



# School Council Newsletter

## 1st Annual Christmas

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Market is on  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 5-9pm.

At the October meeting, Ms. Perron transported us to the North Pole and described what guests can expect when they arrive. The school will be transformed and the halls will be decked!



St. Bernard C.S.  
School Council

November 20, 2017

No need to worry about dinner...there will be a HOT DOG STAND on site & other snacks available to purchase.

SANTA will be at the School and will be available to take photos with the children. The photos will cost \$5 each and will be available for you to bring home the same night.

Parents can drop the children off at the KIDS WORKSHOP (\$5/child) while they shop at the NORTH POLE TOWN SQUARE! There will be at least 35 vendors.

Along REINDEER LANE guests will be able to purchase tickets for the various raffle items.

If your feet are feeling weary from all the shopping, drop by MRS. CLAUS' TEA ROOM & COFFEE BAR. Put your feet up and enjoy a beverage. Beverages and a wide assortment of snacks will be available to purchase.

EVERYONE is welcome! Be sure to share the Facebook page "St. Bernard's Christmas Market"

...pssst...don't forget to pick up the KIDS!!



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# Principal's Report

October was a busy month.

**Cross Country** was on October 3 and 78 students participated.

The Grade 7 & 8 co-ed **Flag Football** team had a lot of fun!

The Grade 8's had their first visit to **Taunton Mills**.

The school had their first **Rosary visit**. These visits will continue each month (on the third Monday of the month).

The Grade 7 & 8's had their first **health shots**.

The Grades 1 & 2 went to **Heber Downs**.

**Book Fair:** November 8-10<sup>th</sup>.

**Mexican Visitors:** the school will have Mexican visitors this school year. The children's ages have not yet been confirmed but they are usually in Grades 4-6. They will arrive after Family Day and stay until the March Break.

**Buddy Bench:** Ms. Hadden has an upcoming meeting with a parent about a buddy bench for the school. More information to follow.



## Fundraising Update

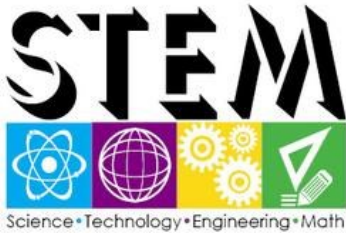
**Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser:** raised \$1350. St. Bernard's will receive \$650 from this fundraiser.

**Laura Secord Chocolates fundraiser:** the school reached 100% of the goal! Ms. Hadden is still waiting for the final invoice, but the school raised at least \$10,000!!



The prize assembly was held on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were prizes for the Primary, Junior, and Intermediates sellers. Some of the prizes were: Toys R Us gift card, stuffed animal, blue tooth speakers, earphones, book fair coupons, \$50 pre-paid visa cards, virtual reality glasses. The grand prize was a Segway and that was won by Jacob D. in Grade 5.

# S.T.E.A.M. Presentation



Ms. Gardin gave a presentation about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics). Ms. Gardin emphasized that STEAM is the future and it is the focus of our school. There are millions of jobs that are not being filled in these disciplines because there are not any qualified candidates. Coding promotes problem solving, higher level thinking, and collaboration.

Canada needs to invest in STEAM in order to keep pace with the rest of the world. The United Kingdom and Australia are outpacing us. In the UK, coding is mandatory programming in school. Canada only has 2 provinces that has mandatory coding in their curriculum (not Ontario!).

Ms. Gardin showcased the current STEAM resources the school has available for the children. St. Bernard's is fortunate to have the following STEAM robots: DASH, Sphero, Ozobots, Lego Robotics Kits and Makey Makey. Ms. Gardin spoke about the challenges and successes that the students have had when using the various STEAM tools. The robotics program is so engaging that children forget that they are learning.

**CODING CLUB:** there is a coding club for children in Grades 6-8 that meet on Thursdays at lunch. Encourage your children to get involved!!

Parents are an important resource and robots are a great gift for children. It's like hiding the veggies in the dessert! Some of the children are making recommendations to Ms. Gardin about what robot she should get next!



## The Misfit Toy Store

More donations are needed for The Misfit Toy Store. This is the white elephant sale that will be open to the children to purchase inexpensive gifts for their family.

Please consider donating nearly new items.



# School Council Budget & Expenses

The School Council Budget and Expenses were reviewed at the October meeting.

Monetary assistance was approved, in varying amounts, for the following items...and more:

## **Sacraments**

**Grade 8 graduation**

**School Dances**

**School Garden**

**Freezie Days**

**Sports Jerseys**

**Team Transportation**

**Taunton Mills Transportation**

**Bus cost for School Mass**

**BBQ start-up costs**

**Games for End of Year BBQ**

**Health shots**

**Race against Drugs**

**Scientist in the School**

**Library Resources**

**Author school visit**

**Teacher/Classroom Supplies**

**Art supplies**

**Robotics program**

**iPad & OSMO**

**Kindergarten Yard equipment**

**Recess equipment**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!! WE WERE ABLE TO APPROVE ALL OF THE EXPENSES...INCLUDING THE WISH LIST!!





Volunteers are still needed!!

- ◇ Kiss & Ride
- ◇ Lunch Delivery
- ◇ Lunch Supervisors
- ◇ Special Events

Volunteers are able to sign up for activities by using the binder at the office or by emailing Krista:

[kristabenoit@hotmail.com](mailto:kristabenoit@hotmail.com)

## School Council

The School Council welcomes any interested parents to attend meetings.

Currently all meetings are held in the Atrium of the school. The start time is 6:30pm until approx. 8pm



### **Schedule for 2017 / 2018:**

November 30, 2017

January 26, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 24, 2018

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**School Council Membership**

Name	Role
Kathryn Hadden	Principal
Rodrigo Fernandez	Chair
Andrea Keogan	Vice-Chair
Sue Kanemy	Parish Representative
Anyia Murphy	Financial Representative
Sonia Tipping-Edwards	Secretary
Krista MacNeil	Volunteer Coordinator
Amanda McGinnes	Teacher Representative
Colleen Finn	Non Teacher Representative
Denise St. Marie	Parent Representative
Tanya Baglole	Parent Representative
Janine D'Souza	Parent Representative
Erin Groat	Parent Representative
Stacey Morrison-Hadden	Parent Representative
Christine Wood	Parent Representative
Claudia Nosseir-Deyong	Parent Representative

**St. Bernard School Council**

**Christmas Market**

December 1, 2017

**The Misfit Toy Store:**

December 1, 2017 during the Christmas Market  
from 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.

December 11 - 13 for periods during the day for  
students (depending on stock availability)

**Christmas Concert for Kindergarten to Gr. 3:**

Thursday December 14 @ 6pm

**Christmas Holidays:**

December 25, 2017 —January 5, 2018

**End of the Year BBQ:**

June 14, 2018



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