



Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**On February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Grade 4 and 5 students will be participating in a Ski and Snowboard program at Winsport Canada Olympic Park (COP). Students will participate in guided lessons each day with a CSIA – CASI instructor who work with new skiers and riders as well as those with more experience. Students will be grouped by level of ability determined by the Winsport staff and your input from the accompanying forms. For safety, students must always remain in their instructor-led groups.

#### **Transportation, Fees and Equipment**

Students will be bussed to and from COP by Southland, thanks to VASPFS for generously covering transportation costs. All students must travel with VAS teachers on the chartered buses, as no teachers will be at COP before bus arrival.

The fee is \$162.00 per student. This cost includes rental equipment, lift tickets and instruction. Please pay these fees through your My CBE Parent PowerSchool Account. If you require assistance with fees, please contact the office.

We highly encourage all students to use WinSport's rental equipment, as there is no cost difference to fees. Students using their own gear must drop it off at Varsity Acres School on the morning of February 27<sup>th</sup>, clearly labeled with their first name and initial of their last name. CSC/CWSAA-approved helmets are mandatory. If you do not have a CSC/CWSAA-approved helmet, it is included in the program fee.

#### **Student Preparation**

Please ensure that your child wears **appropriate winter clothing** to school each day that is scheduled for lessons. This includes a warm winter jacket, snow pants, goggles, a warm hat or balaclava, water resistant mitts or gloves and a neck warmer. We encourage students to bring a **nutritious lunch** with a water bottle and extra snacks. Unfortunately, there will not be enough time to purchase food at the cafeteria during their lunch break, so please do not send money with your child. Consult the Winsport Info Package for more details.

Prior to the ski and snowboard lessons, students will meet with teachers to discuss: the procedures at the ski hill; the Alpine Responsibility Code; and the winter clothing check list.

(turn page for more information)

**Please find below our anticipated itinerary:**

<b>8:00 am</b>	Regular Drop-off of Student to their Homeroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All students <b>MUST</b> use the transportation provided by VAS.</li></ul>
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<b>8:45 am</b>	Departure from VAS
<b>9:05 am</b>	Arrival at Canadian Olympic Park (COP)
<b>9:15 am</b>	Welcome Meeting, Rentals, Safety Talk
<b>10:15 am</b>	Skiing/Snowboard Lesson in Groups with Instructor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LUNCH: exact timing to be determined by your child's instructor</li> </ul>
<b>12:45 pm</b>	Return of Rental Equipment
<b>13:15 pm</b>	Departure from COP
<b>13:35 pm</b>	Arrival Back at VAS

### Documents and Important Dates

Required Items	Due Date
<b>All Forms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CBE Acknowledgement of Risk/Consent form with Parent/Guardian Signature</li> <li>▪ CBE Medical Information</li> <li>▪ WinSport COP – Participant Information Form</li> </ul>	February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>Online Payment of \$162.00</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please pay this fee through via your “My CBE POWERSCHOOL” account</li> </ul>	February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 (or earlier!)
<b>Days of Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025</li> <li>▪ March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025</li> <li>▪ March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025</li> </ul>	N/A

As a part of the varied experiences we endeavour to provide all students at VAS, we hope all students will attend. **For students who cannot participate, they will work on a modified program at the school.**

Thank you for your support,

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