St. Matthew’s Elementary School

Parish Education Committee – December 9, 2020

Report: Events & Fundraising (Lisa Smith)

Christmas Flower Sales

* Successfully concluded, raising just over $1000 for the school
* In the end, 241 orders placed, successfully handed out and delivered to everyone
* Families that did not pick up were informed via phone message (only 4, likely gone now)
* Great work done by the flower team, follow-up emails of thanks were sent
* Great work done by Darvonda – fully fulfilled order, great product
* No discrepancies, the team did a terrific job of organizing and counting!
* The same team will reconvene for Mother’s Day flower sales

Hot Lunch Program – Term 2

* Term 2 form circulated to school community, to be returned by December 16 (we will then go through the forms to secure orders and have updates on fundraising dollars after that)
* Term 1 successfully wrapping up
* Parent volunteers have been followed up with a few times to continue to ensure health and safety measure are clear, everyone has been great and safe
* A big thank you to Susie Santos for running with this program
* Term 2 selections are hot comfort foods: lasagna, Shepard’s pie and steamed rice and chicken

Holiday Staff Appreciation Gifts

* All set for delivery to the school before early dismissal on Dec. 18 (Tania and Lisa to hand out, safely)
* Finalized plan is the charcuterie box from the gourmet lunch ladies, who gave us a discount to honour the teachers, as well as a bottle of prosecco and a handwritten card (thank you to Elisabeth for writing the card)
* Authorized spend was around $1200, with total spend coming out to an approved $1225, including the cards
* We decided to include the preschool/out of school care teachers, Mary Anne, Lorne, and the priests and deacon in addition to the teaching staff

Masks & Cookie Fundraisers Ideas

* On hold until new year, but planning to start up the mask conversation in early January, with cookies happening in February, before Valentine’s day
* Lisa to coordinate a small committee with Tania

Looking ahead into 2021

* Executing T2 hot lunch
* Masks and cookies
* Josephine will start planning as team lead for the Walkathon and Golf Opens (usually planning starts in March for these, LS to provide assistance)
* LS planning to coordinate a parent survey to gather ideas for fundraising initiatives to try out in the 2021/2022 school year (more to come on this)