Preston High School Languages/ Geography Departments

**SWITZERLAND / FRANCE**

October 31 – November 8, 2014

**TRIP UPDATE**

Friday June 13, 2014

Dear Students and Parents,

 Thank you for enrolling your son/daughter in the Switzerland / France Trip next fall. We have been working closely with our school administration and board officials to ensure a safe, educational and enjoyable experience for all students.

 Recent changes to the Waterloo District School Board’s trip approval guidelines meant our former provider – Prometours, was unable to supply adequate insurance coverage for our trip. As a result we have switched travel companies and will now be using Evolve Tours as our provider. Evolve Tours has met the ‘labour disruption’ insurance criteria needed to satisfy the WRDSB’s requirements.

 The actual trip itinerary will remain unchanged from our original offering to you and trip costs will **decrease** by $100 per student as well. Evolve Tours has provided excellent service in the past for Preston High School’s recent trip to Malaysia and we are confident in their ability to supply a well-executed, first rate experience for all.

 Looking ahead we are expecting approval for our trip by the WRDSB Executive Council on Tuesday June 17, 2014. On Wednesday June 18, all students are expected to attend a meeting at lunch in the library seminar room to register online with Evolve Tours. This will allow you to begin your payment plan as outlined in the Evolve Tour documents over the summer. Also be aware that the initial deposit cheques ($275) made out to Preston High School will be cashed. Expect the money to leave your accounts in late June.

 Next fall, we will convene a Parent Meeting to go over all trip readiness including, contact information for trip leaders, flight and hotel information, and all travel arrangements from Preston High School to Pearson Airport and return. For further information on Evolve Tours please visit [www.evolvetours.com](http://www.evolvetours.com).

Thanks for participating in this exciting trip!

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