



Auguston Traditional Elementary School



Dear Parents,

As you will likely have heard by now, our cross country meets were unfortunately cancelled on us by the Valley Royals. I'm sure we share the disappointment in having an extracurricular cancelled, particularly as we were so excited to get back into after school sports. While the decision to cancel the meet was not ours, we do have the ability to have something of a make-up event.

We will be running our own cross country meets here at Auguston over the next two weeks. The run will match the distance and terrain of the regular Royals course as closely as we can. Our plan is to start here at Auguston, follow Stephen Leacock towards the entrance of Auguston, and then run through the forest before looping back up towards where we started. **Runs will take place on Oct 13th and 20th.** Our goal is to start runs just after 3:05, as the bus dropoff is scheduled for 3:00-3:05. We should be wrapped up by around 3:45.

The aim for these meets are to be as close to an authentic feel of a cross country event as possible. We will be timing the students, handing out ribbons, and having students wear Auguston pinnies. If you are wanting to cheer on the run, that would be great, however we will have to take care with our distancing and gathering rules.

There will be no cost associated with this event, however **students are required to complete a different permission form on schoolcash** since this is a change of venue from our original form. Please make sure this is completed no later than Monday Oct 11th at 3:00 p.m

Finally, thanks to all for their understanding in how we have had to pivot and accept decisions that were out of our control during this cross country season. It was a big disappointment to myself and the students when we heard the big meet wasn't happening. I have really appreciated the support and understanding from parents as we try and make things as fun for the kids as we can. If you can take a moment to thank some of our teachers who have been extremely helpful to me in making things still happen, I'm sure they would appreciate that. Mr. Ketelaar, Mrs. Earle, and Mrs. Elford have all been a huge support in keeping this all running.

Thank you,

Mr. Lande