

"Out and About"

All Saints Catholic Elementary School Council Newsletter

September 2010

Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a great summer vacation. Now that we are back to school, it is wonderful to see a lot of familiar faces in the hallways of All Saints and some new ones too! The Parent School Council wanted to take this opportunity to touch base about several of the Council run programs that will be running this year.

FANTASTIC FRIDAY:

Our pizza program will once again offer cheese and pepperoni slices for sale at a cost of \$1.50. We will start the program on **Friday September 24th**. A sheet of 10 tickets can be purchased for \$15, order forms are in the office. Unused tickets from last year will be honoured.

MILK:

The lunch milk program will start the week of **October 4th**. This is a prepaid program and order forms will be sent home shortly. Students can order daily or on certain days of the week. You may join the program at any time during the school year, forms are available in the office.

EXTREME PITA:

This will once again run as a monthly program starting in October, although the dates have yet to be finalized. Order forms are delivered to the class room teachers and are due back the Friday before the lunch date. We will once again offer a prepaid option for those interested. There are always extra order forms in the office and on the school website.

KINDERGARTEN COOKIES & MILK:

Order forms will be sent home shortly so that parents can sign up for this monthly day. It will run on the first Friday of each month. In addition to cookies and milk, juice and rice crispy squares will be offered.

FALL FUN FAIR:

Our Fall Fun Fair is rapidly approaching on **Saturday September 25th**. Notes have been sent home regarding classroom donations and we are in need of volunteers on the day of the fair and in the week leading up to the fair. Starting on Monday September 20th, we will be sorting donations and putting together items for our silent auction and raffle. If you can help out during the day, please leave your name in the office. We will also look at a possible evening for volunteers as well.

The Fair's success rests largely with the community and the support that we receive. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to join us in this fun community event. The Fair will go ahead rain or shine, outdoor activities will be moved inside should there be an unfavourable forecast.

REMINDER: Eva Lehman is the "Organizer Extraordinaire" who took the idea of a Fall Fun Fair and turned it into a successful event 3 years running. After lots of hard work, Eva has announced that she would like to step down as Chair of the Fair after this September. The good news is that she has kept meticulous planning notes in her Fair binder and we are now looking for that special someone to take over as Chair for September 2011. In order for this wonderful community event to continue we need someone to step up to the plate. If you are interested in Chairing or even Co-Chairing this fun event with a friend, please let us know.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

All of the programs we run are successful due to the parent volunteers that give their time. We have many different opportunities to get involved in the school and we hope that you will consider joining us this year. Volunteer applications went home in every student package and are available in the office. Police checks are a requirement for volunteers that will have interaction with students, forms are available from Mrs. Caves.

PARENT COUNCIL:

The election for Council members this year will be on **Tuesday September 21st**. Nomination forms were included in the package sent home with each student. Our monthly meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of December and March. Meeting dates will be confirmed at the election meeting and posted on the website and the entranceway bulletin board. Our budget is set with input from the school Administration and we review our progress at the monthly meetings.

All parents are welcome to attend the Council meetings, if there is an issue you would like to bring before the Council, please contact Mr. Vecchiarino or the Council Chair in advance of the meeting so it can be added to the agenda.

CUPCAKE DAYS

We run 4 to 5 cupcake days during the school year, usually around a given holiday. The first date will be just before Halloween and we ask parents to make and decorate a dozen cupcakes around that theme. We alternate baking duties between even and odd grades and the cupcakes are sold for \$0.25 each. Notices regarding cupcake days are sent home in advance so be sure to put the dates on your calendar.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Throughout the course of the year, we have many projects that reach out to both the local and global communities. We encourage you to involve your children in the process of donating to these worthy causes, teaching them compassion and generosity. The largest campaigns are the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas baskets, and Sharelife which are driven by our parish needs. Other opportunities will occur to support the local food bank, and children in developing countries. We will make every effort to get the information to families in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding any of these projects, please leave a message in the office and a Council member will get back to you.

We look forward to another successful school year!



