



STRATHCONA-TWEEDSMUIR SCHOOL

December 11, 2009

Dear Students:

It is our pleasure to extend to you an invitation to the CAIS Student Leadership Conference 2010! This year's theme, *Colour Outside the Lines*, looks at alternative approaches to and examples of leadership. Our goal is to encourage you, as future leaders, to find creative leadership opportunities, including ways to give back to your community. We hope to create an environment in which you may develop your leadership abilities with respect to your own personal growth, your school, and your greater community.



Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School (STS) is located on a majestic campus in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, just outside of Calgary. Close by is the small, yet vibrant community of Okotoks, to which our school is tightly connected. The STS Campus contains approximately 10km of running/walking trails, two large fields and an orienteering course. Our neighbours, the Calgary Polo Club, graciously allow us to utilize their land as well, allowing STS students, faculty, staff and parents to enjoy their beautiful surroundings daily. We hope the weather will cooperate and allow you to do the same!

Okotoks, derived from the Blackfoot word for "rock", is named for the large erratic located just outside the town. The town has made significant efforts to become a sustainably developed community, and Mike Holmes, of HGTV's *Holmes on Homes*, is beginning a green development project in the area. Calgary is considered the "Heart of the WestTM"; a city with an active arts culture and quick access to the Rocky Mountains. A dichotomy exists here between the "Old West" and a thriving new business centre, creating a truly unique environment. By attending this year's conference, you will enter "cowboy country" and get a taste of Western hospitality. A trip to Calgary would be remiss without an excursion into the Rockies, so one of many highlights for this year's conference will be a trip into Banff National Park, allowing students to experience this iconic Canadian destination. Other activities will include service initiatives into our surrounding area, a variety of outdoor adventures and many opportunities to meet new people and make new friends.

The conference will take place from Wednesday April 14th to Saturday April 17th, and you will travel home on Sunday the 18th. We invite you and your classmates to attend, in addition to one teacher facilitator, for whom there will be a teacher's leadership program while you are busy with the student's conference. Families from our community are looking forward to billeting you in their homes for the duration of the conference.

Leadership is an important focus in our school, and we look forward to sharing our knowledge and experience with the delegates from across Canada. For more information in regard to our school, please visit our website at www.sts.ab.ca. Feel free to email us with any further questions you may have about the conference. We hope to see you in April!

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