

HELLOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

It's that Spooky time of year, and we have a scary lineup of activities for our favorite 'FUN'RAISER - the Halloween Dance-a-Thon. It will take place on Thursday, October 31st and **students will be able to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes (no masks or weapons please)**. We will showcase everyone's costume with a Halloween costume parade before each class is given their time to go to the gym to dance the day away!

THEME BASKETS!!!

We are asking each student to donate an item towards their class' THEME BASKET. Each class is creating theme baskets for our Halloween Dance-a-Thon. The class' theme has been determined by the teacher/class and each basket will be raffled off at the Halloween Dance-a-thon. Each student will receive one free raffle ticket and an additional raffle ticket for every \$5.00 in pledges (i.e. a student brings in \$50.00 in pledges, he/she would receive 10 tickets +1 free ticket = 11 raffle tickets to place in any of the draws for our amazing THEME BASKETS.

GRAND PRIZE!!!

Sssssoooo....let's get those pledge forms out there and ask friends, neighbours and family to sponsor you because you could be one of the three students that raise the most money and win your choice of <u>a \$150 Mapleview Mall Gift Card, \$100 Toys R Us Gift Card, or a special lunch with three friends!</u> Just imagine how many raffle tickets you will have too! You will also be helping your class towards winning the prize for the class in each division (Primary, Junior and Intermediate) receiving the most amount of money in pledges.

CLASS PRIZE!!!

The Primary and Junior class that raises the most money will receive a MOVIE AFTERNOON PARTY! The winning class in the Intermediate division will receive a PIZZA PARTY and ICE CREAM TREAT!

MORE PRIZES!!!

There will also be prizes for spot dances so we want to see you dancing hard!!!!

\$16,000.00!!!

The Halloween Dance-a-thon is our **MAJOR FUNDRAISER** for the year. Let's show our school spirit and reach for the spooky moon. **If every student brought in pledges totaling \$40.00 we would exceed our goal of \$16,000.00!!!** We can do it!!!

EARLY BIRD DRAWS

Bring in your pledge sheet and full payment of funds raised before Friday, October 18th and be eligible to win a special prize basket. The first early bird draw will be on Friday, October 18th. One more additional early bird draw will be on Friday, October 25th. To ensure the students receive their theme basket draw tickets, all pledge forms and full payment must be in no later than Wednesday, October 30th.

PAYMENT METHODS

For our Halloween Dance-a-Thon we will accept cash, cheque (payable to <u>St. Elizabeth Seton</u>) or you may donate using the School Cash Online link included below. Please note on your child's donation sheet which method of payment that pledges were collected in. For payments made using the School Cash Online link, a print off of SCO donations will be printed off in the office at 12:00pm on the day of the Early Bird Draws so we know what students are eligible (in addition to those donations returned via cash and cheque) for the Early Bird contest. Donations made using SCO will automatically receive a tax receipt (if \$25 or higher). For cash and cheque donations of \$25 or higher, a tax receipt will be issued by the school.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE INSTUCTIONS

Pledges/Donations for our Dance-a-Thon can be made on the School Cash Online (SCO) system. Donors must have a registered SCO account in order to donate and receive an automated tax receipt by email. Donors are NOT required to have a student in the school (e.g. family members or friends could also make online donations). In order to make your pledges using the School Cash Online (SCO) option, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Anyone wishing to donate using SCO must be a registered SCO user. If you have not registered, visit <u>www.schoolcashonline.com</u> to do so ("Get Started Today")
- 2. Once registered, visit this link: Visit <u>https://hcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/269/6/false/true</u>
- 3. You MUST then **select the school location** from the "Fund Destination" drop down menu in order for the funds to be received by our school
- 4. In the message field you MUST **name the student** that the pledges are be pledged to so that the student can have this amount calculated for draw tickets AND be eligible for class and individual grand prizes
- 5. Tax receipts will automatically be emailed upon successful checkouts. If a replacement tax receipt is required, please contact us here at the school

We thank you in advance for making this our best Halloween Dance-a-Thon ever!!!