



“Let Your Light Shine”

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Dear Parents,

St. Augustine is pleased to offer our families the opportunity to participate in a voluntary ski program for grades 2-6 at the Canyon Ski Hill in Red Deer, AB. This program has been in existence at St. Augustine for over 30 years and many of our students continue to take advantage of this optional program. Please note that participation in this program is completely voluntary – there are families who choose not to access this service for a variety of reasons – the school provides alternative programming for students on ski days. Unfortunately we cannot sponsor individuals through the Good Samaritan Fund, but families can apply for subsidies through either [KidSport](#) or [Canadian Tire Jumpstart](#)

Students from grade 2 to grade 6 will have the opportunity to ski three times. December 8, December 16 and December 21. Once there, the students will be organized in groups and receive a one hour lesson hosted by the Canyon Ski School instructors. The students will be transported to the facility on yellow school buses. They will depart from the school after the usual morning routines are completed at approximately 8:50 a.m. The students will return to school in time for the normal dismissal time of 3:00 p.m.

Please visit [SchoolCash](#) for more information such as cost, deadlines and to sign up your child for skiing. If your child will be absent from the day of skiing or not attending school, please contact the school by phone or the attendance email aug.lg.attendance@staratholic.ab.ca .

Part of the success of this program has been the addition of parent volunteers to help ensure that the ski outings are well supervised and that the students are receiving guidance and help. We are again looking for volunteers to accompany the various classes. As a parent volunteer, St. Augustine School will cover the cost of your lift ticket and ski rentals (if required). Your responsibilities as a volunteer may include:

- To help students once they arrive at the hill by getting their equipment on and ensuring they have a ski pass.
- To help supervise students in the ski lodge.
- To assist those students who are learning to ski. This entails being available on the training hill or “bunny hill” to be a helping hand.

If you are interested in being a parent volunteer, please click on the following link and fill in the form [Parent Volunteer Sign Up](#). All volunteers will be contacted and scheduling will be arranged.

If you are not interested in being a volunteer, but would like to join your child for a day of skiing, you are more than welcome. However, the cost of skiing and transportation will be your responsibility. You may contact Canyon Ski Hill for any price information at 403 346-5588.

Thank you for your continued support of this enjoyable and worthwhile extension of your child’s education.

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