

St. Matthew's Elementary School - Parish Education Committee – February 2024

Report: Events & Fundraising (Lisa Smith)

Hot Lunch

- Term 2 ends April 10 and then Term 3 runs April 17 – June 19.
- Decided to go fully online for Term 3, with a QR code reminder slip (encourage a fully online process for 2024).
- Food choice is White Spot! They will deliver, the cost is on par with Boston Pizza and the kids get a range of options + apple slices. We will continue to charge \$8.50 (the cost is \$7 + tax per meal from White Spot). All proceeds to school upgrades.
- Currently getting ready to engage our Term 3 volunteers.
- Joan continues to do an amazing job of the admin and Wendy is our support and leadership on the ground!

Pancake Breakfast & Shrove Tuesday

- We wrapped up both another awesome pancake breakfast (10 tickets short of a sellout) and enjoyed serving the kids pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.
- The members of this committee have one more breakfast left for the year, which is on April 14.
- About half of the committee, those that did not serve during Shrove Tuesday, will also be doing a shift at the Carnival.

Walkathon (May 10)

- ___ Next meeting coming up on Monday, March 4.
- ___ Committee: Lisa, Randy Hipolito, Nahla, with Ms. Welsh's support.
- ___ Making the decision to do a neighbourhood route instead of the park (save on bus and park rental).
- ___ Ms. Welsh is gathering donations via Friday updates and has received lots of generous offers to support food and Tim Bits for the kids that day.
- ___ Day of the Walkathon lead parents will be Ray and Randy. We will also be calling upon other parents to help with walking and supervising as many of our volunteers will be on the route, directing and encouraging the kids.
- ___ Goal is \$25,000 and we have decided to use paper forms as well as the web-based form for one more year. We are going to gear all weekly prizes towards online donations, but we do not want to miss out on any cash and still have some educating of our community to do.

Carnival (June 8)

- Planning is getting underway for the Carnival now too! Our first meeting was on February 8 and the next one is coming up on March 6.
- We have a goal of \$10,000 once again this year (after expenses).

Parish Dinner & Dance (June 1)

- Alexandra Jose has kindly offered to support the parent volunteers that are to be helping with the dinner dance.
- Alex will take the lead for this event and will re-engage the volunteers shortly. She and Tim are in touch.

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- Thinking ahead about coordination of 2024/25 calendar with the parish.
- Thinking ahead about how things might change/how we might tell our story and align with Michael.