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What's Happening at St. Cyril's CSPC (Catholic School Parent Council)

October 2018

On September 18th, at the Annual General Meeting, the St. Cyril Parent Council elected their new executive team and members. The 2018/2019 council saw some new members join and some returning members taking on new roles. Welcome to all members and we look forward to another exciting and fun year!

2018/19 CSPC Executive:

- Darlene Saks, *Co-Chair*
- Kathryn Jaitley, *Co-Chair*
- Christine Motran, *Secretary*
- Tara Baker, *Treasurer*

Other members:

- Anna Pecchia
- Magda Dunn
- Lindsay Mathias
- Dacia Scali (Greening Committee)
- Cindy Landry (Greening Committee)
- Claudia Jones (Greening Committee)
- Manuel Nevraumont
- Katiana Canada-Jovel
- Jim George

St. Cyril 60th Celebration!

Despite the temporary rainfall, there was lots of fun to be had at the 60th Anniversary on Sep 21. Our classes created items for the time capsule, local dignitaries attended with congratulatory words, prizes were won at the games, bellies were filled from the BBQ, ice cream truck and smiles were seen as students danced in the flash mob.

To further celebrate St. Cyril's 60th anniversary, Groupe Media TFO is offering two months free on their French educational platform **IDELLO**, for parents and students. Create an account today using the following link and you will have free access to thousands of French learning resources covering all elementary subjects for all grades, even kindergarten! For more information please click on this link:

www.idello.org/StCyril

Time Capsule Plan

We have created the time capsule with the items the classes created and attendees at the 60th Anniversary and it is now stored at the school. We are planning to dig up the old time capsule we learned about from a past student and have the contents on display during the Christmas concerts. The school will communicate the date it will be opened shortly

Spirit Wear



Reminder that you can submit an order to purchase optional St Cyril Panthers Spirit Wear items (t-shirts, hoodies) through [Cash Online](#) . Orders due Oct 26, 2018.

The parent council is considering offering additional items later this year. More details will be communicated in the coming months.

\$\$ FINANCE UPDATE \$\$

Thank you to the parent community who have donated to the St Cyril Foundation. Your donation dollars are already hard at work enriching each student's school experience by providing financial support for:

- **Student Agendas** - \$1,400, providing Gr 1-8 students with an agenda is a crucial tool for parent/teacher communication and teaching organization and responsibility.
- **Classroom Support** - Each St. Cyril teacher will receive funding to directly support their classroom with new supplies, tools and resources to further engage students.

The 60th anniversary BBQ was a great success and generated \$3,089 in net proceeds, here is a breakdown:

Ticket revenue: \$4,393
Silent Auction revenue: \$1,052
Ice cream truck donation: \$80
Expenses: (2,436)
Net proceeds \$3,089

Finance updates, including the 2018/19 CSPC budget will be posted to the CSPC website: <http://stcyrilcspc.org/committees/finance/>

Let's work together to further support our children's school experience!! If you haven't already, please consider donating today!

How to Donate:

- Write a cheque payable to St Cyril Catholic School Foundation and submit to your
- Child's teacher.
- Donate through United Way Company sponsored programs. If your company matches

- your United Way donation, consider choosing St Cyril School Foundation (Charity # 856362348RR0001) and possibly double the donation.
- To inquire about e-transfer directly to the CSPC account, please contact Tara Baker at tarabaker22@hotmail.com.

Other Important Items

Leftover Hallowe'en Candy

Please bring in any hard candy from your Hallowe'en stash as St Cyril will be donating it to Dr. Simone at [Canadian Feed the Children](#). The hard candy gets the salivary glands working so that malnourished kids can start to eat. Please drop off any candy to the school office by November 6th. Thank you!

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

The CSPC has applied for a Government PRO grant to bring in Arts Express to lead our students and parents in a workshop on building resiliency in kids. We have learned this week that the Ontario Government has cancelled the PRO grants. We are in discussions about how we might still be able to provide this important workshop to our school community.

Consultation: Education in Ontario

The Government of Ontario invites everyone - parents, students, educators and interested individuals or organizations - to provide feedback on the education system in Ontario. Their goal is to prepare Ontario students for success, improve their academic achievement and equip them with the tools needed to enter the working world. The consultations will help shape decisions on the following:

- How to improve student performance in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM);
- How our schools are preparing students with needed job skills;
- What more can be done to ensure students graduate with important life skills, like financial literacy;
- How to build an updated and age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like sexual health education, mental health and the legalization of cannabis;
- What measures can be taken to improve standardized testing;
- What steps schools should take regarding the use of technology in classrooms, such as the use of cell phones; and What elements would participants like to see included in the Ministry of Education Parents' Bill of Rights.

The Consultation closing date is December 15, 2018. For up-to-date information on all of the ways people can participate, please visit fortheparents.ca.

Dates to Remember!!



- **Pizza Lunch/Dress Down Day** : *Friday October 26*

- **Milk Ticket Sales**: *Tuesday November 6, at 8:45 a.m in the school lobby*

- **Advent Mass** : *Tuesday December 11, 7p.m. at St. Edward's Church (refreshments to follow in the church hall)*

- **Next CSPC Meeting**: *Tuesday November 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.*
All are welcome!!

Note: If you cannot attend in person but would like to dial in remotely, please contact us at cspc.stcyril@tcdsb.org and we can provide you with teleconference details.

Please visit the CSPC website!!

www.stcyrilcspc.org

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. If there is anything you feel is missing and/or you would like to see added, Please contact: katiana.canada@gmail.com

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