

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY™

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2004

October 26, 2004

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 students:

The Halton Catholic District School Board, in cooperation with the Halton Industry Education Council and the Learning Partnership, business, labour, and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting initiative. Since 1994, **Take Our Kids to Work™** has grown from a regional program into a nation-wide project involving over 200,000 Grade 9 students and 75,000 workplaces. This year, based on the strong support for 2003 **Take Our Kids to Work™**, we expect that even more students and workplaces will participate.

Wednesday, November 3, 2004 is the date of this event. Grade 9 students across Canada will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. Students who are unable to accompany a parent, relative, or adult friend to their workplace will be matched, if possible, with a volunteer host. As well, some students may go with a classmate's parent.

Learning first-hand about work and a range of career opportunities is an integral part of the curriculum.

Take Our Kids to Work™ provides opportunities for our Grade 9 students to:

- see their parents in different roles and responsibilities and understand what they do to support the family;
- develop a closer dialogue with their parents or another caring adult;
- enhance their understanding of individual jobs in the context of the diverse working community;
- directly link classroom and workplace experiences;
- recognize the importance of continuous learning in pursuing career opportunities;
- see the realities and demands of the workplace;
- understand the importance of staying in school.

Students will gain the background information they may need to further discuss, analyze, and plan for their career interests. A day at work will demonstrate the relevance of classroom lessons to students and adults. The project provides companies with an opportunity to showcase their work and to connect with members of tomorrow's workforce. Employees can demonstrate how they work and the skills they require to work effectively.

What Can Parents/Guardians Do to Assist?

1. Please encourage your Grade 9 student to become enthusiastically involved.
2. Please ensure that the attached Agreement and Permission forms (A) Student, (B) Parent, and (C) Employer, were signed and returned to your daughter's/son's Teacher Adviser. This was due **Tuesday, October 26, 2004**.
3. Talk to your friends and colleagues about this day and its opportunities for them to become involved.
4. Encourage your place of employment to endorse this program and to consider offering an invitation not only to Grade 9 children of employees but to other Grade 9 students who could benefit from the experience.

This initiative is a beneficial one from all perspectives - workplaces, educators, parents, and most importantly, **our youth**.

Sincerely,

Ms. N. Vaitonis
Principal