



KINDERGARTEN/NEW FAMILY PARENTS' LETTER
SAINT JOHN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR
2007

CHAIR: Christa Nadeau 861-0124

Dear Parents;

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as chairperson for the 33rd Annual St. John School Christmas Fair. This year's fair will be held on Friday, November 30 from 5-8 P.M. and Saturday, December 1st from 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. This is the largest fund-raiser for the school. It is a community event involving parents, students, faculty, parishioners, business owners, grandparents, friends, families....

The intent of this letter is to inform and explain to you the areas of the fair and the ways in which you may participate. All fundraising is an integral part of the school with the fair being the largest fund-raiser. It is also the only fund-raiser that each family is invited and expected to be involved in. I need each and every one of you to participate to make this year's fair a success. I need you to volunteer your time, skills, ideas, and donations. I welcome your input. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Christmas Fair is held throughout the school including classrooms and hallways (on the first floor), the cafeteria area and the multipurpose room. The following areas make up the fair and are listed below

KNITTING BAZAAR:
STITCHERY:
SILENT AUCTION:
KID'S KORNER:
GIANT RAFFLE:
ARTS AND CRAFTS:
WREATHS:
HOUSE OF SWEETS:
BAKERY SHOPPE:
WHITE ELEPHANT:
POPCORN/SODA& Dining room:
CAFE:
MARKETING:
POINTSETIAS:

I will be contacting each kindergarten parent and asking you to donate your time and skills for the fair. The following includes areas in which you may participate. You may become involved in as many areas as you would like. This will give you advance notice of the expectations of the Christmas Fair Committee and Chair people:

- 1) Can you donate your time by working at the fair? Please be specific regarding the day, time and area you prefer to work. We will do our best to schedule you in this area.
- 2) Can you help set up the week of the fair or clean up Saturday?
- 3) **Silent Auction**- an auction involving donated items or services.

Can you help the week of the fair setting up for the auction?

Could you donate an item or service to be auctioned?

If possible, please donate items by November 16th.

Can you provide your time to pick up items?

- 4) **Arts and Crafts**- a room with donated handmade crafts for sale.

Could you donate handmade crafts?

Also, there will be a book nook. Donations are being accepted of new or slightly used children's books.

- 5) **Bakery**- an area with donated homemade baked goods including cookies, breads, cakes, pies, brownies, breads... for sale.

Could you donate a baked item? (Donated baked goods can be dropped off in the school cafeteria on Friday, Nov 30th.)

Could you donate your time in making tourtiere, salmon and turkey pies? (See Christmas Fair Newsletter for dates and times)

Could you donate your time in helping to make phone calls to parishioners to donate baked items?

Could you donate 1 gallon Ziploc freezer bags or sandwich bags (not zip up)?

Would you like to work in this area?

Would you like to shadow or help co-chair?

- 6) **House of Sweets**- an area with donated fudge and candy for sale.

Could you donate homemade fudge or candy? Fudge can be donated at Muffin morning in November prior to the fair.

Please wrap fudge but do not cut up.

If you are unable to make a sweet, could you donate any of the following ingredients- chex mix, salted and unsalted butter, chocolate chips, other flavored chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, sweetened coconut, almonds, cashews, walnuts, peanuts, marshmallow fluff and sweetened condensed milk.

Drop items in the boxes in the hallway by the school office or the cafeteria.

Could you donate decorative tins, boxes or small holiday bags?

Would you like to help on the candy making night (watch newsletter for dates).

- 7) **Wreaths**- an area wreaths for sale

Could you donate your time decorating wreaths-no experience necessary. Wreath making/decorating dates: (Please see Christmas Fair Newsletter for dates and times.) Also, are you willing to help sell wreaths at later dates and locations after the fair if there are extra wreaths??

- 8) **Stitchery**- an area which sells handmade items such as placemats, aprons, pot holders...

Could you donate your time sewing?
Could you donate a stitchery item?
Could you donate cotton fabric or fleece material?
Could you help cut our patterns and fabric?
Would you like to work in this area?

9) **Kids' Korner**- Various kids' activities such as movies and Family Bingo.

Could you donate small sized Christmas Bags-to be filled with a toy.
Please donate by Nov. 9th.
Could you donate wrapping paper or scotch tape? Drop off donated items in a box in the hall by the school office.
Please donate by Nov. 9th.
Would you like to work in this area?

10) **Giant Raffle**- raffle tickets presold and sold at the fair for cash prizes.

Could you donate your time selling tickets (usually at Shaws)? Do you work somewhere where you can sell raffle tickets???
Are you willing to Chair this area of the Fair???

11) **Cafe**- serves dinner Friday evening and lunch Saturday noon.

Could you donate your time setting up Friday during the day?
Could you help serve Friday or Saturday?
Would you like to work in this area in any capacity?

12) **White Elephant**- 2 rooms full of used treasures for sale.

Could you donate items for the White Elephant Room? **Please no school textbooks or clothing.** Items may be dropped off in the box located in the hall by the school office.
Would you like to work in this area?

Each grade including the kindergarten class will be donating a "Basket" to be auctioned in the Silent Auction. Each Basket has a theme. Each parent will be asked by your kindergarten homeroom parent to donate a specific item for the basket. A list will be provided to the homeroom parent for these items. Your donation for the theme basket may be dropped off in the box

located in the kindergarten room. Please drop off donations by Nov. 9th.

Thank you for all your help and time. I truly need your input and ideas.
The Christmas Fair is a fun weekend and I hope to see you there.

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