

Monday, April 19, 2004

Dear Parents/Guardians:

**REMINDER**  
**Student Early Dismissal Day - Thursday, April 29, 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. The first three of these days were November 3, 2003, January 13, 2004, February 25, 2004 with the remaining day being:

**Thursday, April 29, 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 11:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2004.*** For students who take the bus, the Transportation Department has arranged for buses to pick up the students at this time.

**Also, please note that Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Students are to book appointments with their teachers.

The focus of the April 29<sup>th</sup> student early dismissal day is subject-based across the Secondary panel of our Board. Workshops have been organized to allow for the sharing of best practices in subject specific areas.

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