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Hello and welcome to the Mt Ste Anne Ski and Snowboard Trip!

This trip is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 to Saturday, February 11, 2023. We have been approved by the board. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control in the past, the trip had to be cancelled 2 years in a row.

CoVid caused many resorts, hotels, and travel companies to put in levies for trip cancellations. This means that full refunds are not feasible.

If your child is unable to attend the trip, you will receive a refund if a student from the waitlist is able to fill the spot. If the spot can not be filled, you will still be charged for the empty seat on the bus and the empty bed in the hotel, which totals \$250.00. This is because the price of the trip was based on these being filled. You will be refunded the lift ticket, rentals. This part of the refund policy was outlined on the website but the remainder has since been updated: stmarkski.com.

**Withdrawing from the trip has a \$250.00 penalty fee if the spot can not be filled.
This covers the charge for the empty bus seat and empty bed.**

No exceptions!

Unfortunately, **if the trip is cancelled for any reason**, by the province, board, or school, the amount of refund will be prorated to the time the trip is cancelled.

If the trip itself is cancelled, the amount of refund is based upon the cancellation date.

After December 11, 2022, full refunds are no longer available

After January 26, refunds can only be issued for lift tickets and rental costs and part of the bus cost.

Refunds:

1. Students should be encouraged to arrange for their own Cancellation Insurance. Large-sized insurance companies do not offer Group Cancellation Policies since Covid-19. It is still possible for INDIVIDUALS to find Cancellation Insurance, but not GROUPS. Students should seek Cancellation Insurance that includes coverage if a governing authority like the School Administration or School Board decides to cancel the entire trip. Individual Cancellation Policies should also include coverage if a student has to drop-out of the trip due to being diagnosed with Covid-19 or exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms.

2. Covid-19 is no longer considered as Force Majeure. Refunds are no longer offered by most providers in the travel and tourism business – they simply can no longer afford it. Students participating in school trips need to understand that a cancellation for any reason, but most notably Covid-19.....does not imply a full refund will be granted. This includes if the School Board decides to stop all overnight trips due to concerns over Covid-19 or other.

3. Ski Evolution Inc. will endeavor to return the maximum amount of money to your school in the event of a cancellation, but it must be understood that Ski Evolution Inc. cannot be held liable to cover cancellation costs on behalf of your school and cannot be expected to provide full refunds if the above stated Cancellation Policies come into effect.

Mt Ste Anne Ski and Snowboard Trip - Refund Acknowledgement

Child's full name: _____ Grade: _____

We are hopeful we will be able to enjoy our ski and snowboard trip this year, but in the event that we must **cancel the trip for any reason**, I have spoken to our tour company regarding the cancellation penalties:

- Dec 11 - Jan 10, 2023: \$67.00 penalty
- Jan 11 - Jan 26, 2023: \$106 penalty
- After Jan 26, 2023: \$155.00 penalty

Please check the box below indicating you have read and understand the cancellation penalties and

I would like to **remain** on the trip and I am aware I may have to pay a penalty if the trip is cancelled for any reason

I would like to **withdraw** from the trip now

If remaining on the trip, please send \$30 in cash or cheque to cover the room deposit for damage.

Please bring money to Student Services.

This will be returned if the room is cleared by the hotel.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

This signed sheet **MUST** be returned to Student Services before **December 5, 2022.**

You can email me with your questions: tanya.wilson@ocsb.ca