

February 15, 2012

**Subject: Grade 9 "The Arts and Parliament Tour in Ottawa" Trip**

Dear Grade 9 Parents/Guardians:

This year's grade 9 trip is quickly approaching. All grade 9 students are expected to participate in this year's "***The Arts and Parliament Tour in Ottawa***" day trip. Students will begin their day with a tour of the Parliament buildings and then participate in their respective artistic fields.

Visual art students will experience the National Gallery of Canada through a guided gallery tour "The Great Masterpieces" as well as an art investigative activity of the National Galleries Contemporary Art Collection.

Music students will visit the National Defense Headquarters, where the Central Band rehearses. Students will hear a performance by 5 brass players from the band and will have the opportunity to experience what it is like to play in a band for the Canadian Army.

Drama students will participate in workshops that develop their communication abilities, ideas and understanding of drama through a variety of improvisation activities at the National Arts Center.

It promises to be a fun-filled, artistic and educational day!

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**\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\***

- **Departure:** Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - **All students meet in the student lounge at 7:30 a.m.**
- **Return:** Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. **Please arrange to pick up your child at the school at 6:15 p.m.**
- **Uniforms:** Students must wear their school uniform
- **Food:** Students may bring a snack for the bus, but **no peanut-based products are allowed.**
- **Lunch in Ottawa:** We will eat lunch at Zak's restaurant in the ByWard Market.

**Students must select their meal in advance using the enclosed menu selection form and include \$16.00 with the signed forms.**

Please inform us of any concerns regarding allergies or medications on the attached *Parental Permission* form.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this trip.

Sincerely,

Ms. Darlene St. Georges  
Department Head of the Arts  
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**\*\*Please return the attached Parental/Guardian consent form, menu form, and money to your homeroom teacher by Wednesday February 29<sup>th</sup> \*\***