

A Message from the PSG Executive

Welcome back to another year at St. Mary's and a special welcome to the new families at the school.

The Parent Support Group (PSG) at St. Mary's School works to raise funds for the enhancement of our school and to encourage involvement in fun school events. The funds raised by PSG allow us to provide materials and opportunities that our students might otherwise be unable to experience. All parents and guardians of students at the school are voting members of PSG.

Parent volunteers form an executive committee which includes: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Social Media Coordinator and Secretary. Meetings are held once a month during the school year.

Please try to follow our Facebook page "St. Mary's School PG" and check the school website for current fundraising information.

PSG is not just about raising money, it also works to create a community within the school. Some of the events throughout the year that we help to organize or sponsor, include the Halloween Dance, a free pasta lunch and field trips during Catholic Education Week, Family Fun Night, a staff appreciation luncheon, Sports Day, Movie Day and year end/grad activities and field trips. Other items that we support annually are Husky T-shirts for students and staff, classroom supplies and the Kids for Kindness program. In recent years, we have supported other items and projects including a score clock for the gym, classroom libraries, sports equipment, music stands and hand drums, the PM Nelson Book program, flexible classroom seating, new kindergarten classroom flooring and much more. Volleyball and basketball jerseys were purchased last year and will be worn by student-athletes this year. Throughout the school year, each grade is responsible for putting together an event or fundraiser. Parents from each class are needed to organize this fundraiser, with support from the PSG executive. Information binders outlining each fundraiser are available to parents.

2023/24 Fundraisers

Kindergarten- Christmas Purdys (Nov-Dec) Grade 1- Spring Flowers (Feb-May) Grade 2- Teacher Appreciation Lunch (June) Grade 3- Family Fun Night (June)	Grade 4- Krispy Kreme Donuts (Spring) Grade 5- Christmas Flowers/Poinsettias Grade 6- Fresh to You Vegetables (October) Grade 7- Halloween Dance (October)
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Additional Fundraisers/Events

Spring Dance	This will be held in April. Stay tuned for details.
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Fun Food Friday	This is a year-round fundraiser and is the weekly hot lunch program at the school. Information is sent out prior to each ordering round.
FundScrip Gift Cards	This is a year-round fundraiser. Purchase gift cards using the FundScrip link https://group.fundscrip.com/en/5XZNRV/parent-support-group
Save On Foods Gift Cards	Purchase Save On Foods Gift Cards at the Customer Service Desk. Mention that you are with "St. Mary's School". Use Save On Gift Cards and help raise funds to support our school!
COBS Dough Raiser	COBS Bread Prince George is starting a Dough Raiser Program to help raise funds for the schools and clubs in Prince George. From now until April, when you make a purchase at either Prince George location, 5% of that sale will be contributed to a Dough Raiser account for the school. To participate, simply make a purchase at either location, and mention "St.Mary's School" or provide the account number -1959372. At the end of the school year, St Mary's PSG will receive a cheque from COBS in the amount raised through these sales. Shop at COBS and help raise funds to support our school!
Popcorn Days	Stay tuned for details about popcorn days throughout the year.
Bottle	Bottles and cans can be donated to the school account (E094794) or by using the school phone number 250-563-7502. Drop off at any ReturnIt Recycle Depot.

PSG executive members are available to answer any questions through email or in person at the school or an event. Please contact the school office to get in touch with a member of PSG. We encourage everyone to attend a meeting to better understand what we do. Meetings occur on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. You can also attend the meeting via zoom. The link to this can be found on the school Facebook page "St. Mary's School PG". We are looking forward to working with you to support our school!

PSG Executive 2023-2024