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Edmonton Catholic Schools Cancels International Field Trips

Effective September, 2003, Edmonton Catholic Schools District will no longer authorize international field trips for students. Senior administrative staff made the decision following the continued uncertainty in the world.

“This was a very difficult decision. But, we believe that we can no longer ensure the safety of our students on trips such as these, and the safety of students and staff is our first priority,” said Dr. Dale Ripley, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools.

“We will review this decision annually to see if world conditions have improved and international field trips can be restored,” Dr. Ripley went on to say.

In March, Edmonton Catholic Schools cancelled an international field trip for students to Orlando, Florida and since then two other trips visiting the Morocco area were adjusted to prevent students from visiting that region.

“Our focus for field trips will now be to travel to places within Canada. Canadian field trips are much more curriculum-related,” said Ripley. “Future field trips will only be approved for destinations in Alberta and throughout Canada.”

All staff and students in Edmonton Catholic Schools continue to pray for peace throughout the world.

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