



CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

IB World School

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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, your child has expressed an interest in participating in an optional student trip to France & Spain during Spring Break 2014. During this trip the students will see a great deal of the two countries ranging from the art, architecture and city lights of Paris, Madrid and Barcelona, to some beautiful small villages in the south of France. Please find enclosed detailed information regarding the trip's cost, and itinerary.

This will be my fifth trip as a leader and my sixth as a staff chaperone and I am very excited at the prospect of introducing another group of young people to the joys of travel. Assisting me with the leadership of this group will be Lucas Mann another modern language teacher in the department.

This year I have chosen again to go with the very reputable budget travel company Explorica. The primary purpose of the trip is to learn about and explore other cultures, which is quite relevant and complimentary to the "Intercultural Awareness" component of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. It is on trips like this that students get to see the places, architecture, and works of art that they have studied in French or Spanish, Socials, English & Art for the last few years. There will also be ample opportunity to practice the languages in their places of origin. A wonderful reward for all the hours spent conjugating verbs! Please note that it is not required that students traveling be currently enrolled in French or Spanish.

Regarding expenses, the fourteen-day trip will cost \$3,753.00, which covers all costs except lunch and spending money. In addition students will be required to contribute to the recommended daily tip for our local tour guides and bus drivers, which represents an additional amount of \$250.00, which should be paid to the school. Although we are happy to support students with any fundraising ideas, we strongly encourage them to look for a part-time job to help cover the cost of the trip as this is far more effective.

I would like to invite you to a meeting for parents and students on Wednesday, May 8th in room D207 at 7 pm. At this meeting we will discuss any concerns you would like to raise, payment options, and registration. In order to guarantee our flights we need to have a minimum of 10 students registered by the end of May. Please let me know by email or phone if you will be attending. Email: tgellatly@nvsd44.bc.ca. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding the trip for any other reason.

Best Regards,

Tara Gellatly