



# GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

Dear Parents/Guardians of 2022 Grads,

Welcome to your child's last year of high school at George Elliot Secondary School. My name is Jenn McWhirter and I am pleased to be this year's Grad Coordinator. I look forward to welcoming all of you at our first Grad Parent meeting September 23, 2021, at 7pm via Zoom (due to provincial health orders). We will share more information about the year's events on that date.

Our first grad event in September is Oyama Zipline Adventures. As our grad class is large, we need to have half the class attend on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the other half on the 17<sup>th</sup> due to Oyama Zipline number restrictions. We want to ensure everyone is safe so we will do our best to provide a similar experience over the two days. We will have teacher chaperones as well as other staff from GESS joining us on those two days. Please be reassured that the leaders at Oyama Zipline Adventures are trained and will be guiding all the students through the safety protocols before they are allowed to participate in the zipline and/or any activities. As well, all students and parents will need to sign a waiver for the students to participate.

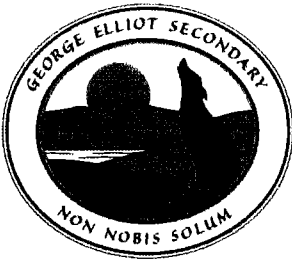
The itinerary for September 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> is as follows:

***September 16, 2021 –***

- 9 am - Grad speeches and presentations in classes. Grads will vote for their choice.
- 9:30 am - 85 grads load busses at GESS to travel to Oyama Zipline Adventures.
- 10:00 am - arrive at Oyama Zipline Adventures. Orientation and activities.
- 12:00 pm - Picnic lunch
- 12:30 pm - continue ziplining and teambuilding activities.
- 2:30 pm - load busses at Oyama zipline to travel to GESS.
- 3pm - arrive at GESS

***September 17, 2021 -***

- 8:15-8:45am Grad breakfast cooked and prepped by GESS staff, to be served in Community gym and Courtyard. (last breakfast will be served at 8:45am)
- 9 am - Announce grad president.
- 9:15 am - 85 grads load busses at GESS to travel to Oyama Zipline Adventures.
- 9:45 am - arrive at Oyama Zipline Adventures. Orientation and activities.
- 12:00 pm - Picnic lunch
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As a reminder for Students, parent/guardian, all the requirements of the school Code of Conduct apply while students are on field trips,

Students please return the signed waiver and parent permission form to Mrs. McWhirter either in Room 129 or the main office by **September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Any questions or concerns, please email Grad coordinator Jenn McWhirter ([jenn.mcwhirter@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:jenn.mcwhirter@sd23.bc.ca))



## FIELD STUDIES PARENT PERMISSION

### DETAILS OF THE STUDY:

School George Elliot Secondary School School Phone No. 250-870-5102  
 Teacher Contact: Jenn McWhirter Destination Oyama Zipline Adventure Park  
 Purpose of Study teambuilding & building connections with Grad class

Description of Activities/Itinerary: ziplining and teambuilding activities, lunch

#### Inherent Risks of Participating:

Any risks associated with ziplining and general activities at the Oyama Adventure Park. Any risk associated with travel by School District 23 bus. Any accidents resulting from poor decision making.

Group of Students Grade 12 students  
 No. of Students 85 No. of Teachers/Supervisors 10/5  
 Departure Date (M/D/Y) Sept. 16 OR Sept. 17 Departure Time 9:30 am  
 Return Date (M/D/Y) Sept. 16 OR Sept. 17 Return Pickup Time 2:30 pm  
 Arrival Time Back at School 3:00 pm

### TRANSPORTATION:

School District Bus  Wheelchair Access  City Transit  Private Vehicle   
 Rented Vehicle  Commercial Carrier  Foot/Bicycle

#### Driven by:

District Driver  Authorized Adult  Teacher  Commercial Driver   
 Authorized Student Driver (no passengers allowed)

### PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

I have read the description of activities, understand that there are inherent risks attached to this activity and accept these risks. I also understand that all of the requirements of the school Code of Conduct apply while students are on field studies, and I will repay the school for costs if it is necessary to send this student home by means other than as stated above.

Consent is given for \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student) to participate and travel as described.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's BC Medical # (please DO NOT put on file) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns, allergies, medication requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:  Yes  No

**Please also complete both forms attached & return to Rm 129 (McWhirter) or main office by Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this is a planned Grad event and we expect full attendance! (see back)**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:**

Please **read** and **check off the boxes below** indicating that you fully understand the nature of this trip.

- I have read the description of activities and understand that there are **Inherent Risks** attached to these activities and accept these risks.
- I signed the attached **SD23 Field Studies Parent Permission form**
- I signed the attached **Waiver** that is necessary below for my child to attend.
- Attended **mandatory** Zoom meeting on September 9, 2021

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Grad coordinator Jenn McWhirter ([jenn.mcwhirter@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:jenn.mcwhirter@sd23.bc.ca))

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
**(hereinafter the "Release Agreement")**  
**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS,**  
**INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT**  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** OYAMA ZIPLINE LTD. ("the Company") and its directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, successors, assigns, representatives, shareholders, affiliates, and subsidiaries (collectively called "the Releasees"). I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby sign this agreement on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs and assigns.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS**

- I agree as a precondition to my participation in all events organized by "the Company" and/or "the Releasees" including, but not limited to: **GUIDED ZIPLINE TOUR, AERIAL CHALLENGE COURSE, QUICK JUMP FREE FALL, AND MONKEY PLAY PARK** (collectively referred to as "the Activities") and in further consideration of "the Company" allowing me to do so, that I will be strictly bound by the terms of this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement ("the Agreement").
- I acknowledge that "the Activities" involve **inherent risks and dangers that may cause serious injury and possible death to participants.**
- I fully understand the risks and dangers associated with my participation in "the Activities" and **accept same entirely at my own risk.**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in "the Activities" and the use of the safety equipment, ziplines, towers, bridges, structures, trails, and transportation vehicle (hereinafter the "facilities"), I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against **THE RELEASEES, AND TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my use of or my presence on the facilities **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE "ACTIVITY" REFERRED TO ABOVE.**

- I agree to hold harmless and indemnify "the Company" and "the Releasees" from any and all liability for any damage to property of or personal injury to any third party, resulting from my or any minor child/ward of mine's use of or presence on the "facility" or participating in "the Activities";
- This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
- This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement. I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

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WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE PARTICIPANT or PARENT / GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF CHILD / WARD

