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Head of School Welcome

Dear Urban Academy Students,

Urban Academy is a remarkable school and we hold high expectations for you as a student in our school community. We know that you are capable of strong scholastic achievement as well as the resilience, confidence and independence our school culture is known for. You will be provided with outstanding opportunities to develop your potential and to become a self-directed learner and responsible global citizen.

The information in the student handbook has been developed for you in order to guide your growth here as you move through your school career. Taking care to learn the expectations for students at Urban Academy and following the direction provided will help you succeed and flourish as an individual and a member of our school community.

I am proud of our students at Urban Academy and know that all of you will strive to do your very best as a member of the Urban Academy community.

Mrs. Cheryle Beaumont
Head of School



Urban Academy Identity Focus

As young children grow into young adults, they are able to learn and develop in each stage of life. We understand at each age level, the subject matter that students are able to understand and master, grows. Therefore our approach in key developmental areas differs from our youngest to our oldest students.

Inspiring the Mindful Learner

Early Primary Program: The early years in education are key in building a foundation upon which students can grow and develop into successful learners. At Urban Academy, we inspire students to develop a deep awareness of their identity: who they are, what they are passionate about, how they interact with others and what impact they have on their immediate world. The key developmental focus for the early primary years is to help students enhance their problem-solving skills, develop resilience and encourage their mindfulness.

Empowering Diverse Perspectives

Intermediate Program: The late primary/early intermediate years at Urban Academy allow students to expand their perspectives and learn to appreciate the diversity around them all while truly engaging in their education. With a focus on culture and community, they enhance their understanding of the physical, cultural and digital world in which they live, and their place within it. Learning through four big ideas linked to real world study, allows them to strengthen their academics and apply their skills to practical, real world problems. They further build upon new found creative talents that have been introduced to them in drama, art and music, developing a greater appreciation for culture and the fine arts.

Demonstrating Courage & Citizenship

Middle School Program: The middle years offer students the opportunity to become further engaged in their education as well as demonstrate self-awareness, responsibility and discover unique interests. Their firm understanding of themselves, others and community allows them to take the next step in learning about the impact they can and do have on a local, provincial and national scale.

Igniting Leadership for Positive Change

Secondary Program: Urban Academy senior students are deeply rooted in their studies, all the while looking to their future and exploring their contribution to the world. Through a series of curriculum driven projects, students work through their graduation program focused on their academics to be best positioned for post-secondary school. They graduate with a genuine sense of self-awareness, a desire to be a positive force for change in the world and the knowledge of where to begin.

Urban Academy Song (Grades JK-3)

We get to sing and dance and play,
Here at school everyday,
I make lots and lots of friends,
Even when the school year ends,

Seeking new adventures,
Everyday at school,
Creating and sharing,
Learning is cool,
We Sing, We Help, We Think, We Play,
It's the Urban Academy Way

Teachers here are very fun,
Everyday we get things done,
Math, music, reading, and art,
We work with our heart,

Seeking new adventures,
Everyday at school,
Creating and sharing,
Learning is cool,
Sing, Help, Think, Play
It's the Urban Academy Way

All the kids take care of each other,
We play and laugh and sing together
We have students from different places
And every day they come with smiling faces!

Seeking new adventures,
Everyday at school,
Creating and sharing,
Learning is cool,
Sing, Help, Think, Play
It's the Urban Academy Way

Oh Canada

English

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

French

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
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Uniform Policy

Urban Academy has high standards and expectations for student comportment, personal appearance and demeanour. Students are expected to present themselves with confidence, poise, good taste and discretion. Guiding principles are provided in order to set expectations regarding personal adornment and expression in the matters of hair, jewelry and make-up.

Staff are also expected to present themselves in a manner that models exemplary standards for students. Dress must be suitable for the work required and appropriate for the professional, business environment.

In all cases, the Head of School will retain authority and exercise discretion regarding the oversight of personal comportment of staff and students and will guide and direct change for individuals should that be necessary.

Guiding Principles for Personal Style and Comportment

Choice of personal style and any adornment to the uniform must be reflective of the following principles:

- Respect for the Uniform.
- Cleanliness and Tidiness.
- Discretion.
- Safety.
- Age-Appropriateness.

A hard copy of the Uniform Policy will be sent home with each new student at the beginning of the school year. A copy of the policy can also be found on the school website.

Home Clothes Days

On days where home clothing is permitted to be worn, it must be neat, clean, school appropriate, and free of large logos. All shirts must have sleeves for both boys and girls and clothing must not be torn or have a worn out appearance.

Urban Academy Guidance Policy

The Urban Academy Guidance Policy goes in tandem with the Student Profile of the school. As its name indicates, the goal of this policy is to guide our students into gradually becoming empowered and aware of their decisions and actions and their impact on themselves and those around them.

At the beginning of the year, teachers and students will hold class meetings to discuss and create classroom agreements. More than the well-known classroom rules, which are expected of our students school wide, classroom agreements are the result of a collaborative conversation among the students and the teacher. These agreements describe actions and logical consequences aiming towards ways to be kind, safe, and neat.

Robson Campus Code of Conduct (JK to Grade 3)

The Urban Academy Primary Code of Conduct has been created with the combined efforts of the students and teachers. It has been created through school meetings. The code is as follows:

Be Kind:

- Respect yourself, others, new ideas, and things around us.
- Be kind and offer your help when needed.
- Use nice words. (Examples include saying “please” and “thank you”).

Be Safe:

- Always listen to your teacher or parent helpers.
- Walk indoors.
- Use supplies appropriately.
- Sit properly (on the floors or on chairs).

Be Neat and Clean:

- Keep your desk, tables, cubbies, etc. tidy.
- Clean up after you finish an activity.
- Do your best.
- Keep your uniform tidy and clean (shirt tucked in, socks pulled up, shoelaces tied).

Be Determined To:

- Balance your learning with fun.
- Look for the positive sides of all situations.
- Show constant improvement.
- Put effort into your work.
- Keep your personal space: in line, at circles, and at tables.

Uptown Campus Code of Conduct (Grades 4 to 12)

At the Academy Uptown Campus we have rules school wide, which enable us to produce a positive atmosphere in which to learn and to participate in the many facets of the life of the school. The Urban Academy school rules are based on respect for self and for others so that each individual can get the most out of all the experiences and activities which make up their education and, at the same time,

not prevent others from making the most of their opportunities as well.

Urban Academy students should:

- Demonstrate a commitment to learning through punctual and regular attendance, being prepared and ready to learn.
- Maintain a positive and cooperative attitude when working with others.
- Participate in school activities, both in the classroom and out, to the best of their ability
- Take care of the school buildings and furniture and look after books and other resources.
- Contribute to a positive school environment.

Social Events:

Social events are hosted by the Leadership Students on a regular basis. All school-sponsored events are supervised by staff members and all school rules as outlined in the guidance policy and this handbook apply, regardless of the setting. Urban Academy students are responsible for the conduct of any guests at school-sponsored events.

Field Study Expectations

We often receive comments while out on field study that our Urban Academy students are extremely well-behaved and are wonderful representatives of the school. We enjoy hearing how you are perceived, and encourage you to continue to be such excellent representatives of the school.

Some things to keep in mind for field study:

- Wear your formal uniform for field study unless directed otherwise.
- Be sure to remember everything you need to bring with you to your field study. Your teacher will go over the details the day before the trip.
- Please arrive to school a few minutes early on field study days to ensure everyone is organized and ready to go.
- Be sure to listen to all instructions.
- Parents are often driving to and from field study locations, so be sure to respect them and their vehicles and be on your best behaviour.
- You are an ambassador for Urban Academy, be sure to listen to your leaders, and gather as much information as possible through this experience.
- Have fun!

Urban Academy Clubs

With a wealth of parent and teacher support and community talent, we are able to offer many exciting clubs each year. Some are scheduled at lunch time, others occur after school. There are activities for all ages. Clubs change every term and cover a variety of extra-curricular activities such as technology, games, athletics, yearbook and other creative endeavours.

Urban Academy teachers will announce the clubs that will be available, as well as how best to register for them.

Punctuality & Attendance

Punctuality is a trait that is valued at Urban Academy and is necessary in order for you to get the most out of your school day. Urban Academy curriculum is scheduled into times and activities that best promote learning and smooth transitions between activities. Being punctual demonstrates respect for your teachers, your classmates and the instruction provided.

Arrival Procedures - Robson: Students in JK to Grade 1 must be escorted by parents or guardians to their classroom. They are not permitted to go to their classroom alone. Grade 2-3 students may be dropped off and go directly to class independently. Parents are asked to park at Tipperary Park or along Royal Avenue. A crossing guard is in place on Third Street so that students can cross safely.

Teachers open their classrooms doors (or are ready to greet the students in the classroom) at 8:35 am. All students are expected to arrive in school no later than 8:40 am. Attendance is taken every morning at 8:45 am by the homeroom teacher. After 8:45 am students' attendance will be noted as "L" for late arrival. If you are late, report to the Admin desk to receive a late slip to give to your teacher.

Please note that the driveway at Robson Manor is only to be used for drop off for students in Out of School Care from 7 to 8am ONLY. Students must be in Grades 2–3 and able to exit the vehicle quickly and without parent's help. Parents should park at Tipperary Park or along Royal Avenue in order to take students into school.

Arrival Procedures - Uptown: There is a direct link between good attendance and success in classes and Urban Academy endeavors to support good attendance practices. School begins at 8:30am, and students are expected to be in their classrooms ready to begin class at that time. Students should be dropped off along Sixth Street or Eighth Avenue by 8.20am at the latest and may enter the school independently. Under no circumstances should the driveway in front of Uptown be used as this is a fire lane. The parking lot at Thornbridge is also not to be used.

Students in Grades 4 to 6 will report to class (or OOSC) to sign in and have attendance taken. Students in Grades 7-12 will sign in at the Administration office upon arrival.

Should you arrive to school late for morning class, please go to the Administration office and pick up a late slip to bring to your teacher. If you are coming in late from an appointment, please sign in at the office upon arrival, prior to going to class. If you leave the school prior to the end of classes, you are required to sign out at the office. Students must provide a note to sign out for appointments, or have parents e-mail the office prior to the appointment.

Arrival Procedures – Bus Service: We have a morning only bus pick-up service coming in from Burnaby. Students using this service will be picked up at set points beginning at 7.30am. Middle and senior students will be dropped off at Uptown at 8.15am and are expected to proceed to class as normal.

Junior school students will be dropped off at Robson at 8.25am. A member of Out of School Care staff will meet students disembarking from the bus and escort students in K and Grade 1 to their classrooms.

Bus Rules:

- Parents must wait at pickup point until students are safely on the bus – parents do not board the bus unless permitted by the driver. In the event that a student is not at their designated pickup point, the school bus driver will contact the parent to arrange pickup at the next pickup point.
- Students are required to listen to, and obey the school bus driver's instructions at all times.
- Students must fasten seatbelts and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- No bad language or excessive noise – no yelling or screaming on the bus.
- Eating and drinking are not permitted on the bus.
- Do not put anything on the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Seating may be assigned at the discretion of staff.

Dismissal Procedures - Robson: Robson campus dismisses Junior Kindergarten students at 3pm students and Kindergarten to Grade 3 students at 3.15pm. Students in JK - Grade 1 must be picked up by parents or guardians in the classroom, they are not permitted to walk out of the classroom by themselves. Students in Grades 2 and 3 may leave the classroom independently to meet their parent or caregiver. Any students participating in Out of School Care will be escorted there by a staff member.

Students in Grades 2 and 3 who are leaving school on their own to walk home or take the bus must have parents submit a signed permission form at the beginning of the school year indicating that you have permission to leave on your own.

If pickup plans change or if a parent or caregiver will be late, please let the school know as soon as possible so that supervision can be provided until someone arrives to pick the student up. After 3.30pm students will be enrolled in Out of School Care and parents will be billed for that day's attendance in OOSC. If the students are being picked up late consistently, the family will be contacted directly by Administration to resolve the situation.

Please note that the driveway at Robson Manor is not to be used for pick up. Parents should park at Tipperary Park or along Royal Avenue or Queens Avenue.

Dismissal Procedures - Uptown: Dismissal is at 3.40pm for all students. Families are required to complete a signed permission form at the beginning of the school year outlining plans of the student's method of getting home.

Absences

When possible, a student should inform the office and the teacher in advance of any upcoming absences. If a student must be absent due to illness, personal or family reasons for more than three days we do require written notice. In the middle/senior years, it is the responsibility of the absent student to determine the work missed during absence and arrange for its completion.

A note or e-mail must be sent for legitimate absences from school on the date following the absence or a phone call to the Office on the day of the absence. Parents may phone the school any time after hours and leave a message. It is important that you provide the name of the student, your name, the relationship to the student, the student's grade, the reason for the absence and the expected length of absence. All notes explaining absences are to be brought to the Office. All absences will be reported

to the home by an electronic phone system daily. Absences during exams require a medical certificate in order to excuse a student.

Homework

Homework is used for the following purposes:

- To reinforce a concept that a you have already been taught.
- To develop organization/time management skills.
- To encourage interaction between parents and students around the curriculum.
- To assist in communication between parents and teachers.

UA teachers will break larger assignments up into smaller, manageable parts, and students should complete most homework independently. Homework assignments and upcoming exams are posted on classroom blogs and provided in class to be recorded in student agendas.

Use of Technology at School

At the Robson Campus laptops and iPads are used in class at the discretion of your teacher. The school has a classroom set of laptops and a set of iPads for instructional use. Personal cell phones, iPods and other portable electronic devices are not to be used at school. Junior school students are not to have electronic devices at school. It is impossible to ensure their safety and they can be a distraction for young students.

For Uptown Campus students the school has a set of laptops, iPads and MacBooks for instructional use. Cell phones, iPods and other electronic devices are not permitted in class, they must be dropped off on silent mode and signed-in for at the beginning of the day at the school's administration office. Devices can be picked up again at the end of the day. Cell phones, iPods and other electronic device found in use throughout the day will be confiscated.

Items from Home

No items from home, such as toys, are permitted to be brought to school. JK and K students may bring a stuffed animal to school to have during quiet time after lunch. Teachers will inform students if it is a special occasion that would warrant bringing a home toy to school.

Addressing School Staff

All school staff - teachers, administration, support staff, etc. - must be addressed by their last names and an appropriate salutation. This includes all of our support staff and Out of School Care staff, i.e. Mrs. Beaumont or Mr. McDiarmid. Addressing staff in this manner shows courtesy and respect.

Lunch & Snacks

Snack time: There will be an opportunity to have a nutrition break every morning. Students should bring a healthy snack along with their lunch.

Lunchtime: Lunchtime is divided with half being designated for eating and half the time designated for

free play.

Food: Please do not pack candy, gum, or extra sweet treats in your lunch. Also, be aware that all students will be asked to refrain from the sharing and/or trading of foods. Parents are required to inform us of allergies students may have, so that we may outline any procedures accordingly.

Hot Lunch Days: Hot Lunch days are held by the Parent Auxiliary as a school fundraiser. Order deadlines are communicated at least one week before the Hot Lunch day and can be done online at www.munchalunch.com. Please note that students will still need to bring a snack to school that day as the items ordered will not be brought to the classrooms until the daily lunch break.

Robson Campus Specifics:

Snack, Pack & Go: In an effort to limit the amount of garbage generated at the school and to reduce the volunteer hours to manage it, the school has instituted the 'Snack, Pack & Go' program. You will be given a presentation in class explaining that ALL juice boxes, ALL yogurt containers, ALL snack containers, ALL drink containers, ALL wrappers, and ALL garbage will be packed back into your lunch kit and will be returned home for recycling and disposal by each family.

Birthdays: Generally sharing of snacks is discouraged but an exception is made on birthdays where students can bring in a special snack to share with their class. Parents can coordinate this treat with the teacher. Please take any allergies of fellow classmates into consideration when planning this treat.

Going Home for Lunch: Students who go home for lunch on a regular basis will need to have their parents inform the office in writing that they give permission for their child to independently leave the school grounds at lunch. When students leave for lunch they must sign out at the school office and sign back in when they arrive.

Uptown Campus Specifics:

Eating Out: Students in Grades 9-12 are permitted to leave the campus for lunch. They must sign out at the office and go with another student, informing the school of the purpose for leaving campus. Students must sign back in when they return. If a student is late returning from lunch, the privilege will be reconsidered.

Going Home for Lunch: Students in Grades 4-8 who go home for lunch on a regular basis will need to have their parents inform the office in writing that they give permission for their child to independently leave the school grounds at lunch. When students leave for lunch they must sign out at the school office and sign back in when they arrive.

Arriving and Leaving School: All Grade 4-12 student's families will be asked to complete a form in September informing the school of your usual pick up and drop off process: OOSC, transit, walking, parent pick up etc.

Student Leadership

Urban Academy's Student Leadership program is designed to give students ample opportunities to develop confidence and leadership skills. With leadership training, challenging field study, digital

awareness and offering leadership opportunities specific to their developmental ages, students are prepared for post secondary education and their future careers.

Urban Academy Houses

The Urban Academy house system is made up of four houses: the Anvils, the Sappers, the Hyacks and the Royals. Each house is co-ed and includes members of the student body from Grades 4-12 and faculty. Students from the same families belong to the same houses to keep house pride alive at school and at home. Each house is led by Senior House Captains with guidance from their two teacher house mentors, earning points throughout the year for effort, bravery, spirit and achievement.

Friendly competition between houses fuels students' passion and ignites their sense of pride. Students develop a sense of team and an understanding of community, while being afforded invaluable opportunities for friendship, team building and commitment. At the end of each school year, the team with the most points wins the coveted Urban Plaque.

Honour Roll & Head of School's Honors List

We are proud of our students' achievement at Urban Academy and we strive to hold students accountable for excellence in scholarship and study. We acknowledge and share the success of our students' achievement within our school community. Academic excellence in all branches of traditional academic disciplines are tracked and shared through the Honour Roll.

Urban Academy measures and shares our Honour Roll candidates after each reporting period and the cumulative results at the end of the school year. The minimum standing for Honour Roll is a 3.2 GPA. Grades are calculated as follows: A: 4.0, B: 3.0, C+: 2.5, C: 2.0

A total of six courses will be used (in combination) to calculate Honour Roll: English, Mathematics, a Science, and Social Studies. In addition, two other courses will be added for calculation, one of which may be a Fine Arts or Physical Education credit. French must be used as the sixth course if a student is enrolled in French. In the year in which a student has no Social Studies, French, Math or a Science, sufficient alternative academic courses must be substituted in order to qualify.

Candidacy for Honour Roll is open to students in Grades 6 to 12. Students must be carrying a full load of courses and on track to graduate in order to qualify. Modified courses will not qualify however adaptations of the regular course delivery will qualify. Students will not qualify for Honour Roll status if they have any grade in any course below a C, regardless of the total overall GPA.

Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher are named to the Head of School's Honours List. Students must also meet all of the requirements to be on the Honour Roll to be named to the Head of School's Honours List.

Urban Academy Facilities



Junior Campus, Robson Manor
Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3
101 Third Street



Middle / Senior Campus at Uptown
Grades 4 to 12
601 Eighth Avenue

Our school buildings are there to support student learning. We ask all of our students, teachers, staff and parents are asked to respect it as such. Respect for the buildings and resources we have is expected of all of our students.

At Uptown, the dining hall is also a multi-purpose room for other classes and activities. After lunch students are expected to clean up tables and put garbage in the receptacles. Lunch is eaten only in the dining hall. Any utensils borrowed from the kitchen are expected to be washed, dried, and returned to their appropriate drawer.

Lost & Found: Students who find items that don't appear to belong to anyone are asked to turn them in to the office promptly. Please mark your name on all articles for easy identification. Please do not leave valuables unattended. Do NOT bring large amounts of cash, games or iPods to school. The school cannot provide security for such items or replace lost articles. At the end of the year, any unclaimed items from the lost and found are donated to a charity.

At Robson, there is a lost and found wardrobe in the Opening Circle Room. At Uptown, there is a lost and found box located in the closet in front of the Office.

Lockers: Lockers are the property of the school and will be assigned to students for their use. At Robson, lockers are not locked but used as cubbies for backpacks, jackets etc. At Uptown, lockers are locked. Jackets, coats and backpacks go in the lockers. Students are issued a school combination lock and that is the only lock that will be used on lockers. Students should not give their locker

combination to other students at any time.

Posters & Notices: Only notices directly related to school functions may be displayed in the school and only after they have received approval from the Administration.

Playground at Robson Manor: The playground and outdoor areas are not supervised before or after regular school hours. Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising their own children while they use the play apparatus before or after school. Students must remain within eyesight of their parents and are asked to use the playground ONLY after school and no later than 4:00pm to allow access for the Out of School Care Program. Please note that the Out of School Care staff do not supervise children who are not in their program in the play area. They are not responsible for children not in the program that day.

Playground Rules and Safety:

- All students must remain within eye-sight of their parent.
- After-school play is permitted on the playground only.
- No playing/running inside the school or in the gardens.
- Please respect and follow any instructions given by Urban Academy staff members.
- After school playground time ends at 4pm, except for the OOSC program.

Running and playing inside the school, or in the gardens is not permitted before or after school. Students are expected to respect and follow instructions given by Urban Academy staff members before and after school.

Traditions & Special Events

Back to School BBQ: This is an informal get together the last week of August for all families from both the Senior and Junior school, held on the front lawn of Robson Manor. This event provides an opportunity for students, teachers, staff and parents to reconnect after the summer away. It is also a great time to meet new families and teachers who may be joining the school. Class lists are posted and families can meet the new homeroom teacher at the event. The Uptown campus will be open first for families to see their child's classroom then the BBQ will start at Robson.

UA Start of School Year Assembly: This school wide assembly occurs in the second week of school and is held at one of the nearby church gymnasiums to accommodate everyone from both the Junior and Senior schools. This assembly is held to connect the student body and teachers, to build school spirit and share in the theme for the school year. New teachers and students will be introduced. Parents are invited to attend. Please refer to the current school calendar for date and time.

Opening Circle: Urban Academy primary students regularly meet in the opening circle room on the lower level of Robson Manor. Opening circle takes place between 8:45 and 9:00 am twice per week for each class from Kindergarten to Grade 3. This is ongoing throughout the year and parents are always welcome to join to observe or participate.

Senior Assembly: This weekly gathering is a part of the Uptown campus culture for sharing information about school events and includes fun activities, learning, house activities and presentations.

School Picture Day: This occurs in September - please refer to the school calendar for specific times and dates. Students will be required to wear the formal dress uniform this day, please refer to the uniform manual (www.inschoolwear.com/store_landing.php?schoolID=267) for exact items to be worn, as this will depend on gender as well grade level.

Terry Fox Run: This is an event designed to honour Terry Fox. Students participate in this running event and parents are encouraged to join the students in support for the cause. This event is held at Queens Park and occurs in September. Pledge forms will be sent home the week prior to the event.

Halloween for Students: This is celebrated on Halloween or the Friday before should Halloween fall on a weekend. Students and teachers are invited to come to the school in costumes. Please do not include props such as swords or other weapons with your child's costume. Students are encouraged to plan costumes that are recycled and/or environmentally-friendly. There may be a Halloween dance or other activity planned by the student council.

Halloween for Parents: Every year, PAX and the parent community put on an exciting and fun-filled spooky Halloween party. Plan to come, dress up, bring a friend and celebrate with the parents of UA!

Remembrance Day: An assembly is held during the week before this holiday (please check the school calendar for time and location). Time is taken to remember, and be thankful for the heroes of the past and present both near and far.

Winter Concert: The UA Winter Concert is held one evening before the holiday break in the theatre at the Anvil Centre. Time and date will be announced. This is a time to share in the spirit of the season with music and song.

Spring Play and Artastic: Urban Academy showcases our talented students by presenting a Spring Play production. The Drama Specialist leads the Spring Play productions with assistance from teachers, parents and committees within the school. Our annual exhibition of student artwork will be on display in the reception area outside the theatre at the Anvil Centre.

Mothers' Day Tea: Each May students and teachers organize an afternoon tea to honour the JK - Grade 5 mothers in the community. This usually occurs on the Friday before Mother's Day. Students prepare treats and tea and serve the mothers while others provide entertainment, songs, speeches or poems. This is a wonderful event that is not to be missed. Please check the school calendar for the specific date. Invitations will also be sent out to each mother of those students prior to the event.

Urban Academy Camping Trip: The Urban Academy Camp is an annual event that provides learning opportunities outside the classroom for students in Grades 2-12. Grades 2-5 take part in a camp geared for their age activities. Middle School and High School Students are booked into their own camps respectively, focused on activities for older students. JK-Grade 1 students take part in 'camp' activities during the day at Robson. Full details will be provided in advance of the event and the dates are marked on the school calendar.

Senior School Leadership Day: Every September, all senior students will take part in a leadership excursion that will help students get to know one another, their teachers and set the tone and expectations for the coming school year. A leadership day is also planned for the middle school aged

students from Grade 4-6.

Sports Day: Held in June, students participate in a series of sports events and games. The PE teachers organize this event with support from the entire teaching staff and parent volunteers.

Father's Day Breakfast & Celebration: At the Junior School, our fathers are invited for breakfast and an activity with their child to begin the day. Traditionally, this is planned to coincide with Sports Day.

We all enjoy all of our school-wide events and treasure them as opportunities to have our whole school come together: families receive the calendar of events regularly throughout the year and reminders are in the Friday email and on classroom blogs.

Have a wonderful year!!!