



Sutherland Secondary's *Take Our Kids to Work Day*

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023

Dear Grade 9 Students and Parents/Guardians:

Since 1994, **Take Our Kids to Work Day** has been a much-anticipated event for Grade 9s. The initiative continues almost thirty years later for students this year on **Wednesday, November 1, 2023**. This job-shadowing initiative allows the entire community - parents, teachers, employers and workers - to play a part in the career development of Grade 9 students. The activity is most successful when students and their parents find a suitable work site or person to shadow. This could be a parent, a family friend, a relative, a neighbour.

Take Our Kids to Work Day is not a Sutherland field trip, and school staff will not be involved in organizing, supervising, or attending any of the work shadow experiences. We encourage all parents to provide a meaningful and safe work placement for their child and/or encourage students to explore possible networks who can support a job shadow experience. Parents are responsible for all aspects of their child's work placement/shadow including transportation and safety for this initiative.

The school's role is to be flexible with the day and plan for the students who are unavailable to find a placement or do not wish to take part. If your student does not have a placement, they are required to be at school and should attend their regular classes. Teachers will expect that many students will be participating in *Take Our Kids to Work Day*, and will avoid scheduling tests that day. Students who participate in *Take Our Kids to Work Day* will still be responsible for catching up on any missed work.

Please return the TOKTW Day consent form to the school's Main Office by Friday, October 27th, 2023 so that the school can plan for the day and mark the correct attendance. If you have any questions about *Take Our Kids to Work Day*, please contact Shannon Smart at ssmart@sd44.ca.

Kindly,

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