



September 1, 2017

Dear Parents of Grade 8 French students:

This coming academic year, Mountview students enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade French will have the opportunity to visit French speaking Quebec City for **four days over April vacation. The tour will take place from Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.** The bus will depart from Mountview at approximately 6:45 a.m. on Saturday. We will travel by deluxe coach bus to Quebec City and participate in a variety of cultural experiences. The bus will return to Mountview by 10 p.m. on Tuesday.

The school and the teachers believe that this tour will be a good complement to our educational program. Through this interactive approach to learning, the students will experience concrete applications of what they have learned about French language and culture. The cost of the tour will be between \$575 and \$650 depending on the number of students and the number of buses. The tour will be supervised by a minimum of four Mountview chaperones. The tour will be planned by Jumpstreet Educational Tours ([www.jumpstreet.com](http://www.jumpstreet.com)), a company specializing in educational tours for students since 1988, with which Mountview students have traveled many times in the past.

The objectives of the tour are:

1. Expose the students to a different country and experience its cultures. The students will return to the classroom with an open mind toward the rest of the world.
2. Provide an opportunity for the students to practice another language.

In order to present this project to you in more detail, **a parent and student information meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Mountview cafeteria.** The itinerary for the trip and **academic/behavioral qualifications for participation will be distributed at that time.** This meeting is **strongly** recommended for parents. Please note that students who earned a final year average of less than 70 in Grade 7 French will be required to purchase non-refundable cancellation insurance in the amount of \$100. Students maintaining an average of less than 70 in Grade 8 French will be ineligible to participate. (All parents should seriously consider purchasing cancellation insurance. Children do get sick.) There is absolutely no commitment in attending this information session. Your presence would be greatly appreciated and it would be our pleasure to answer any questions you may have about this tour. Students are very welcome at the information session.

Email either of us with questions before or after the information session.

Sincerely,

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