

## **MEMORANDUM TO POTENTIAL RACING CLASS PARTICIPANTS**

**From:** Paul Frantz, Athletic Director  
**Re:** The 2009 - 2010 Alpine Racing Team  
**Date:** November, 2009

As the general memo (*Winter Fridays at BCD*) states, BCD's alpine racing program will again take place at Bousquet's ski area. The program is open to skiers in **Grades 4 through Grade 9**. The interscholastic Varsity and JV teams will be selected on Friday, January 15 from among the skiers who sign up for the race program. *Only those selected will continue in the race program.* **At this point, the racers will be billed by the Business Office.**

Those not selected for a team will have three options open to them for the remainder of the season: (1) they may choose to participate in the Pre-Race Development program at either area, (2) they may revert to the recreational program, or (3) they may choose to become non-program skiers (see *Winter Fridays* memo for details). **Students will be billed accordingly.**

The Varsity team consists of up to 12 skiers, while the JV has up to 14. As in the past, we will compete against Indian Mountain, Rumsey Hall, and Renbrook. The usual schedule is six Varsity and four JV meets. The meets are usually held at Bousquet, Catamount, or Mohawk Mountain in Connecticut, and generally on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. **Helmets are required for GS races and for GS practice.**

*Extra instruction sessions at Bousquet's will be required of all team members throughout the racing season.* The race fees include these training sessions. They will take place on Tuesday afternoons, beginning January 8. Skiers will be transported to and from the area, returning to BCD. Parent pick-up (PPU) is 4:30 pm at Bousquet or 5:00 pm at BCD.

See you on the slopes. Here's to lots of snow and yet another great alpine season.

## **WINTER FRIDAYS AT B.C.D FOR 2009-2010**

**(Please read the entire memo and then complete the form(s) which apply to your child(ren).**

A number of students opt to go home instead of skiing. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE FORM(S) SO WE KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD(REN)'S WINTER PLANS ARE.**

For 45 years BCD has closed school early on winter Friday afternoons during January and February so that students could learn to ski or take part in the alpine ski program. Last year, the overwhelming majority of the student body took part in the Friday ski program at Bousquet or Butternut. Students in PK (age 4) through Grade 9 can take part in a ski/board instruction program either at Bousquet or at Butternut Basin. This program also incorporates a pre-race development component at Bousquet. Both areas will offer snowboarding classes - beginner and intermediate only. The racing program, open only to students in Grade 4 and up, offers two hours of intensive instruction (see Racing Class Memo for details).

**Grades 5 and down MUST participate in a program while at an area unless they are skiing with a parent or guardian.** Students in grades 6-9 may opt to be non-program skier/boarders.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The Friday ski program begins on January 8, 2010 and continues for eight weeks, ending March 5th (or on March 12th if we need to make up a missed session). **Please note: there is no Ski Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.** Bousquet begins at 1:30 and Butternut at 1:40 for grades K-5, Grades 5-9, 45 minutes later. When not in formal instruction, skiers have the use of the facilities until 4:30 p.m. when parents are asked to pick up their child(ren). (Non-passholders at Bousquet wishing to stay for night skiing must pay the going rate.)

**WHO OPERATES THE PROGRAMS?** While BCD enrolls Bousquet skiers and snowboarders, arranges interscholastic meets for the ski race team, and transports skiers (as far as possible - see below), Bousquet and Butternut operate their programs independently of the school, handling actual instruction and other mechanics. Our coaches act as liaisons and also handle discipline problems if and when they arise. The ski areas are responsible for the safety and protection of the skiers and carry the appropriate liability insurance. **Important** -the fees BCD collects from parents cover the fees charged by Bousquet ONLY (Butternut collects its own) and include the cost of the lessons. Transportation is not included unless a regular bus rider - **See transportation sign-up and cost form.**

**PARENTS OF YOUNG SKIERS MUST STAY AT AREA EACH FRIDAY-** Parents of Kindergarten skiers are required to meet them at the area with their equipment and to *remain at the area* for the duration of the program. Parents of PK, Kindergarten and young beginning skiers should be prepared to take their children home after their lesson ends at 2:30 pm as no adult supervision can be provided at that time. It is not the function of the BCD staff person at the area to be responsible for these children. Instruction for beginning skiers will always take place in the first of the two sessions.

**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.-** Both areas offer one hour of instruction to children grouped by age and/or ability, and an hour plus of free skiing/snowboarding time. Butternut offers a reduced rate through **November 20th**. If you plan to take advantage of a BCD Friday program, please complete either the Bousquet sign-up form (and return to BCD) or the Butternut sign-up form (and return to Butternut).

**NON-PROGRAM SKIERS AND PARENTS:** Bousquet offers an eight-week pass to students or parents **for the times BCD will be at the areas** (January 8 through March 5, 2003 from 1:30pm - 4:30 pm). Note that this is available only to students in grades 6-9 and parents and only on days the Friday program meets.

## BOUSQUET SKI AREA

BCD students (K - Grade 9) may take part in an 8-session elective alpine ski or snowboarding program conducted in cooperation with the Bousquet Ski School (fully described in the attached Winter Friday memo).

**DATES: January 8 – March 5, 2010 (or March 12, 2010 if a make-up session is needed) Please note: No Ski Friday, February 19.**

**HOURS: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Fridays**

**RENTING SKI EQUIPMENT:** You may rent equipment from Bousquet for the eight weeks of the program. Rentals for skis or snowboards (including helmets) is \$90.00. Once your registration is complete and returned to BCD, please go to the Bousquet Ski School desk to arrange for rental **as soon as possible**, preferably **before the December vacation**. BCD does not have rental forms.

Please complete the Bousquet Registration Form below and return it to BCD along with the completed Transportation Form **before November 20, 2010. Do not send payment! The Business Office will bill you.** Please address envelope to: **Paul Frantz, BCDS, P.O Box 867, Lenox, MA 01240.**

PLEASE CUT HERE AND SAVE THE INFORMATION ABOVE

### BOUSQUET'S REGISTRATION FORM

	Lesson Program includes pre-race	Lesson Program includes pre-race	Non-Lesson Grades 6-9 and Parents	Race Team	Race Team	Ski and Snowboard Rentals	
Skier(s)/Snowboarder(s) Name <span style="float: right;">Grade</span>	Non-Passholder \$185.00	Pass Holder \$155.00	\$135.00	Non- Pass Holder \$275.00	Pass Holder \$250.00	\$90.00 includes Helmet Ski	Board

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

#### BOUSQUET SKI SCHOOL RELEASE OF LIABILITY

1. I am aware that skiing and snowboarding are hazardous sports that include risks, dangers and injuries to my child. On behalf of my child, I voluntarily accept full responsibility for all risks involved in skiing and snowboarding and in the ski area/mountain environment, including the use of all surface and area lifts. I also understand that the child's participation in the program may require the use of ski lifts and that the child may ride alone, with other guests, or with other children and that the use of lifts by the child involves a potential risk of injury.

2. I recognize that my child must abide by the skier responsibility code, obey the instructor, all posted behavior notices and all other ski area rules and policies. Any equipment my child may use while skiing or boarding will be used at our own risk.

3. On my behalf and on behalf of my child, **I hereby release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Bousquet Ski and Snowboarding School and the Bousquet Ski area** from any claims and demands or liabilities for any injuries or expenses sustained by my child which may occur in connection with or arising out of my child's attendance at the Bousquet Ski and Snowboard School.

4. Without limiting the forgoing, I specifically accept responsibility for all medical expenses incurred on behalf of my child by reason of his/her activities at the Bousquet Ski & Snowboard School and the Bousquet Ski Area.

Print all minor's names here: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# WINTER FRIDAYS TRANSPORTATION FORM

MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY STUDENT (skiing or not)

## TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS ***NOT PARTICIPATING*** IN SKI PROGRAMS

Student's Name	Grade	Method of Transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home in regular carpool	<input type="checkbox"/> PM until 3:00 pm (PPU)
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the Pittsfield bus	<input type="checkbox"/> PM until 5:30 pm (PPU)
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the South County bus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the Chatham bus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the New Lebanon bus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other (please explain) _____	

## TRANSPORTATION TO BOUSQUET SKI AREA

Student's Name	Grade	Regular Pittsfield Bus Rider & will ride bus to Bousquet	Non-regular Pittsfield Bus Rider & will ride bus to Bousquet for \$50 (for season)	Will be PPU and brought to Bousquet

## TRANSPORTATION TO BUTTERNUT SKI AREA

Student's Name	Grade	Regular SC Bus Rider & will ride bus to Butternut	Non-regular SC Bus Rider & will ride bus to Butternut for \$50 (for season)	Will be PPU and brought to Butternut

**TO TRANSPORT SKIS/BOARDS:** (1) Bring skis/boards to the *racks near the Shop* before Noon each Friday. **Skis and/or boards are not permitted on regular school buses at any time.** (2) For ease of handling and to protect equipment, skis and poles must be securely held together with appropriate straps or in a bag.

**TRANSPORTATION TO THE AREAS:** BCD provides bus transportation to both areas (see above forms). *Non-regular bus riders (except racers) will be billed \$50 by the Business Office. This fee applies to NY bus riders as well.*

**PICK-UP AFTER SESSIONS** - Parents are responsible for picking up their children at the close of each session. (The BCD bus *does* return to school from Bousquet and arrives at BCD at 5 p.m. Parents can arrange to pick up skiers here.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All skiers/snowboarders (program or not) must wear appropriate identification - their season passes, BCD program I.D.'s or lift tickets - at all times at the area.

**SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS WHO ARE NOT IN A PROGRAM (GRADES 6 & UP)** must sign up in advance if they wish to be transported to an area. Their commitment to use the bus to *one area* must be made in advance for the full eight weeks and, if not regular bus riders, they will be billed **\$50 by the Business Office** Unless they are season passholders, they must purchase lift tickets each Friday. Those skiing or snowboarding on their own are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner

**PLEASE RETURN FORMS TO PAUL FRANTZ, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, BEFORE NOVEMBER 20,2009**