

"Out and About"

All Saints Catholic Elementary School Council Newsletter

November 2011

TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MR. SUB lunch: The next lunch is Wednesday December 7th and **orders are due** into the school office on **Friday December 2nd**. Order forms have been sent home with students, additional forms can be found on the website or in the school office.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Campaign information will be sent home with students this week. The program has undergone a significant change and will be **collecting only store gift cards for both food and gifts**. For those who have not yet received the info from your child's teacher, a detailed explanation of the changes is listed below. **Please note that the deadline we have received from the Church is Friday December 9th.**

Cupcake Day: Our next cupcake day is **Monday December 12th** and the bakers are **SK, 2, 4, 6, 8**. Please drop off your Christmas themed cupcakes Monday morning. (No nut products)

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR:

As I write this, there are only 27 more shopping days until Christmas! Time certainly does fly, a realization that becomes only clearer the older we get. The students have now been working hard in school for 3 months and the School Council has accomplished a great deal in that short time.

A note was sent home recently outlining the financial success of our **2011 Fall Fun Fair which raised just over \$8,000 for the school**. We greatly appreciate the work of **Co-Chairs Christine Derks and Belinda Dei** and the Fair committee who work hard to make it not only a family fun day but a success fundraiser for All Saints. A list of donors to the Fair was sent home with the Fair letter and we encourage families to make note of the local vendors who sponsored the All Saints Fair, as their generosity greatly impacted our success. Copies of both documents are posted on the website.

After a new Council is elected in September, one of the first orders of business is to review the previous year's budget and set a new one for the current school year. A copy of the approved budget for 2011 – 2012 school year is included in this newsletter. We are very fortunate at All Saints to have a community that supports the various programs and fundraisers throughout the year and our children are the ones that benefit from such generosity. We endeavor to keep the parental community informed through newsletters, email announcements and the website and we remind you that all parents are welcome to attend Council meetings. Our next meeting is **Tuesday January 10th at 7 p.m.** in the library.

One challenge the Council is facing is a **shortage of volunteers to run our regular programs**. We currently need volunteers to assist with Fantastic Fridays, milk program, Kiss 'N Ride, Mr. Sub and Extreme Pita lunches. Unfortunately, these programs run during the school day which means we need a stay at home parent or someone with flexible work hours to join our teams. For more information on the requirements of various volunteer opportunities, please contact our Vice-Chair Lori Graham at ldgraham@rogers.com

FANTASTIC FRIDAY – Pizza & Frozen Yogurt:

Friday mornings are hectic around the volunteer room as we tally and count pizza and yogurt orders. The pizza order needs to go in by 10 am so we can get delivery on time. One thing that helps speed up the process is the use of tickets to purchase both pizza and yogurt. We would like to encourage all participants to purchase ticket sheets to help Fantastic Fridays run as smoothly as possible. Order forms are available online or in the office. Pizza tickets are 10 for \$15, Yogurt tickets are 12 for \$15.

MILK:

A reminder to all parents that the milk program can be joined at any time throughout the year. Also students don't have to order milk daily to participate in the program, you may select any or all days of the week. This is a prepaid program and order forms are available on line or in the office. Order forms will be sent home shortly to cover the next order block starting in January. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Arbour at kathyarbour@rogers.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thank you to the students of All Saints for their donations during our **Candy for Kids Campaign**. It was wonderful to see your generosity in giving Halloween candy to children who might otherwise not enjoy such treats. We thank you on behalf of Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children Charity.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Campaign** kicks off this week. The Campaign is supported through St. Ignatius Loyola Church who supports hundreds of families in need this holiday season. All Saints will be supporting 13 families, which include 14 adults and 48 children.

As previously mentioned, St. Vincent de Paul representatives at the Church have requested that the donation requests will be changing this year **to gift cards only**. The intention is for parents to retain or regain their dignity and to empower the parents to purchase appropriate gifts for their children for Christmas. Letters will be sent home by classroom teachers this week and the deadline for donations to be sent to the school is **Friday December 9th**.

Grocery gifts: No canned goods will be collected this year and we are in need of \$25 grocery gift cards to distribute amongst the families. The Church has requested that we consider gift cards from **No Frills, Food Basics** and **Walmart** as transportation may be an issue.

Gifts for family members: Whether you decide to buy a larger denomination card for the entire family or smaller individual gift cards is totally up to you. Some ideas for stores that can be used for toys or treats are: **Walmart, Dollarama, Zellers, Tim Horton's, McDonald's, movie tickets, bus tickets** etc.

Cash/Cheque: If you prefer to make a cash donation, please be sure to put it in an envelope or Ziploc bag and include a note with the family number and teacher name. The All Saints committee will purchase gift cards as appropriate for the families. No cash will be forwarded to the families. Cheques should be made out to the All Saints School Council. All Saints families with more than one child can write one cheque, just be sure to mark both family numbers and teacher names on the envelope.

Recent studies show that 1 in 10 children in the province of Ontario lives in poverty. The families supported by Loyola live in **our** community and we want to make this Christmas season very special for them. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Susan Baird – Council Chair: contact at susancurls@hotmail.com

DRAPCE - Dufferin-Peel Association of Parents in Catholic Education

DRAPCE is the regional council for the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education representing the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel. When parents are involved in their children's education, everyone benefits – students, parents, teachers, schools and communities. Great schools can become even better places to teach and learn. We encourage parent involvement at the local and regional levels through a grassroots approach. Each school council, including ours, has a representative on DRAPCE. The All Saints representative is **Rosanna Marotta**.

Come browse our website. See what's new in parent involvement in Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel and find links to interesting information and events or join our mailing list at: <http://oapce.on.ca/drapce>.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH NEWS:

Friday December 9th there will be a **Community Christmas Concert** - everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the concert is scheduled from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. A toonie donation to St. Vincent De Paul would be appreciated. **Youth Group Bake Sale** beginning at 3 p.m. **December 3rd** and after the masses on **Sunday December 4th**.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24th at 4 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10 p.m., & 12 Midnight **Christmas Day:** Sunday December 25th at 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 12 Noon

ALL SAINTS COUNCIL BUDGET 2011 – 2012

REVENUE	ACTUAL 2010 – 2011	PROJECTED 2011 – 2012
PIZZA DAY (2011/12 INCLUDES YOGURT)	\$6,234	\$7,000
LUNCH PROGRAMS (MR. SUB, EXT. PITA)	\$1,513	\$2,000
MILK PROGRAM	\$1,713	\$1,500
CUPCAKE DAYS	\$795	\$800
LUNCH MOMS	\$395	\$500
FUN FAIR	\$6,647	\$8,000
FUNDRAISERS:		\$4,500*
2010/11 Spring Fundraiser, Kernels popcorn	\$5,271	
Lunch Popcorn (Oct – Dec)	\$727	
Concessions	\$600	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$23,895	\$24,300
EXPENSES		
LITERACY/NUMERACY (FSL, ELL, SPEC ED., EARLY YEARS)	\$4,068	\$5,000
ARTS Drama (Oliver 2010), Talent Show (2012), Choirs	\$3,584	\$1,500
ORAL PRESENTATIONS Speakers, Authors	\$5,686	\$5,000
PHYSICAL EDUCATION Gym Equip, sports teams, refereeing	\$1,070	\$1,500
SMART BOARD LEASE	\$2,496	\$2,496

LITURGICAL Sacramental Prep, Treats, Buses, Training		\$3,246		\$2,000
GRADE 8 GRADUATION Diplomas, Reception, Hall rental		\$2,500		\$2,500
FAMILY SUBSIDY (Confirmation, Quebec trip, class trips, etc.)		\$2,500		\$2,500
SPECIAL EVENTS (Christmas, Easter, Play Day, Movie Night)		\$992		\$1,500
COMMUNITY EVENTS (Swim Night)		\$78		\$100
SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Welcome to JK, Volunteers, Meetings)				\$200
MISCELLANEOUS (Emergency, Memorials, Cards etc)				\$100
MAINTENANCE (Laminator Service Contract, Piano Tuning)		\$213		\$1,000
BANKING Banking fees, new cheques order		\$338		\$350
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$26,771		\$25,746
OPENING BALANCE (Sept 2010 & Sept 2011)	\$8,471		\$5,974	
PROJECTED CARRY OVER FOR SEPT 2012			\$4,528	

Budget Notes: All Revenue and Expenses are accounted for by category and are subject to review by Board officials and auditors. Some examples of category breakdowns are listed below.

Oral Presentations for 2010 – 2011 included:

Mixed Company Theatre (Bully Show) \$678
The DAM (gr. 6, 7, 8) \$500
Northstar Entertainment \$622
Blue Veil Ministry* \$113 (deposit)
Cawthra Park \$300
Mad Science \$2588
Black Ice Comic Book Presentation \$100
Chris Vollum – Facebook 101 \$785
Total: \$5686

Liturgical Expenses

Busing \$984
Social Justice Conference \$180
Virtues Tshirts \$292
Blue Veil Ministry (Catholic Education week Entertainment) \$848
Reconciliation/Communion Crosses \$178
Broughton's \$27
Yr. End Mass Busing \$738
Total: \$3247

