

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School

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October 7, 2024

2024 Halloween Dance-A-Thon



Dear Parents/Guardians:

St. Joseph the Worker CES is pleased to be hosting our annual **Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser** on **Thursday, October 31, 2024**. Funds raised from this year's dance-a-thon will be used to upgrade St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Elementary School's technology as well as support the ongoing library learning commons renovation. Our school has grown immensely and at this time, we have limited technology for our students and a lot of what we have is becoming obsolete. New technology can provide students access to a wealth of online resources, interactive learning tools, and educational software that cater to diverse learning styles. Technology allows teachers to tailor educational experiences to individual student needs, allowing for more personalized pacing and support. Lastly, students can easily access up-to-date information and research materials online, fostering critical thinking and independent learning. Your support will help to provide the highest quality education for St. Joseph the Worker students.

We anticipate that this fundraising event will be as successful as it has been in the past, and we thank donors in advance for their generous donations and support. Last year we collected **over \$15,000 in pledges**. Our goal this year is to **collect over \$16,000**. Can we do it? **Yes we can!**

Attached is a pledge form that students can use to record donations made from family and/or friends. (A hard copy is also going home tomorrow.) **Thanksgiving weekend is a great time to collect donations!** For every \$15 raised, students will receive a ballot to enter a draw to win prizes. While students may bring cash or cheques to the school, we are recommending that donations be made online to Canada Helps at www.canadahelps.org as the preferred option for donations. This is a safe and secure method to make a donation to the school through an online payment method, where tax receipts will be issued immediately if an individual donation is made for \$25.00 or more. To donate online, visit www.canadahelps.org. Enter "York Catholic District School Board" as the charity name in the search box. Next, select "York Catholic District School Board" in the search results. Then, **select our school's name** from the "Apply your donation to a fund set up by this charity" drop down menu. To identify this donation for a particular student, select the "Add a Dedication" button and complete accordingly. ***Please be sure to indicate on your child's returned pledge form any pledges made online, such that they may be added to your child's class tally.***

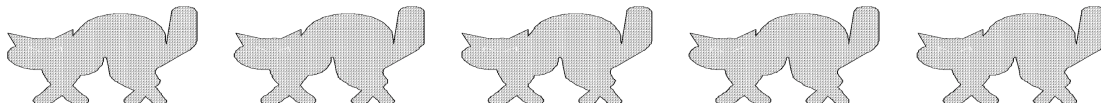
Pledges may also be made by cheque. Individual pledges of \$25.00 or more **will receive a tax receipt**. These pledges are to be made payable to the "York Catholic District School Board." Please ensure that the sponsor's name and address are on the cheque. Pledges less than \$25.00 will **not be issued a tax receipt**, and are to be made payable to "St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School."

This is our school's main fundraising event. We look forward to seeing the students dance to raise funds for St. Joseph the Worker, and we thank you in advance for your donations. Help us make this event the best ever!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Falconi
Principal
St. Joseph the Worker CES

The Halloween Dance-A-Thon Committee



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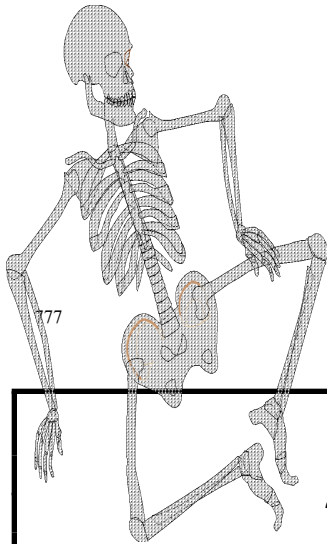
THE HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER!!

Everyone get into the Halloween spirit and be prepared to dance and participate in a variety of activities with your class on
Thursday, October 31, 2024 !!!

*** STUDENTS PLEASE DRESS UP IN COSTUMES ***

*** Please ensure that you choose a costume that does not include a weapon, mask or depict a violent character. ***

K-3 9:15-10:20 (Halloween Dance **in the gymnasium**)
4-6 10:50-12:00 (Halloween Dance **in the gymnasium**)
7-8 1:15-3:00 (Halloween Dance **in the gymnasium**)



Pledges of \$25.00 or more will receive a tax receipt
if cheques are made payable to
"THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD."

Please make all other cheques payable to
"ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL."

This is our school's main fundraising event.
All money raised will be put towards upgrading technology and adding resources to the new Library Learning Commons.

**** Thank you for helping your child collect pledges. ****

Halloween Dance-A-Thon Prize Structure



1. Early Bird Draw (Wednesday, October 16, 2024):

Students who have returned pledges totaling \$60.00 or more by Wednesday, October 16 will be eligible for the early bird draw:

- Principal For The Day !!!

2. Top Pledge Collecting Class Prize (One Per Division):

- A Pizza Lunch !!!

3. Kindergarten to Grade 8 (Prize Boxes):



For every \$15.00 of pledges collected, students will receive a ballot from their teacher. Students will be able to place their ballots in different prize boxes of their choice for a chance to win prizes.

- A list of spooktacular prizes will be soon be shared.

3. Milestones: When the school reaches ...

- \$ **3,000.00** – Official Gum Day
- \$ **6,000.00** – Official No Homework Day
- \$ **9,000.00** – Official Candy Day
- \$ **12,000.00** – Official Popcorn and Movie Day



4. School Prize: When the school reaches \$15,000.00 ...

- Special surprise event for the entire school !!!



**** Good luck to all our students. ****

**** Thank you for helping your child collect pledges. ****



Halloween Dance-A-Thon Donations Needed



Our Halloween Dance-A-Thon is quickly approaching and there is an excited buzz of anticipation that can be heard throughout the school!

The Dance-A-Thon Committee is presently in the process of collecting donations from various sources. We are in need of, and would greatly appreciate any donations from our parent community. Parent contributions will help us in securing prizes to give away to pledge collecting students. If parents wish to donate any prizes, (i.e: electronic items, tickets to movies or other events, gift cards or certificates, new toys or books, beauty kits, sweet treats such as wrapped candy, mini chip bags, chocolate bars, etc.), either personally or through their place of business, kindly bring all donations to the office. Nothing is too small, as we can group little donations together to make a large prize! Your support is greatly needed and much appreciated. Please note that this is our main fundraising event and all money raised will go directly to help meet our students' needs.

With your support,
we anticipate this event to be as successful as it has been in the past!

Thank you kindly,
The Halloween Dance-A-Thon Committee.



