

## **CSAC News – January/2006**

### **St. Louis Catholic School**

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Your CSAC Council would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back. We hope you had a wonderful and rejuvenating Christmas break. We ended the year 2005 on a very positive note thanks to the great chocolate-selling skills of our St. Louis School students. A special thanks to all our students and their families for an outstanding effort. At our January CSAC Council meeting we committed the necessary funds to purchase 2 DVD players for the school. Additionally, we agreed to pay the cost of transporting students to upcoming sporting events.

A great debt of gratitude is owed to Mrs. Kalsi, Mrs. Piscione, Mrs. Ganzolez, Mrs. Del Rosario and the rest of our dedicated parent volunteers for making the Aunt Sarah's Chocolate sales event a smashing success. We don't yet have a complete accounting of monies raised as there are still some outstanding amounts but it looks very promising indeed. If your child has not yet returned all monies for chocolates taken please ensure that he or she does so as soon as possible so that we can wrap up this fundraiser for the year and do our final accounting. The sooner we know how much money we made, the sooner we can commit funds for

our children's special educational experiences and needs.

Please mark your calendars for Friday May 19, 2006. The Annual St. Louis School Dance-a-thon is scheduled for that day. This year, each child will receive a prize just for participating. In addition, special gift certificate prizes will be awarded to the three students whose sponsorship dollar amounts are highest and the class which raises the most money will enjoy a special pizza lunch.

As we did last year, we have arranged for a Dee-Jay to play age-appropriate music for the different grades and to emcee the event. This year's theme will be decided by our students in the coming weeks. This is an event that all our students seem to enjoy and anticipate with great excitement. It is also an opportunity to raise enough money to augment the learning experience for our community of students. Your generous support for this cause in the past has not gone unnoticed and we hope that you will help make this event an outstanding event for our children again this year.

For our last fundraising idea this year we are exploring an exciting new opportunity that combines

both artistic expression and fundraising. If the event gets off the ground, each participating student would create an original, one-of-a-kind work of art. Each student's art would then be professionally printed on a set of 12 greeting cards. Each student-artist's set of 12 cards would sell for \$20.00. The choice of design and occasion are limited only by your child's imagination...Easter or some other Holiday theme...Happy Birthday...Best Friends Forever...Look What I Can Do...Party Invitations... Etc...the possibilities are endless. Of course you just might want to frame them or share them with family members as mementos.

We are no longer participating in the Sobey's program. Our thanks to those who kept and submitted their receipts so generously in the past. We are still collecting Campbell's soup labels. The only change in the Campbell's program are that V8-Splash labels are no longer being accepted but the Regular V-8 1.89 litre labels are. Thanks to those students and parents who support us by bringing in their Campbell's labels.

On a non-fundraising note, members of the CSAC Council have been hard at work drafting up a set of bylaws to spell out, in plain language, how the Council operates and what the responsibilities of its members are. I am confident that there are many parents in the community who would like to be part of our

advisory team but don't know how it works or how to become a part of it. Copies of the drafts and final set of bylaws will be made available to any interested parents.

Finally we want to encourage all parents to attend our CSAC meetings. They represent an opportunity for you to participate in the advisory process at any level which makes you feel comfortable. You can provide your thoughts and ideas on an issue or just sit back and listen to the "goings-on". Most of all, the meetings give you a chance to learn about the issues facing us as a school community, a chance to monitor and improve on our fundraising efforts and help us decide how those monies can best be put to use, and finally a chance to meet other parents facing the same educational challenges for their children as you.

Remember that attending these meetings does not mean that you have to volunteer your time to fundraising or other activities nor does it mean that you have to come regularly. Simply being there, listening and sharing your thoughts is all that is required and you will be most welcome to do so at any CSAC meeting that you are able to attend.

Thanks and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the school library.

