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Dear Parents,

It is our pleasure to inform you that this year, our Secondary III Personal Orientation Project [POP] students will be participating in the Canada-wide program: **Take our Kids to Work!** This year's TOKW day is on **November 6th 2019**. The TOKW program enables students to experience the world of work first hand, while also illustrating the importance of education, skill development and training.

Students have an opportunity to see what the workplace is like, appreciate the expectations, understand their parents better and understand the importance of planning their career path.

For students, it's more than just a fun day. It's an opportunity to:

- ✓ Understand the importance of staying in school by seeing first-hand the skills required in today's workplace.
- ✓ Start exploring career options in a practical way and gaining a better understanding of just how many career choices are open to them.
- ✓ Experience a day in the world of work and begin thinking about the kind of job they might aspire to.

For parents, it's an opportunity to prepare children for the future by:

- ✓ Participating in a shared experience with your child.
- ✓ Enriching your child with career discussions before, during, and after the workplace visit.

Where can students go for the day?

We encourage parents to invite their own child to spend a day on the job. If you are unable to host your own child, there are still ways for your child to participate. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to host your child at his/her workplace.
- ✓ Contact the school, speak with the principal, career studies or co-op teacher and ask if they can assist you with finding a suitable placement.
- ✓ Ask the parent of another grade 9 student who is participating, if your child could join them for the day.
- ✓ Contact local businesses, ask if they are hosting students for TOKW, inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.

Students who are not participating in this opportunity are expected to be in school and complete an alternate assignment.

As always, if you have any questions, they can be directed to the undersigned, Thank-you!

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