



ST.PASCHAL BAYLON | OCTOBER 2016

ABOUT US

Happy Fall St. Paschal Baylon Families! We hope the first month back to school is off to a good start and all families are in a good back-to-school routine. We proudly welcome Mr. Stellato as our new principal and look forward to his leadership for our school community.

Who Are We? We are the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) also known as Parent Council, focused on promoting communication between teachers, students, and parents; promoting community events held within the school, fundraising, special events, and issues that have a direct impact on the students of our school (for example; our school building expansion and new gym). **The funds CSPC raises from its various events are then donated to the school to fund various initiatives** for the school and the students. Last year, CSPC was proud to fund the Anti-Bullying Magic Show, Scientist in School sessions, new library books, subsidized school agenda costs, funding for indoor recess activities, Halloween Dance, Family Advent Reception, Santa Pictures, Winter Carnival, Play Day Freezies, First Communion, Confirmation & Graduation class parties are just to name a few. CSPC is an ideal way to support our school community and be involved in enriching your own child's educational experience.

All parents are welcome to join us at our next meeting on **October 18th at 7 PM**. Meeting Agenda will be emailed to all parents on our email distribution list a week before the meeting. Please send us an email at cspc.stpaschalbaylon@tcdsb.org if you would like to be added to the email distribution list.

NEW PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

CSPC Elections were held on Monday, September 19th. Thank you to parents that attended the elections, staff members and to Mr. Stellato and Ms. Lorusso for facilitating the election process. It is our pleasure to introduce to you members of the 2016-2017 Parent Council:

- *Nicole Lippa-Gasparro & Patricia Mathias – Co-Chairs*
- *Anita Molnar – Treasurer*
- *Rosa Cozza & Maral Dermardirossizu – Co-Secretaries*
- *Ms. Dell & Mr. Litonjua –Teacher Representatives*
- *Mr. Stellato & Ms. Lorusso – School Representatives*



We thank all members of previous Parent Council and Members at Large for all their time, support and volunteer efforts in making the previous school year fundraising efforts and events a tremendous success. We look forward to continuing to work with you through the new school year.

CSPC MEETING DATES

Parent Council meetings have been scheduled for the the third Tuesday every month at **7:00 PM** for the school year. Future meeting dates are listed below; mark your calendar and please consider attending the meetings to keep informed on school activities.

- **October 18th, 2016 at 7:00 PM**
- **November 15th, 2016 at 7:00 PM**
- **January 17th, 2017 at 7:00 PM**
- **February 21st, 2017 at 7:00 PM**
- **April 18th, 2017 at 7:00 PM**
- **May 16th, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

UPCOMING EVENTS - PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have three school events planned for this year and we need parent volunteers to help Parent Council to plan and organize these events.

- **Halloween Dance-A-Thon** – *October 31st, 2016 (before or after school hours)*
- **Pictures with Santa** – *December 1st, 2016 (during school hours)*
- **Family Advent Mass & Reception** – *December 8th, 2016 (6PM-9PM)*

Please contact Parent Council at spc.stpaschalaylon@tcdsb.org if you are interested in helping with any of these events or leave your name at the school office and we will contact you with further details.

HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON

Our first major fundraiser for the year is our Halloween Dance-A-Thon which will be held in the school gym on **Oct. 31st (9 AM – 3PM)**. Further details of the dance will be sent home soon. We need parents to help plan and organize this fun dance for our kids. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are able to help with any of these tasks:

DJ & Music	<i>What's a dance without a DJ!?! If you have family or a friend that would be willing to guest DJ our dance, please let us know.</i>
Decorations	<i>If you have Halloween decorations to donate, please send them to school with your child or drop them off at the school.</i> <i>We are looking for parents to help decorate the gym for the dance on Friday, October 28th (1 PM-3 PM). Please send us an email or sign up at the school office if you are available to help.</i>
Dance Helpers	<i>Parents needed to help on the day of the dance during school hours – help supervise the kids and help clean up after the dance. Bonus! You get to see the kids in costumes, dance and have a great time yourself! Send us an email if you are able to help.</i>

FRIENDLY REMINDER



Support our school and purchase labels for your kid's items through Mabel's Labels.

Mabel's Labels are a perfect way to label your kid's clothes, backpacks, shoes/boots, books, stationary, music and sports equipment. There is also a fantastic selection of **Allergy-Alert labels** available on the site. Help minimize your kids' personal items getting lost. Labels are waterproof, dishwasher & microwave safe and laundry-safe. Orders can be placed year-round. Tell other parents, friends and family to shop Mabel's Labels and support St. Paschal Baylon! Ordering is as easy as 1-2-3:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Go to www.mabelslabels.com	Select SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER at the top right hand of the webpage.	Select St. Paschal Baylon from the school listing. Free Shipping!

SCHOOL EXPANSION UPDATE



The Ministry of Education has granted funding approval to proceed for **a new building addition to our school which includes a new gym**. The new expanded addition will replace the 18 portables on site and the new gym will be large enough to accommodate all students. This is a significant win for our school community and it has taken more than 6 years of effort from multiple fronts to make this a reality. Construction on the new building is well underway. Updates to construction will be provided at monthly Parent Council meetings and through TCDSB letters as they become available.

PARENT COUNCIL COMMUNICATION UPDATES



We will be providing several updates through the school year on Parent Council initiatives in the following ways:

- Contact us at cspc.stpaschalbaylon@tcdsb.org if you would like to be added to the email distribution list.
- Follow us on Twitter **@StPaschalSchool**
- Parent Council Newsletters will be sent home every month.
- Visit the Parent Council Bulletin Board outside the school office for regular updates to CSPC funded events.

We wish all SPB Families a Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for your time and support.

Patricia Mathias & Nicole Lippha-Gasparro (Co-Chairs), Anita Molnar (Treasurer), Rosa Cozza & Maral Dermardirossizu (Co-Secretaries)