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Dear Parent/Guardians,

RE: Academy Programs for 2018-19

We are seeking information about your child's interests regarding our Academy Programs for grade 5 – 8. At Holy Redeemer all students in grades 5-8 will participate in an Academy program, where they will learn a blended program of physical education, health and fine art curricular outcomes. We encourage students and parents to review our website (hr.eics.ab.ca) for more information about Academies under the program tab. **We would like all students to submit their Academy request form** directly through the website as well on the Academy webpage (<https://hr.eics.ab.ca/programs/unique-programs>). This process will allow our staff to plan for their Academy groups for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school or email me at josephd@eics.ab.ca.

For the 2018-2019 school year we will have a few changes to our Academy programs. First, all Academy programs will happen after lunch and core subjects will be scheduled for the morning. We will also be implementing a partnership with Strathcona County to access space and staff the Ardrossan Recreation Centre each week during the winter months (Nov – March). In addition we will be charging a fee for all field trips upfront for each program. These fees will be as follows:

- 5-8 Fine Arts and Leadership - \$150.00 (approximately one off site trip per month plus materials for productions)
- 5-8 Recreation and Leadership - \$300.00 (approximately two off site trips per month plus equipment for the programs)

Our goal with our Academy programs is to maximize student engagement, but we do not want to have fees become a barrier for students to access the program of their choice. If your child is interested in a particular program but you are concerned about the costs, please contact Mr. Dumont and we will support your child's full participation. Our school's Parent Advisory Committee is seeking fundraising strategies to help ensure students are able to fully participate as well. We are excited to ensure that costs that are necessary for off-site events are not over burdensome. In addition, next year the only other fees any parents at Holy Redeemer will pay will be for academic field trips, extra-curricular events and some optional courses. That being said, it will be possible for any students to attend Holy Redeemer next and not pay any fees for their education. In fact, school supplies are also being purchased by the school to help lower the overall costs for our families. If you have any questions about fees, please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information.

Holy Redeemer is excited to offer this highly engaging learning opportunity to all of our grade 5-8 students again next year. Our staff have worked hard to develop their respective programs and they look forward to welcoming their Academy groups for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Joseph Dumont, Principal
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