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Dear Parents

Please find enclosed all the necessary information for this year's ski/snowboard trip to Purden Ski Hill. Please read all of this information very carefully!

For those riding the bus it will leave the school at 8:15am sharp. We plan to leave the hill by 3:30pm and we should be back at the school between 4:30 and 4:45pm for pick up.

One important change from previous years is that it is now mandatory for all students to wear a helmet when skiing/boarding. This decision has been made in the interests of student safety especially in light of a heightened awareness of the potentially devastating effects of head injury and the risks of concussion.

We do not wish to see any child miss out on the amazing experience of being on the ski hill because they do not have a helmet; therefore, we hope that over the coming weeks you will be able to organize a helmet for your child should they not own one themselves.

Purden Ski Hill does offer helmet rental at a cost of \$10 per helmet but with a limited stock available.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Donncha O'Callaghan
Principal

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Important Information regarding skiing/snowboarding

On Thursday, February 9th, students in Grades Five-Seven will have the opportunity to go to Purden Ski Village for a day of skiing. Parents are welcome to ski with us, **but must register at the school to avail of the group rates.**

Please consider the following:

- **Transportation:** Some parent volunteers may be needed to transport skis and snowboards to and from the hill as these cannot all likely be put on the bus. Volunteers will be contacted to confirm arrangements ahead of time.
- **Lessons:** The hill has ski and snowboard instructors available and will be able to accommodate beginner and novice ski lessons. Please complete the attached form accurately.
- **Helmets:** **The use of helmets is mandatory on school ski trips. Purden Ski Hill has a limited number of helmets available at an additional cost of \$10. Be sure to indicate on the data sheet if you wish to rent a helmet from Purden and choose the size. Limited stock is available and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. We will contact you to confirm if your request has been successful or if alternate arrangements will be necessary. Purden advises us that the helmets available would likely fit anyone who has the equivalent of an adult medium size head or smaller. The sizes available are: 1 xxsmall, 4 xsmall, 10 small, 20 medium.**
- **Busing:** **All students are expected to ride the bus to the hill unless noted otherwise on the attached form. No refund of the busing fee will be given if arrangements are changed after payment received.**
- **Safety:** There will be a safety presentation by Purden staff at the school on Tuesday, February 7th at 2:00pm. Children will be required to **ski in groups of at least three.**
- **Volunteers:** We are asking for parent chaperones for both on the hill and inside the chalet. If you can help out, please indicate on the slip attached. All volunteers must have a **current Criminal Record Check on file.**
- **Lunch:** Students are to bring a lunch with them. A canteen is available but the price of food can be expensive.

Please complete and return the attached data sheet and permission form (two pages), together with payment (if paying by cheque, please make payable to *Immaculate Conception School*), by **Thursday, January 26th.**

- Skiing is an extension of the physical education program and all students are expected and encouraged to participate. Should there be any reason why it might be difficult for you to participate please contact Mr. O'Callaghan.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
PERMISSION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THE PORTION BELOW BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH

Please sign below to confirm that you have read this letter outlining the school guidelines regarding the skiing trip and you understand the associated risks with this type of activity.

- As there are injury risks, including head and limb injuries related to skiing and snowboarding, the use of helmets by all students is mandatory. Please note that a limited number of helmets are available for rent at Purden Ski Hill but only on a first come first served basis, see information page for details.
- Students' non-compliance with any of the behaviour or safety rules in place during this trip will result in the non-refundable cancellation of their lift pass.
- All students are expected to ride the bus unless prior contact has been made with the school – **see note below.**
- All beginner skiers/snowboarders must sign up for a lesson and all novice skiers/snowboarders must be assessed by a member of Purden Ski Hill staff.
- The school cannot be held responsible for the quality or condition of any equipment brought from home.
- All students are expected to dress appropriately and bring sufficient food for this day of activity.

Cut and return the portion below to the school

I give permission for my child, _____, in Grade _____ to take part in the ski trip to Purden Ski Village on Thursday, February 9, 2012. I have read and understand the information provided for the 2012 Immaculate Conception School ski trip.

Transportation: (Please check one)

- My child will ride the bus to and from the ski hill and have enclosed payment.
- My child will ride with me.
- My child has permission to ride with _____ and this has been confirmed with their parents.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____