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Father Leonard Van Tighem Annual Ski Trip Information Letter January 10, 2026

Our annual ski trip to Castle Mountain is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12th**, for grade 5-9 students. We will leave the school at **6:45 am sharp, returning between 5:00 and 5:30 pm**. Students will be responsible for their lunch, snacks, and personal items. There will be a presentation at the school to inform students of the safety rules and expectations of Castle Mountain before the trip. All participating students must attend.

This form and the informed consent form must be signed & returned to the school. The registration and payment deadline is February 13, 2026. Due to commitments to the bus lines and the ski hill, **no late registrations will be accepted.**

The fee ranges from \$94-135 depending on the package the student needs to attend the trip. Payments can be made online at <https://holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com/> There are payment plan options (please arrange these by contacting the office), however, complete payments must be made by February 13, 2026.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If we are unable to cost-effectively fill the buses, the trip may be canceled or revised.

The registration deadline is Feb. 13, 2026

The ski trip includes the following:

1. Full-Day instruction. All students will ski/snowboard with a certified Castle Mountain instructor. This is a great opportunity to improve your riding & see the mountain. Students will ski/ride terrain that meets their ability level.
2. Lift tickets for the entire day (if you do not have a season pass)
3. Transportation

Cost Breakdown: lift ticket \$15, rentals \$26, lesson \$59, bus \$35

Package A – Equipment Rental, bus, lift ticket, lesson	\$135.00
Package B – No lift ticket needed, equipment rental, bus, lesson	\$120.00
Package C – No equipment needed, lift ticket/bus/lesson	\$109.00
Package D - No equipment and no lift ticket needed, bus/ lesson	\$ 94.00

- **Season Pass holders will not need a lift ticket.**
- **No lift tickets from other promotions can be accepted.**
- ***A helmet will be provided for every student, and wearing the helmet is mandatory.***
- ***Students can only be on-snow with their certified instructor, NO FREE SKIING.***
- ***If using personal equipment, ensure all is in good condition before the trip.***

VOLUNTEER NOTE!

We must meet a 1:8 supervisor-to-student ratio to make the trip work. As a result, we will need parent volunteers who, at a minimum, can comfortably ski Huckleberry chair terrain. This is not a free ski day for volunteers, as everyone will have scheduled terrain and responsibilities throughout the day. We will review the number of volunteers needed and send a sign-up form home once final student numbers are confirmed.

All students who will not be going on the ski trip are expected to attend school as usual. All students on the trip are expected to be well-mannered and properly behaved during the day. An emergency vehicle will be at the hill, and an ambulance will be called if Ski Patrol deems it necessary. Ski Patrol will perform first aid if required. A staff supervisor will be informed of any emergency and will notify the parent/guardian.

Terrain park riding is not allowed during school ski trips, and all students must wear a helmet while skiing or snowboarding. Students must wear a day pass, even if they have a season pass (if they have a season pass, they do not need to pay for this ticket).

Clothing Recommendations:

1. Layer clothing as much as possible. Wear one pair of socks and bring an extra pair in case one gets wet. Insulated waterproof pants are best. If you do not have insulated pants, waterproof pants can be worn. **Jeans do not** make suitable ski pants as they get wet extremely easily. Please remember that the weather can change, and you should bring clothing for warm and cold weather.
2. Warm waterproof winter jacket.
3. Warm gloves or mitts and possibly an extra pair.
4. Even though we are all required to wear helmets, a toque is recommended as well.
5. An extra set of warm, dry clothes for the end of the day.
6. Everyone should wear sunscreen even if it is not sunny. The reflection off the snow and high altitude can cause severe sunburn.
7. Eyewear should be worn all day. Even on cloudy days, the eyes can get burnt, and snow squalls can appear quickly, leaving students with sore eyes or even snow blindness. Ski goggles are best; sunglasses will do.

If you have any questions, please call or email (403-381-0953).

Thank you,

Mr. Leger
Physical Education Specialist
Father Leonard VanTighem School

Ski Trip Payment and Consent Form:

Please indicate your choices with an X.

_____ I will be Snowboarding

_____ I will be Skiing

____ Package A – Equipment *Rental, bus, lift ticket, lesson* \$135.00

____ Package B – No lift ticket needed, equipment rental, bus, lesson \$120.00

____ Package C – No equipment needed, lift ticket/bus/lesson \$109.00

____ Package D - No equipment and no lift ticket needed, bus/ lesson \$ 94.00

Level: Please circle the rider's level

____ **Level 1:** No experience or still working on speed control and turning

____ **Level 2:** Able to control speed and link turns on steeper Green runs, Tumbleweed off the Huckleberry chairlift

____ **Level 3:** Starting to ski parallel at end of turn, working on pivoting to create separation
Huckleberry: Tumbleweed and Buffalo Flats

____ **Level 4:** Skis parallel or board edge to edge throughout the turn, working on maintaining balance on the outside ski, pole planting, and edge grip on steeper terrain. Huckleberry: Tumbleweed, Pony Express, Lone Ranger, Sundance: North and South Roads

____ **Level 5:** Strong parallel skier, or able to carve and board switch, has separation between the upper and lower body with edge grip. Sundance: South Rd., Centre, Tamarack: Sheriff, Bandito, Sendero

I give _____ in homeroom _____ permission to attend the ski trip on March 12th, 2026 at Castle Mountain. I understand that transportation will be by school bus, and I consent. I also give the supervisor permission to seek medical help if my child requires it. I also permit the staff to make changes in arrangements for student pick-up from the above activities if necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Emergency Contact

Emergency telephone number: _____

Please indicate any allergies or other important health information below: