



ST JOHN FRENCH IMMERSION PARENT COUNCIL DONATION REQUEST

Please consider sending a donation to the Parent Council to support your children.

The donations you give support the financial commitments of Parent Council. This year's budget is included so that you can have a look at those expenditures; it includes supporting such programs as chess lessons, field trips, graduation, Author visits, and special performances.

Funding these valuable experiences requires a commitment on your part. In order to meet Parent Council's financial commitments for the year we need to raise at least \$14,500.

HOW DO WE RAISE \$14,500?

We have chosen the 'less is best' motto.

1. A **donation of at least \$45/family**. This is the most direct means of getting your dollars to the school. It maximizes your return to the school... 100% of what you give goes to parent council.
2. **Events**. These would be events such as the **Spring Fling Silent Auction**. This event requires parent participation to be successful and is fast approaching.
3. **Hot Lunch**. The ongoing pizza orders contribute some money to parent council's budget.

Please Note: The above are our only means of generating money to support the students' education. We are *no longer doing any product selling* for Parent Council. Product selling generates 25-45% profit. In order for council to get \$45, you would need to spend at least \$100.

WHY HAVE WE ASKED FOR DONATIONS?



The St. John French Immersion School Community is comprised of about 400 families representing 500 students. If each family was to donate a minimum of \$45, we would have at least \$18,000 towards our budget to spend on the children.

Obviously, all amounts are appreciated and mean that there will be more money to support our children in their education as the year progresses.

Last year we started a partnership with the Msgr Feeny Foundation so that you will be able to receive a tax receipt. There is a small fee charged to council for this service (10% of donations received) but we feel that it is a worthwhile expenditure in order to offer our families the choice.

If you choose not to donate via the Foundation, the money will go completely to Parent Council but no tax receipt will be issued.

DONATION

Enclosed in my donation to St. John French Immersion Catholic Parent Council for \$_____

Family Name: _____ Students are in grade(s): _____

Please remember that current or post dated cheques are appreciated as it helps us to plan for our budget needs.

I have enclosed: One cheque Several posted date cheques

I understand that my cheque will be made payable to Monsignor Feeny Foundation in order to receive a tax receipt

Or

I understand that my cheque will be made payable directly to St. John FI Catholic Parent Council but that a tax receipt cannot be issued.

A little bit about your Parent Council

Who are we?

Parent volunteers that meet monthly to help make decisions to support the students education at St. John FI. This includes making decisions on our budget matters.

Other ways to volunteer?

As an alternative to sitting on council, many parents choose to help out with one of our teams. If you are interested in any of these, please send a note to the office and someone will email you or call you soon.

Library team	Green Team	Hot Lunch Team
Silent auction team	Catholicity Team	Communications Team
Social team	Fundraising team	Board Watch Team

Parent Council budgeted expenditures for 2009-10

Annual School Functions

Graduation	\$1000
Christmas lunch	\$2200
Carnaval	\$250

Enhancements to Education

Agenda Subsidy	\$500	<i>(this program is cost shared by parents @ \$5/agenda)</i>
Catholicity	\$600	
Chess	\$2500	<i>(this program is cost shared by parents @ \$5/child)</i>
Classroom funding	\$2200	<i>(\$100 per teacher for supplies)</i>
Field trip subsidy	\$2850	<i>(\$150 per classroom)</i>
Green Team	\$300	
Guest Presenters	\$1000	<i>(incl. Canadian Authors, Musical Guests, Speakers, etc)</i>
T-shirts	\$ 800	<i>(one per new student gr 1-8/new staff—please note that there is a class set of t-shirts that the Kindergarten classes wear on Field Trips)</i>
VIP	\$300	

Support Initiatives

Gifts/ Family support/ Teacher appreciation	\$500
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Business Costs

Bank Charges	\$ 200
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 300</u>

TOTAL PROPOSED \$ 15,500

Please note that this is the proposed budget for the school year based on funds that we believe we can generate. If we are able to generate more funds, we will be able to increase our support of our children's education. If we are unable to generate these funds, we will not be able to meet this budget.