

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
INVEST IN EDUCATION 2008-2009!**

11/12/2008

Dear All Saint Families,

Each year the Catholic School Council sets a fundraising goal to assist our school in funding programs and events that are not accounted for in the budget received from the board. We endeavour to fundraise throughout the year to meet these budgeted goals in order to enrich the educational and extra-curricular experience for our children.

Despite the weather, our Fall Fun Fair was a fun community event and a great kick start towards our yearly goals. We also continue through the year with programs such as Fantastic Friday, Lunch Moms and milk delivery that bring in funds while providing a benefit to the students.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, we need to do some additional fundraising to achieve our Catholic School Council approved budget goal. Due to the success and simplicity of the program last year, we have decided to bring back the **Invest in Education** campaign for 2008/2009. This campaign gives parents, who may not like to sell chocolate bars or other goods, the opportunity to make a direct contribution to the school.

Your **Invest in Education** contribution goes directly to vital programs at All Saints that are identified and budgeted by the administration and elected Council members including but not limited to:

- 1 Literacy and Math (supports on all grade levels, literacy room and french program)
- 2 Liturgical Supports (First Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, School Masses)
- 3 Support for the Arts (drama club, choirs, public speaking, school play)
- 4 Physical Education (gym equipment, support for team sports)
- 5 Educational Material (Library, support of PALS program)
- 6 Special events (Graduation, Christmas and Easter celebrations and Play day)

A complete listing of these goals has been set out in the School Council budget, a summary of which will be published in the December Council newsletter and is available on the school's website under School Council.

We are suggesting a donation of \$40 per child or \$75 per family. This contribution would be close to the dollar amount the school would raise from each family, if we sold chocolate bars. Of course any amount that you feel comfortable donating would be accepted and greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, please understand that we are **hoping** that this will be our only formal fundraiser for the year. However, if we do not raise the funds that we need (a little more than \$5,000.00), we will need to do another fundraiser, possibly through the sale of chocolate bars or popcorn.

Can we count on your support?

To make a donation to the **Invest in Education** campaign, through your child's classroom teacher please return your cash or cheque (made out to the All Saints School Council) in the envelope provided by December 1st. Post dated cheques will also be accepted.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.