

Friday, September 17, 2004

Dear Parents/Guardians:

REMINDER
Student Early Dismissal Day - Tuesday, September 21, 2004

As we enter the next stage of curriculum implementation and the evolution of a sustainable learning community, it is critical that all staff have similar opportunities to meet, discuss and collaborate on strategies and techniques to improve student achievement. The power of collaborative teams is a well-known benefit from systems that embrace models of continuous improvement; however, finding the time for teachers to meet regularly during the school year is not easy.

The Board has identified **four days** when all of our schools and the schools of the Halton District School Board will have an early dismissal day. These four days are Tuesday, September 21, 2004, Wednesday, November 3, 2004, Tuesday, February 22, 2005, and Wednesday, June 1, 2005. Our first early dismissal day is:

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Students will be dismissed in time for all buses to do their pick-ups and for staff to begin their in-service meetings by early afternoon. Please note that ***Christ the King* students will be dismissed at 11:17 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2004.** For students who take the bus, the Transportation Department has arranged for buses to pick up the students at this time.

The focus of the September 21st student early dismissal day is threefold. Our professional development session for the afternoon is on the School-to-Work Transition initiative, Trillium-based progress reports and Special Education- learning disabilities.

We believe this time is necessary to refine and enhance our practice and to further improve the learning and achievement of our students. We know that this is a further disruption to your already busy family life. We will be evaluating the effect of this staff learning time on student achievement.

Sincerely,

Ms. N. Vaitonis
Principal