



Mother Teresa High School

June 5, 2017

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

On Monday, June 26th, students in Grades 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to participate in a physical activity day at Calypso Waterpark in Limoges, Ontario.

The cost of the excursion is \$35 per student. This cost includes an entrance fee for the park and transportation. The transportation portion of the fee, \$10, is non-refundable. Students interested in participating in this excursion must submit the completed field trip authorization form. The preferred method of payment is online through School Cash Online, <https://ocsb.schoolcashonline.com/>. **All forms must be in by Monday, June 12th** to your child's homeroom teacher.

This excursion meets or exceeds OPHEA guidelines. In accordance with OPHEA guidelines, students will be given a swim test by a qualified Calypso lifeguard when we enter the park. Your child will need to **pass the swim test** in order to use **all** of the water park attractions. Should your son or daughter not pass the swim test, OPEHA guidelines require that students are to be identified (wear a bracelet) and must wear a PFD while in or near water (OPHEA defines a swimmer/bather as anyone within 1.8m (6') from the water's edge). Calypso provides personal flotation vests to students who do not pass the swim test. Students who do not pass the swim test will only be permitted on water park attractions if they are wearing a PFD (personal floatation device). At school we will be reviewing concussion awareness and prevention for students going on the trip. This will be done by homeroom teachers at Mother Teresa High School and all students going must take part in this prevention discussion. Students who do not attend this session will not be allowed to attend the day.

Buses will be leaving Mother Teresa at 9:00 am, and returning to at approximately 5:00 pm. Since we will be returning outside regular school bus schedules, **parents will need to make alternate arrangements for transportation upon their child's return to the school.**

When we arrive at Calypso, a park supervisor will come on the bus to explain safety rules to our students. Mother Teresa students will have a designated area to keep their belongings in, although it is strongly advised that they don't bring valuables that day. Locker rentals are available.

Students **must** be with a buddy at all times at Calypso Park. Students will choose the group they wish to spend their day with. Throughout the day, **students will be required to check in with their teacher at a designated time and location.**

On the day of the field trip, students are strongly encouraged to bring sunscreen, a hat, SPF clothing (i.e. shirts), and to dress appropriately for the weather. Students need to refrain from wearing jewelry due to safety regulations on the slides, and all long hair must be tied up. Students are reminded that Calypso rules must be followed at all times, including no running anywhere in the park, no food in the pool areas and both diving and horseplay are prohibited.

This end-of-year trip is a school community celebration for all of our Gr. 7/8 students. Students will benefit from a day of outdoor physical education with their peers while in a safe and secure environment. All students are expected to participate as this is the set curriculum for the day.

Sincerely,

Grade 7 and 8 Teachers



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Calypso Swim tests for summer 2017

Calypso's aquatic management is aware of OPHEA's guidelines for swimming pools and outdoors swimming activities. Calypso will be performing a swim test, as required by OPHEA for swimming activities.

Kids that don't pass the swim test will be identified with a waterproof bracelet.

Here is a list of attractions non swimmers will **not** be permitted on:

- **Calypso's wave pool (2 meters)**
- **Turbo Lab Frosty & Hot dip (2 meters)**

Here is a list of attractions non swimmers will **not be permitted on unless accompanied by an adult**:

- **The Kongo River (.92m deep in the wave section and .82m deep for the rest of the river)**
 - **The Jungle Run River (1.2 meters deep)**
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- **Jungle Challenge (1.2 meters deep)**

We offer personal flotation vests at no charge for non swimmers. (The vests need to be signed out by the teachers).

Calypso follows all rules and regulations for our lifeguards certification, number of lifeguards requested at all times for each attraction as well as all other Ontario water park regulations.