



# Mother Teresa Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

October 2016

We would like to thank everyone who attended the school BBQ and made it such a great success! A big thank you to those who took a moment to fill out the parent council fundraising survey, as it is an opportunity for our school community to provide valuable input to the parent council. This input helps provide the parent council guidance for the fundraising activities we plan to undertake.

Results from the fundraising survey suggest that the top two fundraising choices are 1) provide a monetary donation and 2) chocolate fundraiser. With this in mind, and in an effort to try to offer something different, we would like to start the fundraising effort this year by providing families the opportunity to make a monetary donation rather than sell chocolates. A suggested donation level of \$25 to \$50 per child would be wonderful, however we gratefully accept whatever level families are comfortable with donating. We ask that all donations be sent by cheque to Mother Teresa Catholic School by November 15th. Please include the name of the eldest child on the memo line of the cheque. (Note: we are unable to provide tax receipts for fundraising) Please know that we recognize that a monetary donation may be a hardship for some families who would prefer to contribute by selling a product. We are trying to respond to what the families of our school have suggested. Please know that we will not judge anyone who does not contribute a monetary donation.

We wish to raise similar funds as from our chocolate sales last year. This was approximately \$11 000. If we are successful in this endeavour, the monetary donation will be our only fundraiser. We may need to revisit a chocolate fundraising event later in the year, however in order to run a successful chocolate fundraiser we would need more parents to assist with distribution and collection of products. More details will be sent home should this become an option. We will inform the school community of the money raised during this monetary donation fundraiser.

Past fundraising activities have provided support to our children and the school community in some of the following areas:

#### Faith & Traditions

- \* Gifts for Grades 2 (1st communion), 4 (Bibles),
- \* 6 (Rosary) & 8 (Chain/Cross)
- \* Grad Breakfast and trophies
- \* Christmas float support

#### Complementary learning

- \* Support the replacement of stage curtains
- \* \$10/student for school based project (ie, Scientist/Artist in the Classroom)
- \* Volleyball equipment

#### Technology

- \*water bottle filling station
- \* Computers for Computer Lab
- \* Computer Lab wiring

#### Yard Improvements

- \* Painting of school grounds (games)
- \* Outdoor playground structure
- \* Outdoor play equipment (soccer balls/scoops/basketballs)

As you can see, our school community has contributed many, many “extras” throughout the years and our children have benefitted. We hope to continue supporting these “extras”. This year we hope to direct support towards the following areas as identified by the fundraising survey; classroom resources, schoolyard equipment, play structure and schoolyard improvements.

Parents are always welcome to attend the Parent Council meetings and get involved! Your opinions and participation will help shape the Mother Teresa school community. Our meetings are usually the second Tuesday of the month with our next meeting being Nov. 8 at 6:30 pm in the library. We would like to thank all parents and staff who volunteer their time to make our school a safe and happy place.

Thank you very much,

Mother Teresa Catholic School Community council

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board