

Dear Parents,

This year, to complement our programme, the St. Mary Extended French Department invites you to share with us the excitement of offering our students the opportunity to truly live and enjoy life in a French community, and to share with students from different parts of our country a winter wonderland all while using the French language.

The opportunity is offered through the company "Perspectives" who have located their programme in Saint-Donat, Quebec. This area of Quebec is known for winter scenes that are worthy of Alpine memories. The students of the Durham Catholic School Board have participated with this excursion for many years, guided by the experienced personnel of "Perspectives", which is highly skilled in providing a warm fun environment for language learning.

From the very beginning of our adventure this educational program features:

- Personalized attention to all our travel arrangements
- Living accommodations in warm hospitality where the personnel caters to student needs
- Excellent meals (breakfast and dinner) offering a varied menu, catering to all tastes
- Skilled and experienced monitors, sensitive to the needs of students, who greet and guide them in an array of cooperative activities from morning until night, which allow the students to discover their abilities in French and the treasures of the French culture
- A gathering of young people from different parts of the country sharing a common living experience in French while developing social and physical skills in a safe learning environment
- Students learn to ski in French! Qualified ski or snowboard instruction and supervision is given for all levels of skiing ability, beginners and experts alike, as well as many other winter activities such as snowshoeing and starlight skating over a lit forest trail.

Other activities offered are available on the copy of the "perspectives" brochure.

Further information about the trip can be found on the website:

www.perspectives-edu.com/destinations/st-donat

The St. Donat winter wonderland trip is scheduled from Wednesday February 8, 2017 to Sunday February 12, 2017. Students who are interested in participating should inform the supervisory teacher, Mlle Oster. For those wishing to attend, **a \$100 non refundable deposit is due to Mlle Oster by Friday, October 21.** The deposit can be made by cash or cheque (made out to St Mary CSS) presented to Mlle Oster, or parents can pay directly online through the website provided by Mlle Oster. The total cost of the excursion, after taxes is \$699(ski rental exluded-if required). Parents who are in need of further information should feel free to contact Mlle Oster at extension 40433, or refer to the school website at the Extended French page, where a copy of the "Perspectives" brochure can be found.

Sincerely,

Mlle Oster,
Curriculum Chair, Extended French