



## Opt-Out Form



Through the Flexibility Pilot Project and continuing with High School Redesign, William E Hay has made a commitment to building relationships within our school. One of our foundational principles and goals as a high school is to foster and create positive relationships between every student and at least one adult within our building. Over the past 6 years, we have seen a tremendous cultural shift. In 2007, a survey conducted by our school, showed that 2 out of 10 students felt cared for by an adult in our building. This was a big concern for administration and staff. From this result we developed our current TA program, have been more invested in building relationships outside the context of curriculum and have participated in programs like Challenge Day. In February of 2013, students answered overwhelmingly positive that they feel that there is at least one adult who knows them well and they have a positive relationship with. We hope to maintain this positive result.

We feel as a school, it is very important for students and staff to begin investing in relationships with one another early on. One of the ways we facilitate this, is to provide an opportunity for our Grade 9 and Grade 10 students to participate in Challenge Day.

The goal of the Challenge Day Program is to build community and to help stop the teasing, violence and alienation that is so deeply a part of the school experience for millions of young people every day. Challenge Day is a powerful and transformational day that can change the way people view each other forever. It is a day of fun, friendship and new possibilities.

**For Grade 9 students Challenge Day will take place at the school on:**

**Monday, October 24, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:15pm.**

**Adults are needed to assist with the day(s).** Parents/Guardians are invited to take part in this program as Adult Participants. This can be a wonderful experience for youth and adults alike. If you would like to volunteer, please contact:

**Audra Lotoski at 403-742-3466 or you can email her directly at [alotoski@clearview.ab.ca](mailto:alotoski@clearview.ab.ca)**

For more information about Challenge Day, please contact **Janine Klevgaard** at the above phone number. You can also visit [www.challengeday.org](http://www.challengeday.org).

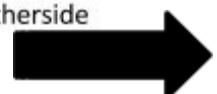
**We believe participation in this day can really shape and positively impact your child's/ward's high school experience.**

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to participate in this event please return the form on the reverse side to the school no later than **October 17, 2016**.

Any child that does not participate will be expected to be at school and will be assigned a supervised study room to work in.

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I **DO NOT WANT** for my child/ward (student name)

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to participate in the Challenge Day to be held at **WILLIAM E HAY on OCTOBER 24, 2016**

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name (please print)  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number

**WAIVER**

By **not completing and sending in** this form I am giving my child/ward permission to participate in the Challenge Day Program. I understand that the event is not required and that my child's/ward's participation is voluntary. I further understand that Challenge Day and the sponsoring school/organization, its officers, employees or agents assume no liability either directly or indirectly for injury or accident resulting from or in any way connected with this event.

I understand that the Challenge Day Program will deal with a wide range of issues such as leadership, self-esteem, social oppression, drug abuse, violence, racism and teasing. I also understand that the program will be fun, empowering, eye-opening and emotional. I have read the attached letter and have discussed confidentiality with my child/ward and support his/her participation. I further understand that my child/ward may be invited to participate in future Challenge Day Programs at his/her school, that members of the print and film media may be present at this event and that my child/ward may be photographed, interviewed or quoted as a participant in this program.

**I have carefully read this statement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability of Challenge Day and the sponsoring school/organization, its officers, employees or agents.**