



ÉGSS PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

May has arrived at École Good Shepherd and it's a busy month!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday May 1

Thursday May 2

Monday May 6

Tuesday May 7

Wednesday May 8

Thursday May 9

Tuesday May 14

Thursday May 16

Tuesday May 21

Tuesday May 21

Wednesday May 22

Tuesday May 28

Math-a-Thon Day!!!

Papa John's Pizza night

Start of Teacher Appreciation Week!

Council of Councils

Hot Lunch <https://healthyhunger.ca/>

Hot Lunch

Early Bird Prize Day for Math-a-thon

Hot Lunch

Last Day to get Math-a-thon pledges in

Hot Lunch

In Person Parent Council Meeting, Library, 7pm – Elections

Ward 1 Meeting @ HTA 9am – 1pm

Hot Lunch



Math – a – Thon

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is HERE! The children will be busy writing their tests on Wednesday May 01. Cut off for early bird prizes is May 09 and all pledges are due by May 16. Use [school cash](#) to get your pledges in and get a tax receipt – make sure to include student's name and teach in the "message" box! Funds raised this year will be used to purchase Chromebooks, iPads and sensory bins for our classrooms.

You can find the original Math-A-Thon letter and pledge forms at the end of the newsletter.



Teacher appreciation Week

We will be celebrating our annual teacher & staff appreciation week May 6-10. This year's theme is **Our staff is "Sun"-sational!!**

Below are ideas of things students can do to contribute to the fun in showering our teachers and staff with the appreciation they deserve!

Parent Council Meeting

We will see you on **Tuesday May 21 @ 7pm in the library**, for our last parent council meeting of this school year.

This is our opportunity to welcome and meet our new Principal, Mrs. Melissa Baxter!

We will also be hosting elections for positions on ÉGSS parent council for next year. Are you interested in joining us? We have elected and non-elected positions that we would love you to consider. See below for more details on these!

Healthy Hunger

If you are available to help with the Hot Lunch program, please visit <https://volunteersignup.org/4DXMF> We are always looking for more parent volunteers.

Papa John's Pizza Night Fundraiser

The 1st Thursday of each month is Papa John's Pizza Night for ÉGSS. Order online and use the promo code EGS15 to receive 15% off your order. A part of each order is donated back to the school.

Contact Us

Reach out any time if you have questions, ideas or would like to volunteer! Also keep up with us on our social media pages or visit our webpage to view the most recent meeting minutes.



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**, École Good Shepherd School will be hosting our **2024 Math-a-thon!** This is Parent Council's main fundraiser and this year funds will go towards the Technology program providing more children access to Chromebooks and iPads that are used for learning support, in class use, translation and coding. The funds will also be used to purchase a sensory bin for each classroom.

All students are asked to participate by collecting pledges on the attached pledge form. Pledges can be given in 2 ways:

- (1) an amount for each correctly answered question: *these funds would be collected after your child's test on May 1*
- (2) a lump sum just for participating: *these funds can be collected anytime starting on April 12 all the way to the final pledge deadline on May 16th*

On May 1, all students will write their grade level math test in their own classrooms. Tests will be collected and marked by parent volunteers and all marks will be returned to the homeroom teachers so students can collect any pledges dependent on correct answers. The Math-a-thon is also a great way to help build our students' basic math skills. The Top Mathematicians in each division will be entered to win prizes valued at \$50.00. Top Fundraisers in each division will also be entered to win a Family Fun Prize valued at \$150.00. Students who return their pledge forms and money by **Thursday, May 9th**, will be entered to win additional early bird prizes. Final pledges must be submitted by **Thursday, May 16th**.

In previous years this has been a very successful event. This is the primary fundraiser hosted by our Parent Council and has always offered great support to our school. While cash will still be accepted, we encourage you to consider one of the following options when sending in student pledges to help us cut down on cash handling:

- 1) Cheques made out to École Good Shepherd School Council
- 2) Credit card through School Cash at
<https://christthereedeemer.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/267/18/false/true>

If you are making a payment using the donation page, you need to select the ÉGSS Math-A-Thon in the "Fund Destination" portion and note the student, grade, and teacher in the "Message to School Board" portion. Donations of \$20 or more, made through School Cash, will be provided a charitable tax receipt.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at gss-school-council@redeemer.ab.ca. Thank you for your support!

École Good Shepherd Parent Council



École Good Shepherd School

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Sponsors Name	Pledge Amount per Correct Answer	# of Correct Answers	Total Collected	Payment Method
TOTAL COLLECTED:				

Sponsors Name	Pledge Amount Fixed	Payment Method
TOTAL COLLECTED:		

Pledges can be made per correct questions or as a fixed pledge amount:

* *Fixed pledge amount can be collected from the sponsor right away*

* *Per question pledges will be collected from the sponsor after the Math A Thon is completed*

Please see letter to parents for payment methods

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Monday-Sipping in the Sun

Bring your teacher a delicious drink today, coffee, tea, soda, juice, water flavouring - something refreshing that would make their day!!

Tuesday- Spread some Sunshine

Send a special staff or teacher an amazing gift of Thanks!! A card, a picture, a high five! Students are encouraged to share how grateful they are.

Wednesday- Let's Relax

Help your favourite teacher or staff member relax! Share a special devotional or meditation, maybe a book or a magazine, hand lotion, ChapStick, fun sunglasses! Today is the day to bring in a little gift to help a favourite person take some time to relax!

Thursday- Tropical Treat

Let's bring in a little something sweet for our special staff. A fruit or candy kabob, cupcake or a cookie, let's sweeten up our staff!

Friday- Beach Dress up Day!

Summer is right around the corner let's bring out our best beach wear and dress to impress!

Participation in the week's festivities is completely optional and these are simply ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to show your appreciation for our teachers and staff any way you can.

We can't wait for the celebration to begin!

Your ÉGSS Parent Council Executive
gss-school-council@redeemer.ab.ca



Parent Council 2024-2025 Executive Elections

Parent council is a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators, trustees, and support staff who are dedicated to the successful education of our children. The purpose of the ÉGSS Parent Council is to aid students and staff by providing support for educational and recreational needs, promote open communication between administration, teachers, and parents and to encourage ÉGSS school spirit and pride. The council uses their resources, both manpower and monetary, to support all the efforts of the staff at our school.

But we need you!

On Tuesday May 21st, 2024, at our final in-person meeting of the year, we will host elections for open positions on our 2024-2025 Parent Council Executive. You DO NOT need to be present to run or be elected. Running for council doesn't sound like your cup of tea? Skip down to the end of this letter to find non-elected positions we are also hoping to fill next year!

Interested in a position or helping next year? Reach out to us at gss-school-council@redeemer.ab.ca to get the ball rolling!

Positions open for nominees for the 2024-2025 School Year

Volunteer Coordinator – Are you a people person who isn't afraid to strike up a conversation with a stranger? The volunteer coordinator helps recruit volunteers for parent council programs and events and helps parents find the best way to plug into our school community. If you're enthusiastic (without being high-pressure!) and understanding of parent's many time constraints, raise your hand and help us do even more great things for our school!

Fundraising Coordinator – Our parent council does a lot more than fundraising, but let's face it, without fundraising, we wouldn't be able to do much! This position needs an upbeat, detail-oriented parent to coordinate our fundraising efforts this year. The ideal candidate can motivate students and parents, can think on their feet, and can handle last-minute surprises without totally freaking out!

Treasurer – We have big plans to raise money and fund important projects for our school and we need someone who likes to count every penny to help us do it. If you secretly love to categorize expenses and create color-coded pie charts, you have what it takes to be our treasurer! Bonus points if you can build excel spreadsheets to manage events like Math-A-Thon!

Secretary – If you're the kind of person who documents everything, from your toddler's first steps to how far you jogged yesterday, we have the perfect role for you. You'll get to put your stellar recordkeeping skills and attention to details to good use as our secretary! You must have good listening and computer skills. Extra credit if you can watch TV and play Candy Crush at the same time!

Alternate options to running for council (non-elected positions we'd love to fill!)

Communications – Can you write? Or have other people told you you're a good writer? We need help us with our Monthly Newsletters and Monday emails! You can plug and play with the layout from our previous newsletters or start fresh if you're the creative type!

Social

Mindy, our Social Coordinator, would love someone to help her with all our social events! The social chair position has a lot of pieces to it so if helping plan and execute the events is something you're interested in, let us know! Mindy is full of knowledge and would love someone to share her wisdom with.

We also need people who have daytime availability to assist in leadership positions at our school day, daytime events.

Fundraising Society

With the anticipation of our replacement school, we will need to start a Fundraising Society, separate from council, to raise funds for the new school. If this something you'd be interested taking the lead in, we'd love to talk more about it with you.

If you want to be more involved, we want you to be more involved! Reach out to gss-school-council@redeemer.ab.ca and let us know how you'd like to help or just to start the conversation.

We'd love to hear from you!