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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are excited to have our first school track meet since 2019 and a chance for many of our students to experience a meet at the University of Lethbridge Stadium. The meet will take place on **Wed May 11th**. None of our current students and many of our families have not experienced the meet before, so we want to outline the process. We are one of the few schools to undertake such a venture at the school level. It would be ideal but unfortunately not feasible to take all interested students to this event. As a result, students have been trying to qualify for the following different events through qualifications in their PE classes since prior to Easter:

- 100 M, 200 M, 400M, 800 M, shotput, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump
- Students may qualify for one or multiple events

After the track meet, interested students will have the chance to be tested in these events which we are unable to run at the school meet:

- 1500 M, 3000M, 80 M hurdles

Students qualify by age level like they did in the fall for cross country and generally most students ages fall in these categories:

- Grade 6 – Pee Wee
- Grade 7 – Bantam
- Grade 8 – Midget

These age groups carry over to the LSAA Championships (May 25th) and to the South Zone Meet (May 31), also at the UofL, for students who qualify. Please note that zones are only for Bantam and Midget aged athletes.

Due to tighter timelines caused by weather issues prior to Easter, our PE team will be running qualifications right up to **Monday May 9th**. Students will be informed on **Tuesday May 10th** if they qualify for events and we will meet with all of them at lunch on that day to hand out detailed meet information and an event schedule.

Wednesday May 11th is a regular school day with students who qualify for the meet going to the UofL and other students coming to school for other activities. We usually have between 200-250 students competing at track. Classes will be combined and the teachers that are at school with students plan indoor and outdoor activities for the students.

The track meet commences at 9AM. Parents are invited to the meet to watch from the bleachers or designated areas around the track for field events. We encourage parents to please drive their child to the University stadium if possible. We have busses that will go from the school to the track meet at 8:30 for those who require a ride. They will return to school as well after the track meet but not in time to catch any 1PM busses. Westside students are able to bike or walk as well with parent permission.

There will be a concession stand available and students are encouraged to bring their own food. All students are expected to stay on site at the track meet until they are picked up or bussed home. If a student has permission to leave from a parent, they must communicate that to Mr. Brunner or Mr. Christiansen.

If the meet needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will send a synervoice message home and post information on our website. If the meet is cancelled, then we will have a normal day at school and the track and field meet will not be rescheduled due to track availability. The track and field team will be chosen from results compiled in PE classes and/or eliminations we are able to hold before the LSAA meet. We look forward to an excellent event.

Thank you for your support.

Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Brunner