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*Newport Mill Middle School*  
*An International Baccalaureate World School*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am very pleased to inform you that Newport Mill Middle School is planning a voluntary language immersion trip to Quebec, Canada, for students taking French 1, 2 and 3 from June 16-21, 2014. This is an excellent opportunity for students to use the French they have studied over the past one to three years in authentic language situations.

Students will be able to apply their learning of the language to effectively communicate in a Francophone region. Traveling to Quebec will make learning French relevant and give meaning to the material that students have spent so much time learning. The students will form lasting relationships as they share their experience of traveling to Quebec together.

Furthermore, the trip to Quebec will re-enforce the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) French curriculum objectives. The goal of the MCPS Foreign Language Program, as stated in the curriculum guide, is to "Educate students in a language and culture in order to make them knowledgeable and active members of a global society." Students will learn to use foreign languages for meaningful communication. The foreign language program emphasizes language as it is used in real life situations that students are most likely to encounter." The trip to Quebec re-enforces the goal of the foreign language program as it is designed for students to practice French in real life settings as well as to experience another culture in order to prepare them to become members of a global society.

The trip will run through Prometour, a tour company that has been highly recommended by other MCPS middle school teachers who have previously used it. The overview of the itinerary is as follows:

- June 16: Bus departs NMMS at 7:00 p.m.
- June 17: Arrive Quebec City, check in hotel, tour of Quebec City
- June 18: Visit historic sites, authentic Lumberjack dinner at Cabane á Sucre
- June 19: Travel to Montreal, visit French Canadian School, dinner at French restaurant
- June 20: Continue tours of various historic sites
- June 21: Depart Montreal and return to NMMS at 7:00 a.m.

A more detailed itinerary will be made available to you before the trip.

The estimated cost for the trip is \$675-700, based on 48 students going. The cost includes:

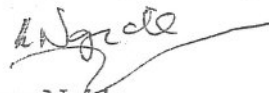
- round-trip transportation on a deluxe motor coach from Kensington
- basic group insurance program covering group dates of travel (medical emergency)
- three nights multiple occupancy (3/4 per room with private bathroom)
- three breakfasts/one lunch/ four dinners (including one beverage and a vegetarian option)
- all cultural visits, activities, guided tours and admissions
- bilingual Quebecois Prometour tour director with the group 24 hours a day
- applicable service fees and taxes.

Chaperones will monitor student behavior throughout the trip. They will be responsible for ensuring the safety of the students, administering medication, contacting parents in case of emergency, participating in all tour activities, and assisting the tour guide when needed. Students are expected to comply with all MCPS and Newport Mill Middle School behavior expectations as outlined in the student handbook.

Please be advised that due to new rules affecting the border crossing to Canada, students may need to have a passport. **Please apply for a passport immediately!** Although the trip is scheduled for June, it could take more than two months for the passport application to be processed. However, students may also use a valid U.S. birth certificate to travel to Québec, Canada.

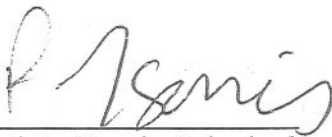
I will be holding an informational meeting on trip details at NMMS at a date that will be communicated to you. Please indicate in the attached form if your child is interested in participating in the trip to Quebec in June 2014 and return it to me by the due date.

Sincerely,



Linus Ngide  
French Teacher

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Panagiota Tsonis, Principal



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Permission Form for Trip to Quebec Canada – June 16 – June 21, 2014

*Please complete, sign and return this form to Mr. Ngide by November 20, 2013.*

**Student Information:**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information: Number(s) where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, my child will go on the trip to Quebec in June, 2014. I understand that the estimated cost of the trip will be \$675.00 to \$700.00.

No, my child will not go on the trip to Quebec June, 2014.

**Chaperone Information:**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered as a chaperone for the trip to Quebec Canada. I understand that I would be responsible for paying the full cost of the trip.

**Donation:**

I would be willing to donate funds for this trip. \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount

Parent /Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

