

Ecole Secondaire St. Marguerite d'Youville
Parent Approval Field Trip Form

We Stand We Lead – YEG's Youth Leadership Conference
April 13, 2016

General Information & Introduction

What is We Stand?

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, students from Edmonton and area have been invited to participate in a conference organized by St. Joseph's High School in Edmonton. The conference will be from 9:00am to 2:35pm. This session is offered as a regional extension of the We Day event that took place in the fall with students from Alberta in Calgary. **The Summit - WE Stand** - is about instigating leadership and change at three levels: personal, local and global. The event will be held at the Northland's EXPO Centre with a projected attendance of 2000 inspired grade 9 – grade 12 students. The event will include live keynote speakers, time for reflection, vision setting for personal growth, and opportunities to engage with numerous local and global initiatives that focus on social change!

Event speakers include:

- Waneek Horn-Miller (Canadian Olympic Athlete Pan-Am Gold Medalist)
- Tyler Waye (Author and President of IN.FORM),
- Danisha Bhaloo (Local Leader)
- Brad Corrigan (Lead Singer of Dispatch) Global Activist)

We Day is an outcrop of an organization called *Free the Children*, established in 1996 by two Canadian brothers, Marc and Craig Kielburger. Its motto is "children helping children through education." The Toronto-based organization has grown to be very large, with connections and projects worldwide that support education, health care, enterprise, and clean water/sanitation. It promotes positive social change, socially responsible products, and volunteerism. GSACRD is now an official partner with *Free the Children*.

We Day is a huge youth rally that is held in six or seven Canadian cities each year, but this will be the third We Day held in Alberta. Students and staff from over 500 schools in Alberta and Saskatchewan will be attending. In order to participate, schools must apply to the program and commit to initiating one local action and one global action during the school year. These would be service projects and fundraisers to help others in need.

We Stand will have a similar objective as We Day, which is a high-energy, one-day event. At the rally, students will listen to guest speakers that include Potentially, those who attend We Day will be empowered and motivated to initiate service projects to help others locally and globally ... and their passion (and compassion) will ignite the same in their peers.

Who:

50 Students from grades 9-11 will be attending with Mme Lajoie and Mrs. Feehan.

Why are we going?

We are called, through faith, to model the compassion of Christ, to work for the common good and the dignity of all, and to stand with the poor and the vulnerable. It is our hope that the We Day experience will be transformative and inspiring for all. Our participation in this event is intended to challenge and equip our schools to engage in projects that:

- Raise our awareness of the disadvantaged and oppressed in society
- Prompt us to respond to the needs of others through prayer and action
- Make a difference in our lives and the lives of others

This is an opportunity for students to develop leadership skills. The three goals of We Day are: to *educate* students of issues such as child labor and poverty, to *engage* students in using their gifts and strengths to help others, and to *empower* them to take action for the building of community and the betterment of our world. Their aim is to build communities of change, cultivating the sense of community in youth.

Cost

We are collecting \$15.00 per participant to cover the cost of ticket and lunch. Please submit payment online, cheque or cash. Payable when permission form is handed in.

Transportation

We will be leaving ESSMY by Bus at 8:10am and will leave Northlands Expo center at 2:40. We will arrive at ESSMY at approximately 3:10pm we ask that parents arrange for transportation home from ESSMY.

Itinerary for the Day

The itinerary for the day is as follows:

8:10am Students leave ESSMY for Northlands Expo center. Edmonton

8:40 a.m. Anticipated time of arrival at the Northlands Expo center. Which leaves plenty of room for General seating.

9:30 a.m. We Stand begins. All students and supervisors from ESSMY should be sitting together in one designated section. There will be merchant areas where students can buy great merchandise -cash and debit will be accepted, however cash is recommended to avoid long lines. There will also be some great charities you can learn about and support.

Noon Lunch. A distribution of wealth lunch activity will be provided the cost have been included in the price of each ticket. Students will be given a ticket that will assign them a region this determines the type of lunch students will receive. Some students may receive a very basic lunch so it may be a good idea to pack an afternoon snack. All students should bring refillable water bottle water bottles/glasses will not be provided.

2:35 p.m. We Day events come to a close. As a group, students and staff find their way to their buses.

Buses depart from Northlands Expo center after all students/staff are on board and accounted for.

3:10 p.m. Buses return to ESSMY where students will then be responsible for their own transportation home.

NOTE: Note the lunch description in case students want to bring a snack. There will not be an opportunity to purchase lunch other than what will be provided. If your child has allergies please have them bring a bagged lunch.

Supervision of Students

The District outlines specific requirements to ensure the safety of everyone on field trips. Staff supervisors will have phone contacts for the parents of the students attending We Stand, as well as any relevant medical information, emergency contact numbers, and a first aid kit. All supervisors are well trained and prepared for field trips and understand emergency procedures. Students will remain seated with their supervisors throughout the program and will only be allowed to leave the group if they have received permission from their supervisors, for example, to use the washroom, and always in a group of at least two or three. These expectations will be discussed with students prior to the field trip and reviewed before exiting the bus and entering the Expo center at Northlands.

Safety Assessment

Risks involved in this field trip relate to travel and the possibility of a student becoming separated from the group for a time. All supervisor will carry a cell phone, and students will be given contact information in the event that they become separated from the group. Students will be instructed to never go anywhere (even to the washroom alone). Students may trip and have a sprained ankle, teacher will assess and contact parent. In the case of a bus accident - teachers and personnel will address situation, and contact parent;

Please complete and return this page to school by Friday, April 08, 2016.

Parent Consent

The board of trustees supports the practice of conducting educational field trips and excursions that enhance student learning as described in the Program of Studies and as aligned with the division mission statement. There are risks associated with every field trip. Please read this parent information carefully so that you can provide a well-informed parental consent for this field trip.

Please note that the board of trustees reserves the right to cancel any field trip up to the departure date in the event that there are severe issues or concerns with student and staff travel.

I have read and understand the educational and safety (risk) assessments provided concerning the field trip to the We Stand Conference Day Youth Leadership Conference at Northlands Expo center in Edmonton.

I authorize _____ to attend We Stand on April 13,, 2016 by bus.

Full name of student

q I have retained a copy of the field trip information for my use and information.

q I have paid online/included the \$15.00 cost

The following is a list of my child's medical conditions (including allergies, conditions requiring medication, etc.) a list of medication that my child must take and any special instructions regarding medication storage and administration. Please include your alberta health number.

If my child requires medical attention, I authorize the supervisors to seek necessary medical treatment.

In case of an emergency I may be contacted at:

An alternate emergency contact is:

Home telephone(s): _____

Name: _____

Work telephone(s): _____

Relationship: _____

Cellular telephone: _____

Home telephone(s): _____

Work telephone(s): _____

Cellular telephone: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print name of Parent/Guardian