

January 5, 2016

Dear Parent / Guardian:

## Re: Imhotep's Legacy Academy (ILA)

I am pleased to have this opportunity to invite your child to participate in the Imhotep's Legacy Academy FREE After-School Program (ASP) at Caledonia Junior High School. The Caledonia Junior High School ASP is one of five Imhotep's Legacy Academy After-School Program site throughout the province of Nova Scotia.

Please find attached an ASP registration form for the program. Students are asked to return the completed form to a Mentor or Coordinator of the ILA ASP program at Caledonia Junior High School. The registration form has several purposes, it:

- 1. Provides ILA with vital contact information on parents/guardians
- 2. Confirms the parents' permission to allow the student to participate in the program and to allow the student to be included in ILA promotional material via photos, etc.
- 3. Informs ILA of any allergies or special health considerations the student may have, and
- 4. Provides ILA with statistical information for use in reporting.

ILA is a University-community outreach program affiliated with Dalhousie University. The ASP provides hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programming to African Nova Scotian junior high school students to strengthen their knowledge of science and math and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary education and careers in a STEM-related area. Our programs provide junior high students with Mentors of African descent who are university students studying in a STEM program. Each week, for approximately an hour and a half, these qualified Mentors present fun and exciting activities to students, allowing them to attain hands-on experience to learn or re-discover STEM concepts. Additionally, during the ASP sessions, Mentors are always available to assist students with their math and science homework and school work. In fact, the program alternates with one week focusing on science, technology and engineering activities, and the following week focusing on math activities. ASP students also have the opportunity to participate in field trips and other outings that will encourage their social and academic development.

Students participating in any of ILA's school programs are eligible to be selected for an ILA-TD Bank Opportunity Scholarship to study in STEM-related fields at Dalhousie University upon graduation from high school. This is a renewable scholarship valued at (up to) \$5,000 per year.

We look forward to having your child join us in the ILA's ASP Program and we hope that it will be an enriching experience that could be life changing for them. Should you have any questions or need further clarification about our program, please do not hesitate to contact me at 902-494-7884.

Best Regards,

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