



École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary School

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“Learning Together ... Achieving Our Dreams”

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Dear Parents,

McRoberts Secondary is very pleased to let you know about our exciting first week of school. As we mentioned at our Grade 8 Parent Evening way back in January, we've been very fortunate to secure Outdoor Education for Grade 8 students, September 7-9th. This three day, two night retreat will teach students about our environment, sustainability, and leadership.

Starting high school is a big deal. Your child will be at high school for five years with many of the same friends. Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine Coast will provide a great beginning - an educational, fun, and memorable experience where students will learn about the wonders of the natural world and the importance of personal responsibility through activities such as kayaking, hiking, and survival skills. This is a good fit with the Health and Career Education curriculum. On the very first day of school, September 6th, all Grade 8 students will meet in the McRoberts Gym along with Grade 11 and 12 mentor students. They'll get their lock, locker, and school timetable then the rest of the morning will be spent in camp preparations.

The main goal of the camp is educational, of course. In addition, students will also build friendships and learn personal responsibility. Positive social skills are a great asset.

The cost of the trip is \$330 per student. This includes food, accommodation in lodges, bus transportation to and from the Horseshoe Bay ferry, walk-on ferry fares, and substitute teacher costs. We would like to invite you to a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, May 25th at 7 pm to learn more about the trip and answer any questions. At this time, we'll show you a camp slideshow and share info about “Get Wet”, a water-safety program that prepares students for canoeing and kayaking activities (many of our students will have already completed “Get Wet” in elementary school - their certification is good for 5 years).

We hope that *all* Grade 8 students will be able to attend. I'll be sending more info out after the parent meeting, but if you have burning questions in the meantime, please give me a call. Camp is a great way to start the year. If finances are an issue, please call to speak to me directly. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jane McFadyen
Principal

