

October 13, 2011

Dear Parents,

It is time to sign up for the Dutchess Day School Friday afternoon Ski and Skate Program. Beginning January 6th, students will be expected to participate in either skating at the Millbrook School Rink or skiing at Catamount. Program dates this year are January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10 with make-up dates of February 17th and March 2nd.

Please read the enclosed letters regarding program specifics and if you have any questions, contact one of the coordinators of that program. Once you have signed up for one program, it is not possible to switch to the other.

Skaters eat lunch at school and go to the rink after that. They will return to school in time for regular pick up.

Skiers leave school at 11:25 and should eat their lunch en route to Catamount. Bus riders are permitted to eat their lunches on the bus (as long as they clean up properly!). For families who wish, the school will provide a packed lunch for their child(ren) but must request it in advance on the bottom of their ski registration form. Skiers on the bus must be picked up at 5:30 and **please remember not to park right in front of the school**. The bus must be able to get through to unload students and skis.

We believe in the value of these programs for our students. However, if you have strong feelings about your child(ren) not participating, you may opt out of the program. If you do so, you will need to arrange for your child(ren) to be picked up at 12:30. Generally this is only done when another athletic commitment takes precedence.

Whether your child is skiing or skating, please fill out the appropriate registration forms (skiers must complete the DDS registration form and both sides of the Catamount sign up form) and return them to school by Friday, October 28th to avoid a \$10.00 late fee. All checks should be made out to Dutchess Day School.

We look forward to another safe winter season full of fun!

Sincerely,

Nigel Pink

Nancy Pelletier

Ski/Skate Coordinators

*Note: Copies of the registration forms can be found on the School web-site under the page headed "Community" then under "Forms".

October 13th, 2011

Dear Families of Skaters,

It is time to plan the 2011 Friday afternoon Skating Program. Beginning January 6th, students will be expected to participate in either skating at the Millbrook School's Bontecou Rink or skiing at Catamount (see accompanying letter). Below is the information pertinent to the skate program this year.

- Skate dates are as follows: - January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and February 3rd and 10th. (These dates are also listed in the handbook).
- Make up dates are February 17th and March 2nd.
- There will be skating instruction available at the rink.
- Parents that wish to skate with their child (ren), are welcome to do so at no extra charge.
- Dismissal time is unchanged. Children will be back at school by 3 p.m.
- If you wish to pick up your child (ren) directly from the rink, be sure to send in a note indicating that you will do so. If you are not at the rink by 2:45 p.m., we will take your child back to school with us. Also, it is imperative that you sign out with the skate chaperones before leaving the rink with your child (ren).
- Skaters must be dressed appropriately in order to participate. A hat and mittens or gloves and a warm coat are mandatory. For the younger students, we recommend snow pants, as there is always some time spent in direct bodily contact with the ice, especially for beginners! Skaters must provide their own skates.

Whether your child is skating or skiing, please fill out the registration form and return it to school by Friday October 28th. A late fee of \$10.00 will apply to fees submitted after that date. Please make checks payable to Dutchess Day School.

We look forward to another fun skating season!

Sincerely,

Nigel Pink
Skating Co-ordinator.

October 13th, 2011

Dear Families of Skiers or Potential Skiers,

It is time to plan the 2011 Friday afternoon Ski Program. Beginning January 6th, students will be expected to participate in either skating at the Bontecou Rink at Millbrook School (see accompanying letter) or skiing at Catamount. Below is the information pertinent to the ski program this year.

- Ski dates are as follows (and are listed in the handbook): January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, and 10. Make up dates are February 17 and March 2.
- Please fill out the attached ski flyer if you wish to sign your child or yourself up for skiing. Parents who accompany children will receive the same discounted pass for 6 Fridays that the DDS students receive.
- Children in third grade and below **MUST** be accompanied on the slopes by a parent in order to ski. Busing is not available to these children. They must be driven by a parent or other adult.
- Children in 4th grade and up may ride the bus to the slope or ride up with a parent.
- Students in 4th grade and up **MAY NOT** ski alone, but must be accompanied by one other student (at a minimum) at all times on the slopes.
- Please review the Rules for Students in the handbook (pages 24 & 25). Skiers will be expected to adhere to these rules. Ignorance of them is not a defense.
- Lessons are mandatory. Lessons will be assigned according to skill.
- Use the attached guidelines for skill levels to determine your child's skiing or boarding ability level. We will put the children into learning groups. Nancy and I, along with Catamount instructors, will fine tune groupings on the first day.

- Once a student is signed up for one program switching to the other program will not be a possibility.
- Children who ski will be dismissed on ski Fridays at 11:25. They will eat a packed lunch en route to Catamount, in the bus or the car.
- Please be sure to mark the appropriate place on the sign-up if you want the school to provide a packed lunch for the 6 weeks of the ski program. There will always be choices available, including a vegetarian option.
- If your child will be renting skis, (or snowboard) and a helmet at Catamount, we will send a rental form home with your child as soon as you send in your registration forms and check. Please return the rental form within a week of receiving it.
- Children will not be permitted to ski on any given day that they are without proper attire, including gloves and helmet.
- Skiers will ski from 12:30 to 4:00.
- The ski bus will leave Catamount at 4:30 and pick up at school will be at 5:30.

Whether your child is skating or skiing, please fill out the registration form and return it to school by Friday, October 28th. A late fee of \$10.00 will apply to fees submitted after that date. Skiers must also fill out the Catamount form. Be sure to sign it. Make your checks out to Dutchess Day School, please.

We look forward to another safe winter season full of fun!

Sincerely,

Nigel Pink

and

Nancy Pelletier

Ski Coordinators

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