

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin another season of Destination Imagination at Springbank Middle School (SMS). So what is DI? At SMS, DI is a *competitive* extracurricular creative problem-solving program open to all students. Participants learn and practice DI's core principles; critical thinking, creative problem solving, teamwork, communication, collaboration, and accountability.

Please have a look at the DI website (<http://www.destinationimagination.org>)– there is a lot of wonderful information about the program and the team challenges. Hopefully many of your questions and concerns will be answered at the site.

The Specifics:

DI meets every Wednesday lunch in the library.

- We will spend the first few weeks doing instant challenges and getting to know each other before we form teams. Teams will consist of 4 – 7 team members.
- All students will be asked to **commit** to a long-term challenge team. Students must attend 80% of the practices in order to participate in tournaments.
- Each team learns and applies the core principles in solving an open ended long-term challenge and presents their solution at Tournaments.
- The school will provide some time during the school day (pullout) for teams to work on their team challenges and prepare for local, provincial and global tournaments.

The cost per student is **\$100**. You may pay by cheque, payable to the school, or School Cash online. The fee will help subsidize team registrations, instant challenge supplies and tournament fees.

DI is run almost entirely by parent volunteers. We ask that each family volunteer for the following:

- At the Regional Tournament held in early March and/or
- As a Team Manager for a long term challenge

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Sue Williams](#) or [Dan Hoch](#). We look forward to working with you and your child and having a fantastic Destination Imagination season! To participate in Destination Imagination, please complete the attached permission form and attach a cheque to Springbank Middle School for \$100.00.

Thank You

Sue Williams and Dan Hoch

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ is granted permission to participate in Destination Imagination at Springbank Middle School.

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Parent Signature

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Date

- ☐ Yes, I am available to be a Team Manager.
- ☐ Yes, I would like to be on the Destination Imagination email distribution list to receive information.

My email address and telephone number is:

- ☐ I have attached a cheque for \$100 payable to Springbank Middle School.