

St. Patrick Catholic School

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Dear St. Patrick's School families,

It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone!
In our 2022/2023 school year Parent Council was able to:

- Provide a Welcome Back BBQ on the schoolyard, with hotdogs served by the Knights of Columbus, and open house to socialize and meet with teachers.
- Host a Halloween Fun Night for families with games and treats! Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers, especially grade 7-8 students, who made this event a success!
- Fundraise with Christmas tree and poinsettia sales, with Christmas Tree Farm trees raising **\$367** and poinsettias **\$1289**. Thank you for your support!
- Serve a delicious home-made turkey dinner with all the fixings!
- Fundraise with MacMillan's frozen foods- which raised **\$2250** in funds thanks to orders from the school community.
- Host a Parent Night with funds from a successful PRO Grant application, for a plant workshop social for parents with Scarlett and Rosie Floral Co., along with refreshments.
- Utilize outdoor stencils to update our play yard! Hopscotch, 4 square, and wall games were added to the yard and happily used by our students.
- Donate **\$250** to our amazing Food Sharing program and provide **\$200** to each class (**11x\$200 = \$2200**) to offset the cost of end of year class trips!

In looking towards 2023/2024, one of our **main goals is to design and build a Peace Garden!** In the currently unused courtyard (in the grassy U-shaped section of the school- see attached photo), we are looking to build planter boxes, an outdoor classroom with shade, picnic tables for outdoor learning, etc. We will be using the money raised this year, along with some previously fundraised money, and are reaching out to local service providers to help us achieve this goal. **If any parents/families have resources to help create our new Peace Garden, we would love to hear from you! Materials, services, etc. are all needed, or if you would like, donations are also welcome.** Donations can be made to the school, with special allocation to the Peace Garden!

If you are interested in supporting this endeavor, please email flhpstph@alcdsb.on.ca for more information. This email will be checked during the summer too!

Looking forward to making a lasting contribution to our amazing school for our kids to learn and grow.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,
St. Patrick's Parent Council

