

HOLY SPIRIT PARENT COUNCIL

What does your Parent Council do for our children's school?

Our 2 major fundraisers are the **Hot Lunch Program** and the **Silver Bells Tea & Sale**. The proceeds from both go to fund additional school programs, events and the purchase of large items. Basically what we raise this school year will be allocated/spent the following school year. The Council has raised between \$7,000 to \$12,000 each year with the help of all the Holy Spirit families.

This year the Council put together a 3 Year Plan which ties into the School's 3 Year Plan. A copy of this 3 Year Plan is attached. Some of the areas that we will be supporting this school year are:

- ❖ Anti-Bullying Initiatives – 7th Rain Concert for gr. 6-9 (\$1500)
- ❖ School Leadership Program (\$1000)
- ❖ Faith/Community Awareness– Jon Bauer Concert for gr. K-5 (\$1000)
- ❖ Purchase new Library materials for all grades (\$2300)
- ❖ Chapel Banners made by the Jr. High Students (\$400)
- ❖ Assist in funding upgrades to the school's A/V Equipment in the gym (\$2300)
- ❖ Organize and fund the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch (\$200)
- ❖ Assist and fund the Welcome Back Breakfast (\$400)
- ❖ Organize and fund the Staff Appreciation Lunch (\$400)

How can Parents get Involved?

Holy Spirit is very fortunate to have a committed core of volunteers. As parents in this school, do you know that you are automatically involved? Your involvement is of great importance to making this school greater than what it is!

- ❖ Are you passionate about your child's school?
- ❖ Do you want more from this school?
- ❖ Do you have ideas to bring more to this school?

If so, this Parent Council and School need you. It doesn't take a lot of time either! This coming school year we will be looking for parents to fill the following positions:

- ◆ **Parent Council Executive – Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer & Secretary**
- ◆ **Silver Bells Tea & Sale Committee – Coordinator, Committee Members**
- ◆ **Hot Lunch Committee – Coordinators, Committee Members** – Parents of children with special dietary needs are encouraged to get involved with this program to assist in developing menus and sourcing vendors.

This year our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on May 25, 2011.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for any of these positions please contact Maureen Kerwin (mokerwin@shaw.ca) or plan to attend our next Parent Council meeting on April 12, 2011.

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Funding Model

The Holy Spirit Parent School Council will direct its funding to four main areas over the next three years. The areas to be funded include:

1. Annual Operating Costs

- a) Welcome Back Breakfast
- b) Staff Appreciation Lunch
- c) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch for students and staff
- d) Winter Festival
- e) Chapel Banner
- f) Parent Council Conference
- g) Parent Council/Hot Lunch website

2. Positive Living

The focus of the Positive Living Category is the growth and development of the whole school community including students, staff and parents.

- a) Positive Relationships
- b) Nutrition
- c) Faith
- d) Cultural/Community Enhancement

3. Literacy

Early literacy is a primary focus with the school, the division and the province. The parent council will assist in meeting literacy goals by supplementing the school program.

4. Technology

The focus is the use of technology to help build the school community.

Each year the Holy Spirit School Parent Council will fund the following items:

Annual Operating Costs approx. \$2500

The remaining funds will be divided between the other 3 categories with following ratio:

Positive Living 50% Literacy 25% Technology 25%