

A letter from your Parent Council

Welcome [parent name]

October 2016

"September "Kick Off"

Welcome Good Shepherd families to the 2016/2017 school year. We hope that you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for a fresh start to the school year. A special welcome to the many new families that have

Being able to see their artwork on the wall sure warms the heart. Thank you to the teachers who worked so hard to prepare their classrooms for this great event. Thank you to the individuals who signed up

UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it will not

- the Lorax

joined our school this year. We hope that you are feeling welcomed and excited to be a part of such a wonderful school community. Thank you to the families that were able to attend the school open house. This was a nice way to meet new families, class room friends and teachers. It is fun to see if our kids are keeping their desk tidy or messy!!

to be volunteers in their child's classroom, who took the time to fill out the proper police check forms and inquired about the parent council and fundraising opportunities. There are so many ways in which you can be involved with your child's school, thank you for taking the time to inquire.

Catholic Community School Council

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The CCSC or "parent council" at The Good Shepherd is composed of parents ranging from JK to grade 8. We have members that have participated in meetings for 10 years, and some sat in for the first time.

We welcome new faces and encourage parent participation. The parent council is a place where you are able to listen; and be heard.

This is your opportunity to be an advocate for your child and their learning environment. It gives you a chance to be involved in the discussions that makes your school a better place.

The responsibility of the CCSC is a great one, and we believe that you deserve a chance to be involved!

Fundraising

At the beginning of each year Mrs. Smith extends a classroom "wish list" to all of the teachers, and encourages the staff to share their classroom needs. This list is shared with the council, and from there we discuss and prioritize where we feel the money would be best spent. The most common theme recently is technology. In 2015, the CSCC purchased Chrome books as well as a caddy to properly store them in. In 2016 the CSCC spent \$3000 in new sports

equipment, made huge improvements to the kindergarten yard and spent \$2000 on the awesome new filtered water fountain, benches, chairs and funding for school activities such as dances and bus trips.

Already we have established a 2016/17 list which include; chrome books, iPad's, iPad cases, computer robots, percussion instruments and ukuleles. It is now our job to sit down and prioritize these needs and decided where the

money will be best spent. This is why our fundraising programs are so vital!

We are very excited for the upcoming fundraising plans for 2016/17. Stay tuned for more information to come. In the meantime – don't forget to check out our Mable's Labels program and Gift Card program!!

Upcoming meetings;

Nov 3, 2016 6:30-7:30

Jan. 31, 2017 6:30-7:30

March 7, 2017 6:30-7:30

April 25, 2017 6:30-7:30

A message from your chair,

Hi everyone, thank you for taking the time to read our Parent Council letter. We are very excited for our upcoming school year. My name is Kim and I am your new Chair. I have 2 boys that attend this great school and have nothing but great respect for the staff and level of commitment that they have for our children. I work as a part time nurse, and live the typical busy hustle and bustle young family lifestyle. I have been involved with the council on and off for the past 4 years. I feel like it keeps me in the loop and offers me a place where I can make a difference in my kids learning environment.

I believe it truly takes a village to have a school that is spirited and full of life! We can not rely solely on our Principal and staff to make it work. I have been impressed in the number of parents that volunteer and give their time to the school. Our parent council works hard to achieve great things for our students, and I choose to support it..

Please know that there is always an open invitation to join in on our meetings. You choose the level of participation that you are comfortable with. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out anytime via email.

*I look forward to meeting you,
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