

# Parent Meeting

Socials and Science Experiential (SASE) 9

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Location: SASE portable and Virtual (Zoom)

- **Thank you and introductions**
  - Program teacher: Kathleen McDade
  - Background, qualifications and certifications
  
- **School structure – school within a school**
  - **Integrated** and **experiential** semester – all day/ every day/ same cohort
  - Courses: Social Studies 9, Science 9, Physical and Health Education 9, Outdoor Education 10
  - Tuesday afternoon outings; Thursday/ Friday all-day outings
  - Buses
  - Breaks/ lunch
  - Attendance – call school and email me
  
- **COVID-19 and other illness considerations**
  - Please stay home if you're sick
  - Masks optional
  - Catching up on missed work/ outings
  
- **Trips**
  - Risk = probability x consequence
  - Risk management – trip forms, offsite review committee, student preparation/ training, conservative decision making, bear awareness, temperature cut-offs
  - Communication systems – satellite phone; inReach; cell phones
  - Chaperone ratios
  - Food – daily lunches/ snacks and trip food
  - Transportation
  - Equipment – see list
  - Calendar – overview and need to be flexible
  - Drop-offs/ pick-ups
  - Schedule
    - Feb 21-23: winter camping trip (Lake Laberge – cabin, quinzhee)
    - Apr 3-6: avalanche training trip (White Pass – tents)
    - Apr 24-27: wildlife viewing trip (Faro – tents)
    - May 23-27: kayak trip (Haines, Alaska – tents)
    - Jun 5-8: hiking trip (Haines Junction, tents)
    - \*\*\*Likely no other trips but maybe some other day outings

- **Evaluation**
  - Standards-based grading (extending, proficient, developing, emerging)
  - Science 9, Social Studies 9 and Physical and Health Education 9 are non-credit courses; final grade is a performance standard
  - Outdoor Education 10 is a credit course; final grade is a percentage
  - Regular self-evaluation
  - Final exam for science and final project for social studies
  
- **Communication**
  - Course website: [mcdadepcss.weebly.com](http://mcdadepcss.weebly.com)
  - Email: [Kathleen.mcdade@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:Kathleen.mcdade@yesnet.yk.ca)
  - Trip permission forms
  - Online grading system – Aspen
  - Progress reports and updates
  
- **Student expectations**
  - Workload – independent learning
  - Trip preparation
  - First week flexibility
  - Evacuation (medical/ behavior) from the field
  - Mid-term student removal
  - Attendance
  - Attitude/ effort/ engagement
  
- **Fees**
  - \$300
  - Please pay as soon as possible; cheque into office; e-transfer option available
    - Send e- transfer to [Samantha.witham@yukon.ca](mailto:Samantha.witham@yukon.ca) ; there is still no password; if you sent the transfer prior to Jan 13, it has been received
  - Covers equipment, transportation, admissions, camping fees, gas, guest instructors
  
- **Paperwork**
  - Medical form
  - Medication consent form
  - Disclosure
  - Consent
  - Out of territory insurance and memberships
  - Sima ski days permission form
  - Winter camping trip permission form
  - Other trip forms will be sent home closer to trip dates
  - **\*\*\*Please complete form package now or return by tomorrow!!!**