first try and contact your child directly

McNair Secondary – will put you incontact with a supervising teacher
Whistler SchoolonSnow:
Blackcomb Mountain:
Sandman Hotel:

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Equipment/Clothing List:

An equipment list can be found on the Mini School website under the equipment list tab. Scroll down to the link on ski trips. Helmets are mandatory but are now included in equipment rental. If your child already has their own helmet, it is recommended that they bring it.

There are a series of forms to be filled out. Please complete the forms and have your son/daughter return them to their Mini School teacher as soon as possible. We feel that this trip will be a great educational and social experience. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. Think sun and snow!

Yours truly,
Edward Liao & The McNair Mini School Team

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