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RE: Spring Break Trip 2026

Dear Parents:

Burnaby Central and Cariboo Hill Secondary Schools are organizing a **Cultural Experience School Trip to Portugal** for **11 days** next Spring. The program will take place from March 16 to 27, 2026 and has been organized by EF Tours, a specialized agency that has worldwide educational travel programs. This program is designed to give students an opportunity to travel to Portugal. We will be seeing elements of art, history and culture with overnight stays in: **Lisbon(3-4); Porto (2) Coinbra (1), Algarve Coast(1), Obidos(1).**

The group will be restricted in numbers and participants will be supervised at a 1:6 ratio. There will be a Company Representative from EF Tours and a local Tour Guide to help supervise the trip. The primary focus of this program is **cultural experience**, but it is also intended as an opportunity for the selected participants to work as a cohesive group while traveling and learning together. A number of study and planning meetings will be conducted prior to departure, which all participants must attend. While this program is an adjunct to class studies, there will be some opportunity for shopping and supervised recreation during the travel portion of the program.

The estimated cost of the program at spring break 2026 is \$5111.00. Virtually everything is included in this package, hotels, flights, transportation, breakfast, dinners, museums, tours except for visa, taxes, fuel surcharge, gratuities and travel insurance. Students need lunch money or spending money for extras (like shopping or souvenirs). Hotel rooms will be shared in rooms of 2-4 depending on the size of the hotel. We will discuss pocket money and group fund at a later parent-participant meeting.

This activity can be cancelled by the Burnaby School Board up to **TWO** days before the trip if world events make this a high-risk activity, such as Covid-19 outbreaks. Full cancellation refund will occur if this happens through the Tour Company. We expect you to pay for Travel insurance through the Tour Company or through your own private insurance company.

These details will be available as we continue to organize this amazing artistic and historical tour of Portugal. If your child signs up, we will have multiple meetings throughout the year. Registration is first come first serve. Maximum number of students is 48 for both Burnaby Secondary Schools.

Please feel free to contact me at wayne.best@burnabyschools.ca if you have any questions regarding this program.

Sincerely

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