



St Richard School

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Next Meetings:

January 19th
March 1st

7:00 PM
to
9:00 PM
(Room 105)

**Everyone Is
Welcome!**

School Council News

It's hard to believe that it's that time again, but December has arrived and we are almost half way through the school year. So much has already happened this year. With the addition of weekly lunch days, we hope that Friday mornings are a little easier for you. The Chocolate Fundraiser was a great success; each dollar raised will benefit every student at St. Richard School. (Anyone who still has chocolates or chocolate money at home is asked to bring it in to the office). For those who would like to have just one more chocolate bar, stop by the office and buy one for \$2.

December also means Christmas and spending time together during this Holy season. Please join the school community at the **St. Richard Family Advent Mass**. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday December 20th at 7pm** at St. John of the Cross Church. And following with tradition, we look forward to sharing the many homemade goodies provided by all of our families in Nessinger Hall after the mass.

WHAT IS THE "ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOL" PROGRAM?

The "Artist in the School" program is a way for us to enrich and extend the education our children receive at St. Richard School. By inviting different artists and entertainers we provide different and enhanced learning experiences. Most recently, the school had Fizzical Fizzicks (<http://fizzicalfizzicks.com>) come and teach the students about motion through the use of circus tricks. Just ask your kids how much fun it was. The money raised through the Lunch Day Program goes to support the cost of this program.

FUNDRAISING: Our fundraising initiatives during first term:

Lamontagne Chocolate sales: Over \$5000 was raised during the fundraising event!!! Way to go!!! Thank you for your participation and support. All of the funds go to help support the various allocations sponsored by the School Council.

Lunch Day Program: To make your life a little easier, a very special lunch is offered every Friday. Pizza, subs or a Lunch Moms hot meal can be chosen with a drink and dessert, at a very affordable price.

**** Term 2 Lunch Day Order forms are coming home.**

Be sure to return forms and money by Friday December 9th.**

HOW IS THE MONEY WE RAISE SPENT? These are some of the allocations we continually support,

- **Student Agendas** are provided at no cost for all of our students.
- We provide funds for the **Literacy Program** providing new materials for the St Richard Literacy Room.
- We fully fund the "**Artists in the School**" Program.
- We fund and plan the Family Advent Mass, First Communion Luncheon and Grade 8 Grad Mass.
- We fully fund the Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat and PALS supplies.
- We provide funds for **Athletic and Academic Transportation** (i.e. Taxis for sports teams)
- We fund \$200 per class to sponsor a chosen activity (i.e. offset school bus costs for field trips)
- \$1000 was donated to the **St Richard Healthy Snack Program**, helping to ensure our students learn the value and importance of eating well.