

## ST JACOBS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

September 9, 2014

Dear St. Jacobs Public School Families,

Welcome back to school from your Home and School Association. We want to start the year off outlining the fundraising programs we plan to offer for the upcoming school year.

### ***But first, why do we fundraise anyways?***

We fundraise to help provide additional benefits and fun activities for our children. Depending on how much we raise, we plan to pay for the following items with our fundraising dollars:

- helps supplement the cost of annual year end picnic
- supports grade 8 graduation dinner, DJ, and memorabilia given to our graduating students
- subsidize school planners for each student
- guest speakers/performers in arts, literature, music etc.
- teacher retirement gifts on behalf of all our students
- teacher appreciation day
- In the past, we also contributed to purchase of document cameras for our classrooms.
- We will continue to support where needed!

### **Fall Fundraising Activities**

Treasures: \$35 per book. We recognize some families like it and others don't. We will not be sending any books home. We will only send an order form. For those of you that are interested, please return your form by September 30, 2014. Treasures books will also be available on September 11 at Meet the Teacher night and in the office. We will only send home the number of books ordered.

Magazines: We will continue to offer magazine subscriptions. This year we will only take orders through the online portal for QSP at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) Our school's code is **3820917**. Please encourage your family and friends to purchase their subscription on line. A further newsletter is posted on the school's website for information about QSP. We will send home a list of publications shortly. Orders can be made anytime through the school year.

New this year, QSP also offers online photo scrapbooking albums. More information to follow once we receive it.

Vesey's Bulbs: New for 2014, we are offering a campaign for fall bulbs that can be planted now for a beautiful garden next spring. Orders must be returned by September 30, 2014.

### **Late Fall/Winter Fundraising Activities**

Stemmler's Peperettes: We are very excited to be working with Stemmler's Meats and Cheese for our first ever peperette fundraiser. During this campaign, we will be offering local peperettes (hot, regular and turkey) at a great price.

### **Spring Fundraising Activities**

Easter Cake Raffle: Due to great success last year, we will be hosting our second annual cake raffle the Thursday before Easter. More details to follow in Spring.

Vesey's Spring Bulbs: We will plan this, if families enjoyed the fall bulb program.

*Silent Auction:* We will continue to have a silent auction at the school picnic to bid on a great selection of items donated by our community.

If you are not interested in any of the fundraising activities, you can make a cash donation. Tax receipts will be issued for any donations \$25 or greater.

All cheques for fundraising activities and the school picnic should be made payable to ***St. Jacobs Home & School Association.***

Don't hesitate to provide your suggestions or come out to support the ongoing activities that involve your children. Together, we help make St. Jacobs Public School great for our kids! Our first meeting is on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 7 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On behalf of the St. Jacobs Home & School Association, thanks in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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